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### **Whyte Museum Heritage Home Plays Itself in Indie Film Production “Drawing Home”**

*Banff, Alberta* – New York production company M.Y.R.A. Entertainment is currently producing the feature film "Drawing Home," a tale of a Canadian-American artist couple in the 1920s onwards, living, painting and falling in love amidst the dramatic backdrop of the Canadian Rockies. It is the true story of Peter and Catharine Whyte, who founded the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies. Committed to authenticity, filming takes place inside and around Peter and Catharine's actual home, the Whyte Heritage Home, located on the grounds of the Museum. Film producer and founder of M.Y.R.A. Entertainment, Margarethe Baillou, came across the Whytes' story in 2007 during a vacation in Western Canada and immediately resolved to adapt the story to the silver screen.

Catharine Robb and Peter Whyte met at the Boston Museum School of Fine Art in 1927. Catharine was a Boston debutante dating John D. Rockefeller III. Peter was a member of one of Banff's pioneer families. They married in 1930 and built a log home and studio near the banks of the Bow River. Now part of the Peter and Catharine Whyte Foundation, the Whyte Heritage Home is essentially unchanged from the days when Peter and Catharine lived there. Filled with artwork, furniture and personal items, the home provides an intimate glimpse into the Whytes' rich lives as visual artists, outdoor lovers, world travelers and philanthropists.

Due to be released in 2013, "Drawing Home" stars Banff native Juan Riedinger as Peter Whyte and Julie Mortensen of Calgary as Catharine Robb Whyte. The film is helmed by German director Markus Rupprecht and produced by Baillou and Allan Neuwirth. Having already captured fall and winter scenes in Banff, Calgary and the Banff National Park in October and November 2011, the film team will return to the Canadian Rockies in May 2012 to film spring and summer scenes.

#### **M.Y.R.A. Entertainment**

M.Y.R.A. (Movement. Youth. Resources. Art.) Entertainment, LLC is an independent, boutique-style film production company based in New York City. Projects include feature films, documentaries, short films and video art. Intended to contribute to the well-being of children, all projects are violence-free and aim to be of entertaining, inspirational and educational character.

#### **Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies**

Located in scenic Banff National Park, the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies welcomes those drawn to the power and inspiration of these mountains. The Museum serves as the gateway for

experiencing and enjoying the art, culture and history of the Canadian Rockies, to inspire and cultivate knowledge and the exchange of ideas. Visitors can experience the Museum's galleries, programs, archives and library, heritage homes, museum shop, guided walks, tours and special events.

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