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MEDIA ADVISORY / PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

LIBRARY TO UNVEIL NEVER BEFORE SEEN WILLIAM ALLISTER ORIGINALS *The Fraser Valley Regional Library celebrates nearly \$160,000 art donation.*

Abbotsford, BC – Fraser Valley Regional Library (FVRL) is celebrating a generous art donation from the estate of acclaimed Canadian artist and Delta resident, the late William Allister. FVRL has received the entire *International Collection*, valued at nearly \$160,000. The collection, which has never been publically exhibited, contains 19 large acrylic on canvas paintings that feature imaginative renderings and symbols highlighting the interconnection of cultures throughout history.

What: Public unveiling of 19 original paintings by the acclaimed Canadian artist, the late William Allister

When: 3 p.m. on May 25, 2013

Where: Ladner Pioneer Library
4683 – 51st Street, Delta BC

Who: Fraser Valley Regional Library and its Board
Mrs. Mona Allister, wife of the late William Allister

The paintings will be exhibited at the Ladner Pioneer Library until September 3, after which the paintings will move to their permanent locations in various FVRL libraries to fulfill Mr. Allister's wish that his creative works be accessible to the public to enjoy.

Note to Editors & Assignment Desks: A partial preview of the paintings for the media can be arranged for Friday, May 24, 2013. Please call Irene Geng at 604-557-4706 for more information.

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About Fraser Valley Regional Library

Fraser Valley Regional Library is the largest public library system in British Columbia, with 25 community libraries serving almost 700,000 people in its service area. Established in 1930, it is funded with taxes raised in the community it serves, plus a Government of BC operating grant. The governing Board consists of elected officials representing 15 member municipalities and regional districts. With its mission "to connect people to the world of information and ideas," FVRL plays a prominent role in the communities throughout the Fraser Valley.

FVRL Member Libraries

Abbotsford Community

Boston Bar

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Sardis

Walnut Grove

Yarrow

Agassiz

Brookwood

Fort Langley

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Mission

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