

Breast Cancer Action Ottawa executive director to launch charity fundraising exhibition of women's photographs on Sun, Feb 12 at Gallery Farina on Elgin St

OTTAWA—Karen Graszat, executive director of Breast Cancer Action Ottawa, will officially launch Gavin Murphy's *Transitions presented by Meridian* photography exhibition on Sun, Feb 12 at Gallery Farina on Elgin St. The show runs until Apr 6, 2012. A satellite display of different images will be held concurrently at Meridian's downtown Ottawa branch.



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All proceeds from the sale of photographs will be donated to Breast Cancer Action Ottawa, a survivor-directed voluntary organisation founded in 1992 by a group of women who knew firsthand what breast cancer diagnosis meant to patients and families.

“We hope to see many of our friends and supporters at the gallery to help launch this new and exciting exhibition of larger than life images of women,” Graszat said.

“*Transitions presented by Meridian* is an empowering celebration of all women.”

The photographs feature a transition of the artist's work from 35 mm film to digital photography and were shot in Canada, United States and Great Britain between 2005 and 2011. Many of the images have never been seen before.

Murphy's last exhibition of women's photographs was 2010's *ThunderStruck*, also a fundraising initiative for Breast Cancer Action Ottawa. He has produced a charity calendar of photographs of women for Osteoporosis Canada-Ottawa Chapter and held two exhibitions featuring images of women to help raise funds for CANHAVE, a local charity helping AIDS orphans in Uganda.

The *Transitions presented by Meridian* vernissage takes place on Sun, Feb 12 from 4-6 pm at Gallery Farina, 216 Elgin St (near Lisgar St). Meridian will also hold a reception on Thurs, Mar 1 from noon to 3 pm, 99 Bank St (corner of Albert St). All are welcome to attend both events.

Transitions presented by Meridian is made possible through the generosity of Meridian, Ontario's largest credit union.

For further details or to arrange for interviews, please contact Gavin Murphy at posingforthecause@gmail.com or telephone 613-741-4029.



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