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Take communal action: Amplify women and non-binary artist representation on Wikipedia

March 8 | 12–4 p.m.

Surrey, BC – Celebrate International Women’s Day through direct-action editing! In partnership with Rungh Magazine, Surrey Art Gallery invites the public to research, develop, and deepen content about underrepresented women, Black, Indigenous, and people of colour (BIPOC) and non-binary artists. Delve into the Gallery’s Permanent Collection, Rungh’s publications, and beyond to make an impact on Wikipedia.

Gender inequities in digital public infrastructure like Wikipedia contribute to a bias in content and language, as well as the erasure of knowledge and histories of women artists and communities.

Art + Feminism is an international initiative that builds a community of activists committed to closing information gaps related to gender, feminism, and the arts, beginning with Wikipedia. For over ten years, they have welcomed anyone and everyone of all gender identities and expressions to attend or organize Art + Feminism events to edit Wikipedia.

Participants can drop into the Gallery to promote female editorship, gender equality, and support BIPOC representation while reflecting on the diverse global art histories on one of the most popular public sites. In this event, folks learn how to research, create a user account, publish Wikipedia pages, and edit and maintain entries.

Participants are welcome to come up with ideas for entries that need updating or creating. Pre-researched artists and artworks from the Gallery’s permanent collection will also be available for entry.

No prior knowledge or practice of editing Wikipedia is required. However, to create new entries, participants must be registered Wikipedia users and have made ten previous edits on existing pages.

For more information, please contact artgallery@surrey.ca.

The Black Arts Centre and Simon Fraser University’s School of Interactive Arts & Technology in Surrey are community partners.

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About Rungh Magazine

Rungh is a Canadian multidisciplinary space for creative explorations, featuring work by Indigenous, Black, and people of colour artists. Consisting of a magazine, programming, archive, advocacy and more, *Rungh* is committed to Canada-wide conversations by and about people of colour. *Rungh* questions and challenges ideas about diversity in the Canadian cultural landscape. rungh.org

About Surrey Art Gallery

Founded in 1975, Surrey Art Gallery presents contemporary art by local, national, and international artists, including digital and audio art. Recognized for its award-winning programs, the Gallery engages children through to adults in ongoing conversations that affect our lives and provides opportunities to interact with artists and the artistic process. The Gallery is located at 13750 88 Avenue in Surrey on the ancestral, traditional and unceded territories of the Salish Peoples, including the ꞑícəꞑ (Katzie), ꞑʷɑ:ńłəń (Kwantlen), and Semiahma (Semiahmoo) nations. Surrey Art Gallery gratefully acknowledges operating funding from the City of Surrey, Province of BC through BC Arts Council, Canada Council for the Arts, and the Surrey Art Gallery Association.

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