

AUDAIN ART MUSEUM

NEWS RELEASE

Work Starts on Museum Site

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VANCOUVER – September 17, 2013 – Jim Moodie, Vice Chair of the Audain Art Museum announced today that site work will start this week on the 56,000 sq.ft. building being constructed on Blackcomb Way in Whistler.

Axiom Builders Inc. will be in charge of construction of the building, which is being designed by Patkau Architects. It is projected to cost in the \$30 million range and will be financed by The Audain Foundation for the Visual Arts.

The museum is scheduled to be completed in mid 2015 and will accommodate a portion of Michael Audain’s art collection. Moodie said, “Audain is one of the leading collectors of British Columbia art, with hundreds of works ranging from the early 18th century to the present day”.

Highlights will include an outstanding collection of early First Nations masks and one of the country’s top Emily Carr collections.

The Museum is being built on land made available on a leasehold basis by the Resort Municipality of Whistler, and Mayor Nancy-Wilhelm Morden and Councillor Duane Jackson will be joining the Museum’s board of directors.

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