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## Immersive Site-Specific Exhibition Amongst the Yawns and Dust Now on View

All welcome to attend the Exhibition Celebration and artist conversation on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1 p.m.

COBOURG, ON (April 18, 2023) – The <u>Art Gallery of Northumberland</u> (AGN) is pleased to invite the public to view current solo exhibition, <u>Amongst the Yawns and Dust</u>, showcasing 28 works of art by artist <u>Jay</u> <u>Dart</u> on view until June 4, 2023.

"In addition to showing drawings at the Art Gallery of Northumberland, I'm excited to be exhibiting a video titled Distance: Existence that I began during a recent artist residency with Critical Mass in Port Hope," said Jay Dart. This animated drawing piece features voices from Northumberland families — including my own — as I explore themes of land ownership, ecological stewardship, and airborne transmissions to expand on allegories that I'm developing in the Yawnderverse."

The Amongst the Yawns and Dust exhibition promises an immersive site-specific experience featuring mixed media installations with wall drawings in between the panels to present conjoined scenes for epic landscapes. Viewers will see new works alongside a selection of pieces from recent chapters in Dart's Yawnder series including drawings on paper from Chapter VI: Return to Elsewheres and drawings on canvas titled Amongst the Dust.

"Yawnder is a mindscape and Jiggs serves as Dart's avatar and provides the voice for the narrative," said Olinda Casimiro, Executive Director for the Art Gallery of Northumberland. "Within this ongoing internal saga viewers will see the artist's creative experiences and how they flow from canvas to wall."

Jay Dart is a Canadian drawist, author and designer whose practice includes bookworks, animated videos and mixed media installations. Dart's work has been shown in galleries and art fairs including exhibitions in Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, Ottawa and Regina; as well as internationally in Paris, New York, and Amsterdam.

#### More Information on the Exhibition



- Exhibition: Amongst the Yawns and Dust | Artist: Jay Dart
- On View: April 1, 2023, until June 4, 2023.
- Exhibition Celebration & Artist Conversation: Saturday, April 22, 2023, at 1 p.m.
- Artist Statement: Visit artgalleryofnorthumberland.ca
- Gallery Hours: Tuesday to Friday 10-4 p.m., Saturday 12-4 p.m.

For more information about the Art Gallery of Northumberland or to arrange a tour, visit <a href="mailto:artgalleryofnorthumberland.com">artgalleryofnorthumberland.com</a> or call 905-372-0333. Be sure to also follow the AGN on <a href="mailto:Facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="mailto:Twitter">Twitter</a>, and <a href="mailto:Instagram">Instagram</a> for the latest exhibitions and gallery news.

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### About the Art Gallery of Northumberland

The mandate of the Art Gallery of Northumberland (AGN) is to promote and provide access to art and related programs as a community gallery for the enjoyment and education of the people of Northumberland County. The AGN exists to serve all of Northumberland County as a public gallery. We present intellectually stimulating exhibitions and programming, as well as maintain a permanent collection of visual arts. Along with exhibitions we fulfill our mandate through educational activities which encourage active dialogue between the Gallery audience and the visual arts; including lectures, films, workshops, artist talks and tours.