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Bonhams Appraisers return to the Tom Thomson Art Gallery in Owen Sound, ON

On Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Bonhams International Appraisers of Toronto will be at the Tom Thomson Art Gallery. Have valued treasures from your personal collection appraised and evaluated by Bonhams professional appraisers. Tickets to this event must be purchased in advance. Each ticket is \$20, and reserves the holder a 15-minute evaluation appointment; one item per appointment, please. Visit or call the Gallery to reserve your ticket and appointment time.

At this event, participants will work alongside professional appraisers to determine the value of their item based on factors such as rarity, age, context, and market trends. Bonhams appraisers use the most up-to-date methods of appraisal backed by their many years of experience. Bonhams Appraisers are internationally accredited and come from a variety of backgrounds such as curators, consultants, auctioneers, and other like professions, and are experts in their respective fields. Bonhams Appraisers are able to evaluate many antiques including artwork, decorative art, furniture, maps, and books. Additionally, a gemologist will be available to appraise jewelry and watches. Bonhams staff will not be able to appraise dolls or military memorabilia.

Established in 1793, Bonhams is a privately owned British auction house and one of the world's oldest and largest auctioneers of fine art, antiques, motor cars, and jewelry. The Bonhams name is recognized worldwide throughout all sectors of the fine art, antiques, and collectors' markets, with several of its departments being established as world leaders. Bonhams has a worldwide network of offices and regional representatives in 25 countries, including London, New York, San Francisco, Hong Kong, and Los Angeles.

Funds raised from this event will directly contribute to exhibitions and educational programming at the gallery, as we continue to share Tom Thomson's legacy with the community.

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For more information, please contact Hilary Wepler, Visitor Services and Membership Coordinator at (519) 376-1932 or an email to hwepler@tomthomson.org.

The **Tom Thomson Art Gallery** is a national cultural attraction, dedicated to the innovation and spirit of iconic artist Tom Thomson, strongly identified with the Group of Seven whose images are virtually synonymous with the very idea of 'Canada.' Our national identity is forged and fortified by our awareness and understanding of historical figures like Thomson, whose artwork has been described as being the "visual equivalent of our national anthem."

With over 32,000 visitors each year, the **TOM** is the region's main disseminator of contemporary art and provides a unique experience for its audiences. The TOM celebrates excellence in the visual arts locally, nationally and internationally, through exhibitions of historical and

contemporary art, education programs and the enrichment and interpretation of its significant permanent collection. The TOM supports Thomson's legacy through programs such as **Canadian Spirit** involving galleries, organizations and businesses across the country.

Admission to The TOM is free or by donation and more information about the Gallery's hours, collection, programs and events can be found at www.tomthomson.org. The Gallery gratefully acknowledges its major funders, major sponsors, partners, members and donors.

The Tom Thomson Art Gallery is located at 840 1st Avenue West, Owen Sound, Ontario N4K 4K4.

