

## **A Rightful Place: The Face of Saskatchewan's Newcomers**

September 21 - December 31, 2017 - in the Heritage Gallery

Opening: Thursday, September 21 @ 7:30pm

Presented by Common Weal Community Arts

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*The exhibition, A Rightful Place, features documentary photography of and by newcomers to Saskatchewan, resulting from a community arts project facilitated by Common Weal Community Arts, which engaged newcomer individuals to work with professional photographers and document their new lives.*

“Migration is central to the human experience,” says Southern Artistic Director, Gerry Ruecker “however immigrants are often faced with distrust and fear in their search for a better life. A Rightful Place is designed to highlight the similarities we all share as human beings and foster a deeper understanding and empathy towards newcomers in Saskatchewan. “

Project photographer, Michael Bell says “I hope this project may play a role in helping people see newcomers as individuals, with happy and tragic stories, and unique reasons for coming to live with us. I hope the portraits make people feel curious.”

Project Partners: Regina Open Door Society; Saskatchewan Intercultural Association, Saskatoon; Moose Jaw Newcomer Welcome Centre; Southwest Newcomer Welcome Centre, Swift Current; Southeast Newcomer Services, Estevan; Yorkton Newcomer Welcome Centre; Prince Albert Multicultural Council; Battlefords Immigration Resource Centre.

Exhibition Partners: Art Gallery of Regina; Gordon Snelgrove Gallery; Art Gallery of Swift Current; Moose Jaw Museum & Art Gallery

Project Funders: SaskCulture; Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan

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