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Wearable Arts competition goes on the red carpet May 9 and 10 in Port Moody, City of the Arts

PORT MOODY, BC – Models from the Tri Cities will be on the red carpet at Port Moody's City Hall Galleria May 9 and 10 to show off unique garments from artists who've created over 70 entries for this year's Wearable Arts competition, presented by the Port Moody Arts Centre Society.

Andrew Danneffel and Paddi Solem, Society directors who are chair and vice-chair respectively of the Wearable Arts Committee, said entries have been accepted from Canada, the United States, Japan and Mexico.

The Wearable Art competition includes five categories – Open, Recycled, Headdress, Brassiere and new for 2009, Olympic. Recognition also is given for Best in Show, Student participation, Conceptual Idea and People's Choice.

Doors for the Red Carpet Gala performance open at 6:30 pm, Saturday, May 9 and at 1:30 pm on Sunday, May 10 for the Mother's Day Afternoon Extraordinaire. Both events take place at the Galleria in City Hall, 100 Newport Drive in Port Moody. Tickets are \$35 plus GST and service charge; service charge is waived for current Society members – phone 604-931-2008 or visit Port Moody Arts Centre, 2425 St. Johns Street.

The 2009 Wearable Art Award winners, sharing \$5,000 in cash awards donated by community and corporate partners, will be chosen by a panel of selected jurors and will be recognized at the Sunday performance. All entries will be on display at the Arts Centre from May 14 through June 28 and a "People's Choice" award will be presented based on visitor votes from this showing.

The Wearable Art Awards are presented by the Port Moody Arts Centre Society – with support from businesses and sponsors who currently include the City of Port Moody, the City's Spirit Committee, the BC Gaming Commission, the Port Moody Arts Centre, Pacific Coast Terminals, Pasta Polo and Andrew Peller Limited – to encourage local, Canadian and International artists of all mediums to submit evocative, imaginative and thought-provoking creations for the human body. The imaginations of the participating artists are the only limits on entries.

For further detail, see www.wearableartawards.com