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**Business & Arts NL launches the [Quidi Vidi Art Search](#), a public art initiative involving five new artwork commissions and acquisitions in and around Quidi Vidi Village.**

**St. John's, NL, Tuesday, May 16, 2023** — Business & Arts NL announces the launch of the Quidi Vidi Art Search. The Art Search is a public art effort championed by artists, community partners, and business owners in Quidi Vidi Village. The Art Search invites visitors to explore five works of public art while enjoying the nature, history, and enterprises of Quidi Vidi Village.

The Quidi Vidi Arts Search features work by Newfoundland and Labrador artists **Vessela Brakalova, Robert Hengeveld, Ian Gillies, Marc Fiset, Julie Lewis, and Kevin-Barry Martin**. Each remarkable piece reflects its distinct location and celebrates the past, present, and future of Quidi Vidi Village. Art Search locations and community partnerships include **Sugarloaf Path, Quidi Vidi Village Artisan Studios, The Wharf, The Inn by Mallard Cottage, and Quidi Vidi Brewery**.

The Government of Canada, through the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), has invested \$89,676 in the Quidi Vidi Art Search through the Rediscover Main Streets initiative.

*"It's special places like Quidi Vidi Village that make Newfoundland and Labrador unique. With support from the Government of Canada, Business & Arts NL has created an engaging outdoor activity that celebrates our culture and fosters a vibrant community."*

**Joanne Thompson**, Member of Parliament for St. John's-East on behalf of the Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Official Languages and Minister responsible for ACOA

*"We are so delighted to be working with all of these partners to help create such an exciting vibe in this little community. We hope this initiative will spark ideas for other public art projects across the province."*

**Dr. Noreen Golfman**, Co-Chair, Business & Arts NL

The public is invited to the official launch of the Quidi Vidi Art Search **Friday, May 19, 11:00AM, The Wharf**. Come explore the Quidi Vidi Art Search and rediscover all that Quidi Vidi Village has to offer.

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