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**PATRICK MIKHAIL GALLERY LAUNCHES ON MARCH 10, 2006, WITH AN EXCITING NEW PAINTING EXHIBITION**

OTTAWA, MARCH 3, 2006...Effective March 10, 2006, TOXIC GALLERY becomes PATRICK MIKHAIL GALLERY. To mark the launch, the Gallery will present an exhibition featuring work by a new group of talented and inspired young artists.

The new name reflects the Gallery's expanded mandate: to exhibit, promote, and develop the work of emerging and mid-career artists investigating a variety of contemporary themes and concepts, and who are working in a number of mediums including painting, drawing, sculpture, new media, video, installation, and photography. The Gallery will represent artists from across Canada, the United States, and Europe, and will be working with guest artists and curators on a range of collaborations and special projects.

PATRICK MIKHAIL GALLERY begins its Spring 2006 exhibition season with a show featuring seven of Canada's most exciting and talented emerging artists and artist collectives—artists who are already experiencing critical acclaim, and are probing and expanding the boundaries of contemporary art through their professional practices.

THE NEW PAINTERS: ABSTRACTIONS AND DISTRACTIONS opens on March 10, 2006, and showcases the work of Matthew Brown, Yang Hong, Zachary Keeting, Wil Murray, Melissa O'Reilly, Mark Steven Ritter, and the Vancouver-based collaborative drawing group The Lions, featuring Tasha Brotherton, Barry Doupe, Lief Hall, and James Whitman. The work presented is both conceptually rigorous and unabashedly beautiful.

The Spring 2006 season continues with several solo exhibitions of new work by Zachary Keeting in April, Lorraine Gilbert in May, and Richard Hines in June.

For more information, please visit the Gallery website at [www.patrickmikhailgallery.com](http://www.patrickmikhailgallery.com) or contact:

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