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Media Release

Museum to Feature National Exhibit called Painted Photograph: When Lens Meets Brush - January 19, 2009
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The Painted Photograph, opening at Nanaimo Museum on Saturday, Feb. 21 (during Heritage Week), presents the works of David Bierk, Sarah Nind and Jaclyn Shoub, which combine photography and painting.

Through their use of these different media, these Canadian artists express contemporary concerns about identity and community, nature and culture, and tradition and technology.

Bierk, Nind and Shoub's combination of photography and painting creates a multi-level expression in which each medium gains meaning through the other. The resulting work is neither photography nor painting, but both. As the two media retain their distinctiveness within the work, they communicate ideas to the viewer in a multiple, and somewhat ambiguous, fashion.

"What I find especially interesting in these works is that the combination of painting and photography challenges common expectations that photography is objective and truthful, while painting is subjective and creative," says exhibition curator Andrea Kunard.

The arrival of this prestigious national exhibit has Museum staff excited as well. "Painted Photograph will set a new precedent for our Museum, and for the city of Nanaimo," says David Hill-Turner, curator at Nanaimo Museum.

"Thanks to our new state of the art, and much larger facility, this will be our first National Gallery of Canada exhibit, which will have more than two dozen works on display."

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