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Watch paint fly at the first Art Battle® Barrie

(Barrie, ON) Local artists will face off in an evening of live competitive painting at the first Art Battle Barrie, presented in partnership with the City of Barrie, the Barrie Arts Committee, and Winescape. Twelve artists will participate in three 20-minute rounds of painting and attendees will vote to determine the champion. This event is part of the Art Battle Canada National Tournament, and the winner will move on to participate in the National Championship event in Toronto.

"This event is an opportunity to reinforce Barrie as a strong creative hub and expose our community to the arts in a new engaging and exciting environment," said Karen Dubeau, Director of the Creative Economy. "Barrie is home to many talented artists and this is a unique opportunity to showcase their skills and give them the chance to compete amongst other nationally known artists."

The event takes place on Saturday, April 13 at The Five Points Theatre, presented by Pratt Homes and Development. All of the paintings created at Art Battle Barrie will be available for purchase through a silent auction at the event. 50 per cent of the proceeds from the silent auction will go towards The City of Barrie Cultural Grants fund and 50 per cent will be paid to the artists.

Tickets can be purchased at www.barrie.ca/TheatreTickets

About Art Battle International

Art Battle International produces a global tournament with more than 200 events each year in the US and Canada, and in more than 60 global cities around the world. From Toronto to Tokyo, Sydney to San Francisco, and Beijing to Bangladesh – Art Battle is the world's live art tournament.

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About Barrie – Barrie is an exciting, caring and progressive community that 147,000 people call home. Situated 90 km north of the Greater Toronto Area on beautiful Kempenfelt Bay, Barrie offers an excellent life style and multitude of recreational opportunities. We are committed to the growth of prosperity of Central Ontario's leading City and most dynamic waterfront community.