The Centre for Creativity at King's University College to host Re/Visioning Frida Art Exhibition For Immediate Release – October 6, 2011 London. Ont.

The Centre for Creativity at King's University College at The University of Western Ontario is proud to host a special exhibition October 7th and 8th in the Vitali Student Lounge and Student Lounge Extension. The Re/Visioning Frida Art Exhibition will feature the work of visual artist Maureen Riley.

Originally from Hamilton Ontario, Riley arrived in the Forest City to study English Literature at Western in 1970. Riley has been a full-time artist since 1981 and has an ongoing fascination with the life and art of Frida Kahlo. Riley's new, large painting, *I dream of Frida Kahlo Moving Across the Courtyard of the Casa Azul Coyoacan Mexico*, is a stunning example of her dynamic use of colour, imagination, body parts and bones.

The opening gala, to be held on October 7th (7-10 p.m.), will also feature photography by Gloria Alvernaz Mulcahy, poetry by London's Poet Laureate Penn Kemp and Gloria Alvernaz Mulcahy, a video poem (*Viva la Vida de Frida* - G. Alvernaz Mulcahy, P. Kemp and videographer D. Sneppova), and music by the Alfredo Caxaj Latin Trio. The King's College Write Place Writers will also hold a reading of their ekphrastic poetry.

Refreshments will be provided by Under the Volcano and Aramark.

A viewing of Riley's work will also take place on Oct. 8th from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. The exhibition will support the P.K. Page benefit (organized by the League of Canadian Poets).

"The arts are an important part of any community and are a vital and vibrant part of our King's community," notes Gloria Mulcahy, curator of the art exhibition. "Events like these are a great way to engage artists and to welcome Londoners to our campus."

The Centre for Creativity supports and encourages creative endeavours in all areas of the arts and across diverse disciplines and cultures. Spirituality and religious expressions are at the heart of King's University College as a Catholic institution and art through the ages has revealed a deep connection with the spiritual realm of being.

For more information about the Centre for Creativity, please visit kings.uwo.ca/academics/centres-kings

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