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## **Mohawk Art to adorn the Honoré Mercier Bridge Local artists showcased for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

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**Kahnawà:ke, April 18, 2017** – The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) and The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI) are pleased to announce the winners of an art contest held as part of the celebrations for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This joint initiative aims to recognize the First Nations contribution to the history of the country and celebrate the Mohawk culture.

The selected artwork will be incorporated into banners that will be displayed along the federal (southern) section of the Honoré Mercier Bridge. Artwork from three age groups were selected and subsequently unveiled at a ceremony held today in Kahnawà:ke, with the artists themselves in attendance.

The selected works to adorn the bridge are as follows:

- "Kateri Tekakwitha," an illustration by 16-year-old high school student Kaienteri McGregor
- "She Dances Fast," a pencil crayon sketch by Marion Snow
- "Three Sisters," an oil painting by Skarahkotane Deom, 24
- "Smoke Dancers Series," mixed media drawings by Skarahkotane Deom, 24

"Earlier this year, artists were asked to submit works that reflect the pride of Kahnawà:ke," said Chief Rhonda Kirby. "We were pleased to help promote this event, as it showcases the work of three of our artists that will be seen by thousands of people who cross the Honoré Mercier Bridge every day."

"These unique works of art depicting the Kahnawà:ke culture and history are an important reminder not only of the centuries old connection that exists between the Mohawk people and this region but also of the modern linkages between this community and the Honoré Mercier Bridge. This is a special year both for Canada and Montreal as both the country and the city mark significant historical milestones and Canada's Indigenous peoples are an integral part of both these stories," said Marc Miller, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities.

The art banners will be on display at the Honoré Mercier Bridge as of this spring. See the artwork and learn about the artists at [JacquesCartierChamplain.ca](http://JacquesCartierChamplain.ca).

### **About JCCBI**

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