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## WAG EXHIBITION EXAMINES THE DRESS

WINNIPEG, October 17, 1995: Arborite, metal, wax, paper, bone, velvet, and Jewel beetles: these are just some of the materials making up the garments in a major international Winnipeg Art Gallery exhibition, *A-Dress*, opening on November 26. The exhibition continues until March 17, 1996.

*A-Dress* examines the social construct of the "dress," addressing issues such as identity, sexual mores, gender, and the repressive nature of cultural ideologies. The dresses in the exhibition are positive states which give humans their identity, and where the body is returned as part of our "being." They operate as vehicles for social and political commentary.

Artists included in the exhibition are Joan Kaufman (Toronto); Yong Soon Min (Korea); Rob Wynne and Judith Shea (New York); Kati Campbell (Vancouver); Wanda Ellerbeck (Calgary); Barb Hunt and Naomi London (Montreal); Jan Fabre and Carlo Mistiaen (Antwerp); and Regina Frank (Germany). Winnipeg is represented by Susan Chafe, Sharon Alward, Cecile Clayton Gouthro, Wendy Wersch, and Shawna Dempsey and Lorri Millan.

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