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Celebrating Art for Healing: Canadian Artists Unveil Donated Pieces

SickKids patients to meet Prima Ballerina/Filmmaker Veronica Tennant C.C., author of *On Stage, Please* On Tuesday, June 15, SickKids patients, staff and supporters gathered to celebrate the unveiling of two beautiful art installations at the Sears Cancer Clinic at The Hospital for Sick Children.

The Art for Healing Foundation and Ms. Veronica Tennant, producer / director / and Prima Ballerina with The National Ballet of Canada for 25 years, unveiled a collection of artwork from *On Stage, Please*. This special gallery was made possible thanks to the donation of fourteen etchings by the book's illustrator and renowned Canadian artist, Rita Briansky.

The James Fund for Neuroblastoma Research and friends unveiled a glass mosaic called "Pomp and Be Bop, Revisited", a re-design of an original piece designed by the late Gundar Robez. This glass mosaic was fabricated at Glowing Panes Glassworks with glass supplied by Hollander Glass Canada. The colourful mosaic art welcomes patient families and visitors as they enter the Clinic.

SickKids patient ambassador Helena Kirk and her parents took part in the celebration that evening and shared Helena's personal story of her diagnosis with and treatment for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL), a rapidly progressive cancer that is the most common malignancy in young children. Helena is now a patient at SickKids, undergoing treatment in the Sears Cancer Clinic, where she has captured many hearts.

This special reception took place in the new Sears Cancer Clinic, which was designed to make the hospital experience more comfortable for the 100 – 120 patients and their families who visit the clinic each day. The new Clinic, which opened in January 2010, features colourful décor, including, in addition to the art installations detailed above, original works of art by clinic patients and fun activities to keep children of all ages entertained. The Clinic offers a vibrant and friendly environment with more privacy, whether families are waiting for treatment, meeting with health-care providers or taking a quiet moment to reflect.



Ms. Veronica Tennant, author of *On Stage, Please*, and Gary Blair and Earl Pinchuk of The Art for Healing Foundation.



Veronica Tennant poses with Helena Kirk and her Teddy Bear.