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INCLUSION ART EXHIBITION & SALE PROVOKES, EXCITES

Vancouver, BC – The moment you set foot into Vancouver’s iconic Heritage Hall on October 3/4, you’ll experience a truly unique art exhibition that showcases original, exciting and provocative art created and curated by persons with diverse abilities. Hosted by *posAbilities* Association of British Columbia, the [13th Annual INCLUSION Art Show & Sale](#) is British Columbia’s largest disability art show featuring the recent work of over 150 artists across Metro Vancouver.

We invite you to experience the worldview, talents and techniques expressed by artists who live with developmental or intellectual disabilities (autism), or physical challenges such as vision, hearing or mobility impairment. Individual pieces and collections of photography, paintings, illustrations, pottery, glasswork, jewelry, fabric art and more will be exhibited. Take in some refreshments, meet the artists to learn more about their work and watch live art demonstrations throughout the show. Gold sponsorship is provided by the BC Government Employees Union, Community Social Services Component in support of inclusion through the arts.

“INCLUSION creates exciting opportunities for hundreds of artists and several studios like our own Alternative Creations, which is blossoming in East Vancouver. It’s all about the illuminating conversations and novel connections that happen here, which can create the conditions for meaningful engagement and belonging. Connecting through art is a powerful way for our organization to fulfill its mission.” Fernando Coelho, CEO of *posAbilities*.

Interesting Facts & Opportunities

- Over 900 original artworks exhibited, all items available for purchase
- Live art demonstrations: mouth painting, jewelry making, pottery, glass fusing and more
- Follow up events include PEBLive – a performance arts showcase that features film, spoken word, musical performances and more by persons with disabilities on October 5, 2017.

Interview & Photo Opportunities

- Meet an artist | *ASL interpretation available, Oct.3, 5-8pm & Oct.4, 11am-1pm
- Take an exclusive studio tour – arranged upon request

Curious to learn more? Please visit: www.inclusionartshow.com and contact us!

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About *posAbilities*

*At *posAbilities*, we assist children, youth and adults with disabilities to lead meaningful and healthy lives. We work with families and community partners to deliver a full range of services that grow with the individual, including behaviour consultation, community inclusion, employment and home living. We are actively engaged in creating art, theatre productions and digital media, continuously aspiring to challenge perceptions of ability and to reduce the stigma that is often associated with persons who have developmental disabilities. www.posAbilities.ca*

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