

# NEWS RELEASE

## **Two weeks; two fundraising auctions; two arts events: Saskatoon Woodturning Symposium Auction – July 27 and Emma International Collaboration Auction – August 7.**

Two opportunities for you to purchase unique works of art – created by artists from around the world – here in Saskatoon. Love wood? The Saskatoon Woodturning Symposium Auction this Sunday will feature work by their incredibly talented instructors. Love contemporary, one-of-a-kind art? On Thursday, August 7 – 100 of the best pieces created at this year's Emma International Collaboration will be made available to the public.

The [Saskatoon Woodturning Symposium](#) is a three day event featuring critically acclaimed artist [Binh Pho](#), sculptor [Douglas Fisher](#) and husband and wife woodturners, [Michael and Cynthia Gibson](#). They and three other artists will be demonstrating at the Symposium this weekend, July 25 – 27 at Walter Murray Collegiate, Saskatoon.

The Emma International Collaboration is a weeklong residency for 100 invited international, national and provincial artists. Through hands on collaboration and exciting creative exchange, the artists explore medium, technique and push their artistic boundaries. This year Maori tattoo artist [Te Rangitu Netana](#), British blacksmith [Adrian Legge](#) and Danish basket maker [Eva Seidenfaden](#) are just some of the talented international artists who are attending. July 30 – August 7 at Ness Creek Festival Site, Big River, Saskatchewan.

[Saskatchewan Craft Council](#) is proud to partner with [Hub City Turners](#) and [Emma International Collaboration](#) in their biennial events that bring internationally renowned artists to teach and create in Saskatchewan. The proceeds from these public auctions are used to fund their next events, helping to ensure these unique learning opportunities continue in Saskatchewan. Everyone is welcome to attend the auctions!

### **Woodturning Symposium AUCTION**

2 pm Sunday July 27  
Walter Murray Collegiate  
1905 Preston Avenue  
Saskatoon

### **Emma International Collaboration AUCTION**

Viewing and Silent Auction  
5 – 7 pm, Auction starts at  
7 pm. Thursday August 7  
AKA Gallery and Paved Arts Gallery  
424 20<sup>th</sup> Street West Saskatoon

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Work of artist Binh Pho



*Wood carving at Emma International Collaboration 2012*