

## Exceptional Calgary Art Collection on View Ahead of Heffel's Fall 2025 Live Auction

CALGARY, September 18, 2025 – In advance of Heffel's highly anticipated Fall 2025 live auction, celebrating the firm's 30th anniversary of auctions, Heffel will host the opening preview in Calgary, with a special focus on the Lillian Mayland McKimm Collection. This exceptional private collection, celebrating one of Calgary's own, will be presented in a dedicated session of the November 19 auction, alongside Heffel's time-honoured sessions of *Post-War & Contemporary Art* and *Canadian, Impressionist & Modern Art*. Highlights from across the three catalogues will be on view in Calgary from October 2 to 5 at Heffel Gallery, offering collectors and art enthusiasts an early opportunity to experience the season's marquee works.

Born and raised in Calgary, Lillian Mayland McKimm (b. 1925) came from one of the city's most prominent families. Her father, Albert H. Mayland, often seen with his daughters winning at the Calgary Horse Show, was at one time among the city's largest employers. He built his fortune through ranching, meat processing and oil. In 1926, Albert acquired the Belkin Brothers' Calgary packing plant, renaming it the Union Packing Company, and soon turned to oil ventures, selling Mayland Oils to Imperial before founding Mercury Oils and developing the Turner Valley oil fields. After he acquired Beaver Lumber's Patron Oil stations and Arctic Oil, his "99" gasoline was distributed through more than 700 Prairie outlets. Following his passing, Calgary's prominent neighbourhood of Mayland Heights was named to honour his legacy and is today home to the Heffel gallery.

The Lillian Mayland McKimm Collection reflects decades of passionate collecting and a profound respect for Canadian talent. Lillian inherited her father's entrepreneurial drive, which she channelled into building one of the country's most thoughtful private collections. She sought out the finest examples from across Canadian art history—works that reflected both her deep Alberta roots and her later years spent on Vancouver Island. From rare and powerful depictions of the Rockies by the Group of Seven, to British Columbia masterworks by Emily Carr and E.J. Hughes, the collection celebrates the breadth of Canada's cultural landscape.

"We are honoured that the preview tour for our mother's collection will begin at the Heffel gallery in Mayland Heights, the community that carries our family name," said the family of Lillian Mayland McKimm. "She poured her heart into collecting, and it brings us great pride to see her passion and legacy shared with others."

In addition to the Lillian Mayland McKimm Collection, the Calgary preview will feature highlights from across Heffel's Fall 2025 live auction. Featured works include rare and important masterworks by Tom Thomson, Jean Paul Riopelle, the Group of Seven and other leading artists, making this season a milestone in Heffel's history.

### Heffel Fall Auction Schedule

To give collectors and enthusiasts from across Canada an opportunity to view these works, the collection is being previewed in four cities leading up to the auction.

- **Calgary:** October 2 – 5, Heffel Gallery (220 Manning Road NE, Unit 1080)
- **Vancouver:** October 15 – 20, Heffel Gallery (2247 Granville Street)
- **Montreal:** October 30 – November 4, Heffel Gallery (1840 Sherbrooke Street W)
- **Toronto:** November 11 – 18, Heffel Gallery (13 Hazelton Avenue)

**The three-session 30th anniversary auction will take place on Wednesday, November 19 in Toronto. In addition to in-person bidding, several remote bidding options will be available, and the sale will be broadcast live at [Heffel.com](http://Heffel.com). The three sessions are:**

- ***The Lillian Mayland McKimm Collection*** – 5:00 pm ET
- ***Canadian, Impressionist & Modern Art*** – 7:00 pm ET
- Followed by ***Post-War & Contemporary Art***

Further details, including catalogue releases, dates and registration information, will be available soon at [www.heffel.com](http://www.heffel.com).

#### **About Heffel Fine Art Auction House**

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