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# Coleen Davidson Creates a Space for Stillness in “A Room for Breathing”

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, Nova Scotia (October 28, 2026) – ARTSPLACE Gallery presents “A Room for Breathing,” an immersive textile installation by Coleen Davidson, on view at the Mym Gallery from Saturday, November 7, to Saturday, December 19, 2026 with an opening reception Saturday, November 7, from noon to 2 pm.

Designed specifically for the intimate setting of the Mym Gallery, “A Room for Breathing” invites visitors to slow down and reconnect with the rhythm of their breath. Silk and linen panels feature intricate stitching, layered imagery, patterns and colour, creating an environment for quiet reflection. A seat within the installation offers visitors a place to rest and experience the interplay of materials and light. The work evokes the brief interval between inhalation and exhalation, a moment of stillness within the flow of everyday life.

Davidson’s contemporary textile practice is grounded in a longstanding interest in relationships with the natural world. Working by hand with silk and linen, she explores the textures and possibilities of her materials through an intuitive process informed by formal art training, art history and family traditions in textiles.

“Colour is central to her work; she mixes her own silk dyes to create unique combinations that evoke joy and reverence for the natural world,” said Ted Lind, ARTSPLACE Board Member.

Davidson’s installations engage viewers physically and emotionally, drawing on the qualities of wind, water and light. She also creates one-of-a-kind wearable art, a practice connected to her family history. Her paternal grandmother worked as a tailor in the Ottawa Valley.

Davidson exhibits in solo and group exhibitions and has shown her work at the Chester Art Centre. In 2026, she was also included in a group exhibition at the Cape Breton Centre for Craft and Design. A recent artwork appears in “Leaders in the Field: The History and Legacy of Art at Mount Allison,” a publication marking the university’s artistic legacy. Alongside her studio practice, Davidson leads silk painting, collage, and art and yoga workshops, sharing her knowledge and encouraging creative engagement. Her work is held in private collections across Canada and internationally.

*“A Room for Breathing” opening reception Saturday November 7, 2026, 12-2 p.m. Light refreshments served; all welcome. Exhibition continues through December 19. Admission is free throughout the exhibition’s run.*

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ARTSPLACE Gallery is located at 396 St. George Street in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia

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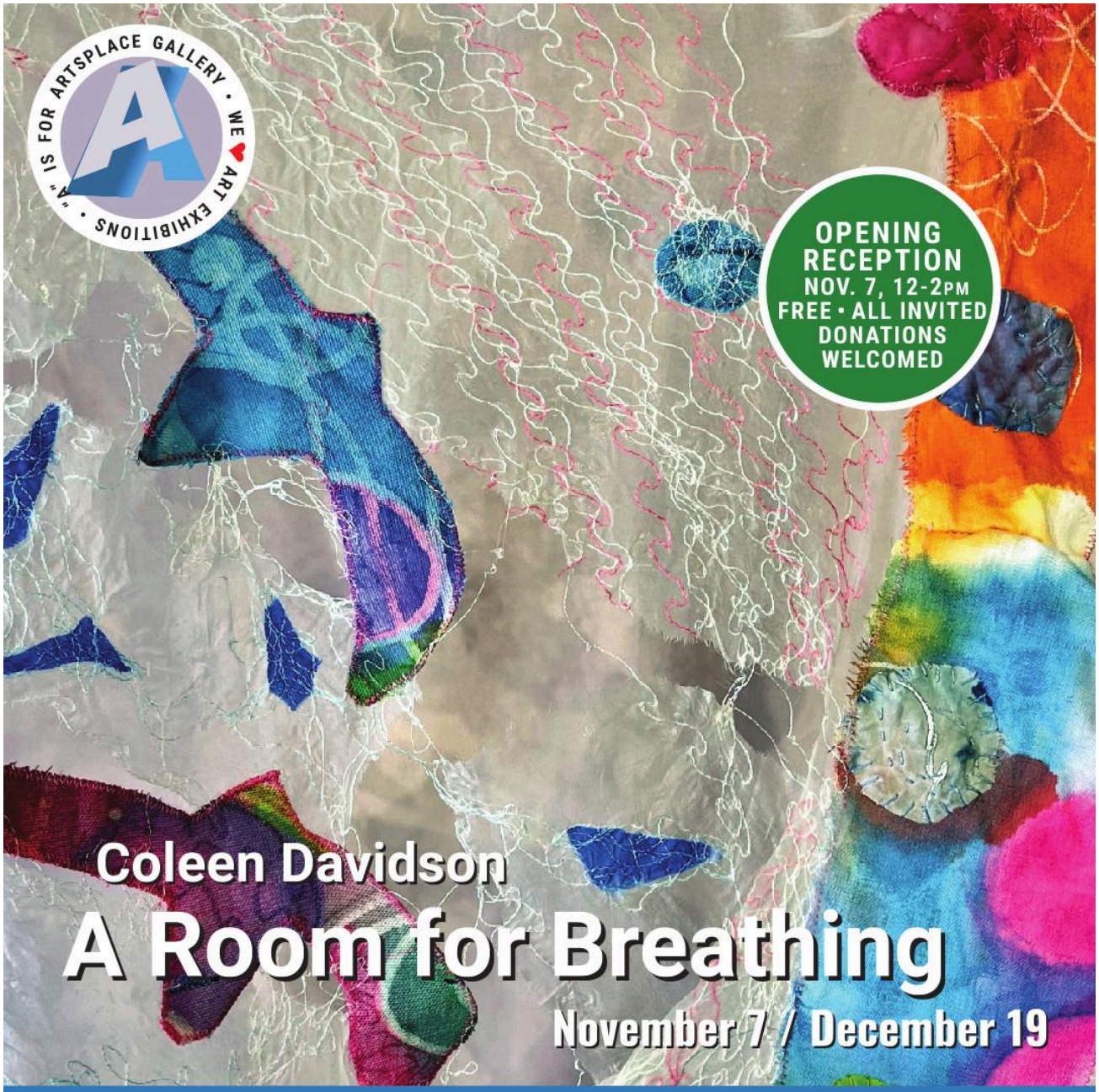


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