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Nutrien Wonderhub Begins Museum Exhibit Installation, Welcomes Acclaimed Fibre Artist Toshiko Horiuchi MacAdam

SASKATOON — MacAdam arrived in Saskatoon on January 27th to complete an initial fitting of an interactive, climbable structure for the Nutrien Wonderhub children’s museum.

World-renowned fibre artist Toshiko Horiuchi MacAdam and Charles MacAdam of Interplay Designs arrived in Saskatoon this week to complete an initial fitting and prepare for the installation of the new children’s museum’s interactive fibre structure. The structure will be the first of its kind in Canada, and the only permanent installation in North America.

Originally from Japan, MacAdam now lives and works in Bridgetown, NS. Her works have been featured around the globe, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, and the National Museum of Modern Art in Kyoto, Japan.

MacAdam crocheted and hand-dyed tonnes of fibres to create a colourful, kid-friendly interactive fibre art installation for the museum. Children will be able to safely climb up into and bound across the structure. They can also play beneath the ethereal playscape, swinging from crocheted pods or nestling inside the structure’s air pockets.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Joseph Alfred Remail Family Foundation, who generously donated a \$1,000,000 to Nutrien Wonderhub as part of the Kid Approved capital campaign.

“My charitable interests tend to gravitate to tangible things—buildings and equipment that will meet needs for generations. I like the idea of being involved in something that my grandchildren and perhaps even their grandchildren can enjoy,” said Joe Remail.

“When I first saw the design, I was immediately reminded of the beautiful, colourful blankets my grandmother used to crochet for us. The colours and patterns evoke memories of warm and happy moments in my childhood, and I cannot wait to see the myriad ways children can and will engage with this structure, exploring and taking risks in a safe, welcoming environment,” said Amanda McReynolds Doran, Nutrien Wonderhub’s Executive Director.

This news follows this week’s announcement of the organization’s name change from Nutrien Children’s Discovery Museum to Nutrien Wonderhub. Nutrien Wonderhub is slated to open to the public in Saskatoon’s historic Mendel building later this year.

For more information about the structure or to schedule an interview with Executive Director Amanda McReynolds Doran, please contact Marlea Whitley (Development Manager) at (306) 249-3574 or marlea@wonderhub.ca. Information about MacAdam, including previous works, is available at www.netplayworks.com.

