



## ***LEAH MARIE DORION: GENERATIONS OF LOVE*** a permanent collection exhibition curated by Jessalyn LeBlanc

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### **About *Generations of Love***

The Mann Art Gallery is pleased to present an exhibition of paintings by local Métis artist Leah Marie Dorion. Leah is an award-winning visual artist, educator, storyteller, filmmaker, and author who has illustrated and written numerous early readers books. These paintings were part of her generous donation to the Mann Art Gallery's Permanent Collection in 2015.

The paintings chosen from the illustrative series *Giving Thanks*, *Ways to Carry a Métis Baby*, and *A Métis New Year* express the love passed down through generations of family, including a mother's adoration for her baby and a grandparent's deep affection for their grandchild. The energetic colours and lively shapes depicted by the artist grab the viewer's attention and invite us to examine the themes

of family, home, and love. This selection expresses warmth and comfort—most evident in the family's connection through physical touch.

May Dorion's paintings take you on a journey of gratitude for the love in your own family. Follow along as the families greet the rising sun, set out in their travels, and finally reach their destination of home.

**Image:** installation view of *Generations of Love* in the Education Studio