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A 30-Year Creative Conversation Coming to ARTSPLACE

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, Nova Scotia (June 16, 2026) – ARTSPLACE Library Gallery presents "Where I'm At Now: A Conversation in Art", an exhibition by Yael Brotman, Karen Curry, Liz Parkinson, Snaige Sileika and M.J. Steenberg, collectively known as the “Gibson Girls”.

“Where I'm At Now: A Conversation in Art” is a collection of postcard-sized works that reflects experiences of place, both physical and psychic. The project grew from a collaborative mail art exchange proposed by Liz Parkinson during the group's 2018 annual retreat. Each artist began five artworks on 4-by-6 inch postcard substrates, keeping one and mailing the others to fellow participants. As the cards circulated, each artist responded to the imagery before sending it forward, creating an evolving visual conversation shaped by all five contributors.

In various forms, the Gibson Girls have worked together for more than three decades, canoeing, camping, photographing and creating site-specific installations. Their name refers both to early sketching trips along Ontario's Gibson River and, with characteristic irony, to their rejection of conventional expectations about what "girls" should be.

What began as an artistic experiment became especially meaningful during the pandemic, when the project became a lifeline as emotions and themes born out of isolation overtook the visual conversation and strengthened the group’s connection; the exchange of images provided continuity and connection across distance. Over time, 600 postcards travelled between studios on Gabriola Island, British Columbia; Pouch Cove, Newfoundland; Toronto and Port Hope, Ontario; Puerto Escondido, Mexico; and Vilnius, Lithuania.

“First exhibited at Open Studio in Toronto in 2019, the project has since appeared in Canada, Bulgaria and Lithuania, evolving with each installation. At ARTSPLACE, the exhibition expands once again through a new interactive component. Visitors will be invited to contribute collaboratively to ‘We are Here’ postcards, extending the conversation in art through shared participation,” said Sophie Paskins, Gallery Director.

The exhibition runs from July 4 to 25, 2026 with an opening reception on Saturday, July 4, from 12 to 2 pm. Visitors are also invited to participate in a drop-in postcard workshop at 12 pm, all ages welcome. Details are available at arcac.ca.

“Where I'm At Now: A Conversation in Art” opening reception, Sat. July 4, 2026, 12-2 p.m. Light refreshments served, all welcome. Exhibition continues through July 25.

ARTSPLACE is a public Art Gallery that is operated by the Annapolis Region Community Arts Council, a registered charitable, community organization dedicated to encouraging and promoting the arts. Supported through the Province of Nova Scotia and the Canada Council for the Arts.

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

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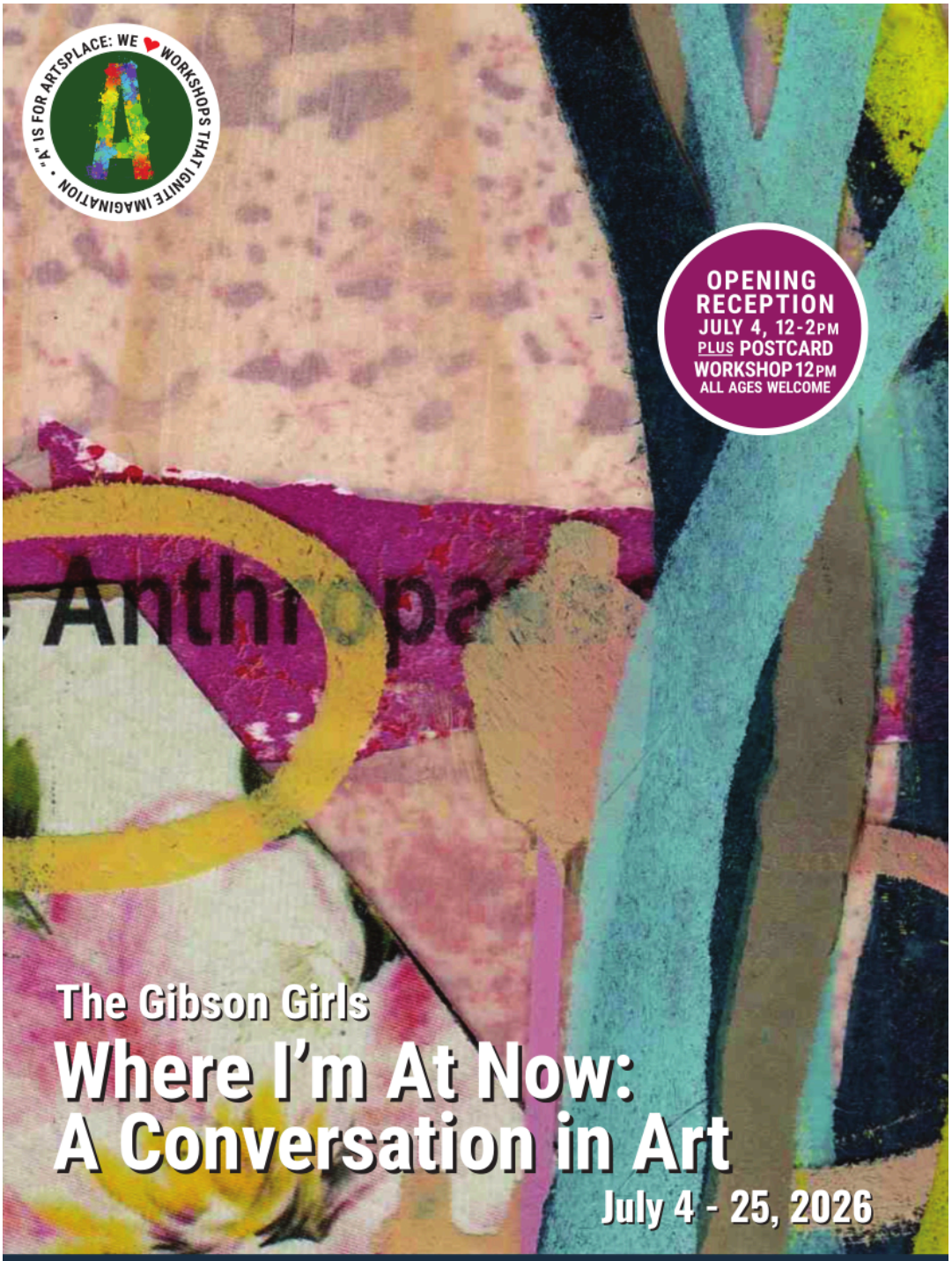

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