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**Ukrainian Canadian Art Foundation is proud to launch,
Pause in Plight
at KUMF Gallery on September 13, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.**

Toronto, Canada – *Pause in Plight*, a 17-piece art exhibit, created by artist, Kerri Parnell reveals the Canadian WW1 national security fears and wartime prejudice, which led to the internment of more than 8,000 men, women and children primarily of Ukrainian and Eastern European descent deemed as "enemy aliens".

KUMF Gallery is pleased to host an introduction by the artist, Kerri Parnell, and special remarks at an outdoor commemoration by guest speaker, Dr. Lubomyr Luciuk on Sunday, September 13, 2020 @ 1:00 p.m.

KUMF Gallery will house, *Pause in Plight* from September 13 to October 11, 2020.

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to create this Art Exhibit, and to work with amazing people towards a common goal to expose the truth. This initiative to commemorate and acknowledge those affected by Canada's first national internment operations inspired me. It ignites my heart and reminds me that history is not condemned to repeat itself. As we learn from our past, may we collectively move forward in better light." says Kerri Parnell.

Pause in Plight is laid out in five different sections: War posters, Light installation, Emotional Interpretation Series, Old Eyes Series, and To Hell with the Alien Enemy. *Pause in Plight* will tour across Canada between 2020-2025 to help bring awareness to this historical injustice.

"We're very pleased to launch our Fall 2020 Season with such a critical exhibition and to be able to welcome everyone." said Jurij Klufas, Chair & President, UCAF/KUMF Gallery.

KUMF Gallery is scheduled to reopen with measures in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Visitors are asked to schedule a time to visit - 30-minute visits start at the top of the hour - The gallery will be sanitized between visits.

The artist's bio and background information can be found [here](#). This project has been made possible by a grant from the Endowment Council of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund.

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About UCAF/KUMF Gallery

Ukrainian Canadian Art Foundation (UCAF) and KUMF Gallery are dedicated to serving the Ukrainian Canadian community, and the community at large, by exhibiting and fostering an understanding of art, in addition to preserving and collecting quality works of art. KUMF Gallery maintains a year round programme of art exhibitions showing works by emerging, mid-career and established visual artists.

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