



'Mystic Circle' exhibit at Beaverbrook Art Gallery

The 62 work exhibition "Mystic Circle", organized and circulated across Canada by the Burnaby Art Gallery, Burnaby, British Colum-bia, is being shown at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery until Exherts 1975 February 15, 1975.

The exhibition "Mystic Circle", while acknowledging the historical association of the circular motif with the Far East, China, and India, documents the widespread emergence of the circular motif in Contemporary Canadian Art.

The exhibition will provide a

world archetype context with in-troductory examples of the circle as it has appeared in various civilizations in man's history from Chinese cosmogram to geodesic dome and including such diverse pictorial expressions as Hindu and pictorial expressions as Hindu and Tibetan mandalas, Navaho and Haitian sand paintings, Mexican and Renaissance calendars, etc. In the fully illustrated exhibition catalogue, Jack Wise, comments on the exhibitions significance. Since the most ancient times the circle has symbolized

eternity and the divine...The circle, or mandala, aside from its special importance to the way man sees himself in time and space, continues to intrigue the visual artist with its unique formalistic considerations and chal-lenges. Within the last decade it has appeared in North American art with such frequency that, as a stylistic phenomenon, it can no longer be considered insignificant.

Some of the artists represented in this exhibition have been

include Claude Tousignant, Roy

Kiyooka, Brian Fisher, and Joe

Kashetsky, the only Maritimer. Artists such as Ron Bloore and Art McKay, from time to time deal with this motif in their paintings.

Printmakers such as Pat Martin

Bates, Vera Frenkel and John Ester employ the circle and its variants, almost as an icon, in their

The materials used encompass everything imaginable, ranging working with the circle and its from traditional oils to tapestries, permutations for the greater part of their creative lives. They plywood and plastics.

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The "Mystic Circle" Exhibition can be seen at the Gallery from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. daily.

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