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Cut, Reassembled, Revealed: The Collaged Worlds of Terry Drahos

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, Nova Scotia (June 26, 2025) – ARTSPLACE is pleased to present *"Trying to Make Sense,"* a timely solo exhibition by visual artist Terry Drahos.

Drawing inspiration from the Surrealists—who extended the tradition of collage and automatic composition—Drahos creates intuitive and layered works that explore the tension between order and disorder. Beginning with her own photographs and thousands of magazine fragments, she arranges cut images into loosely structured compositions. The resulting series of collages brings together photographs and paper ephemera in visually dense and thought-provoking assemblages. In these works, chaos is transformed into coherence, and new narratives emerge from familiar materials.

"As in the automatic methods employed by early 20th-century artists, her process welcomes the subconscious and invites unpredictable connections," said Ted Lind, ARTSPLACE Board Member.

Originally from Chicago, Illinois, Terry Havlis Drahos holds a Bachelor of Design from Southern University and a Bachelor of Education from both Acadia and NSCAD Universities, with a focus on art and technology. Now based in Nova Scotia, Drahos has become an active contributor to the province's arts community, serving on the boards of numerous arts organizations. From 2008 to 2019, she founded and directed *"Uncommon Common Art,"* a public art and education initiative that grew from a grassroots project into a nationally recognized charity.

Drahos' work often reflects on social identity and perception. She divides her time between her studio practice and sharing her passion for art with young learners. Drahos has exhibited nationally, and is the recipient of numerous grants and awards. Her paintings are represented by Secord Gallery (Halifax, NS) and Gallery 78 (Fredericton, NB).

Terry Drahos' "Trying to Make Sense" opening reception Sat. July 26, 2025, 12-2 p.m. Light refreshments served, all welcome. Exhibition continues through August 30, 2025.

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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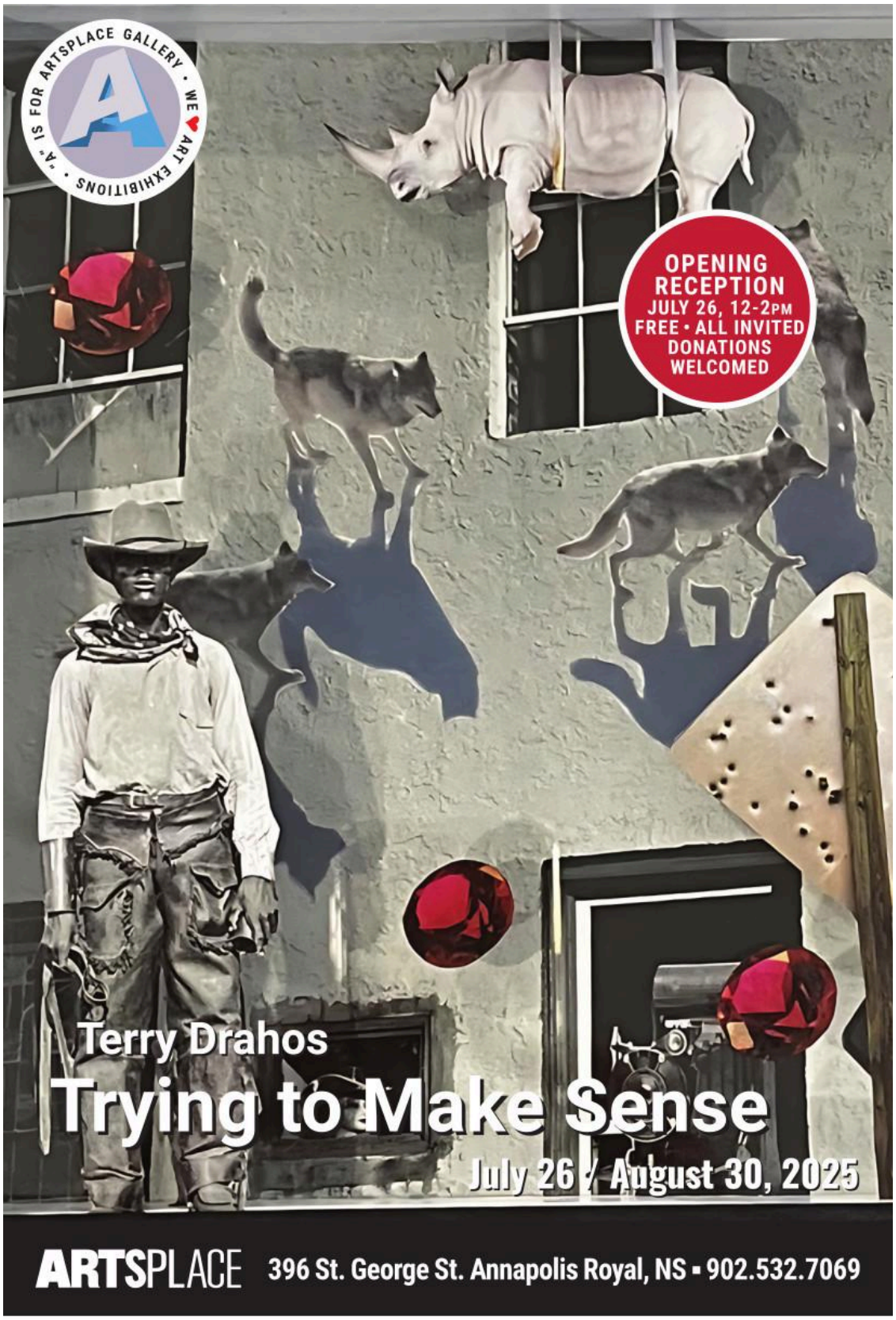

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