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Student artist and benefactor Amir Pichhadze raising funds for scholarships through exhibit

President Lorna Marsden will be guest of honour at a reception on Sunday, March 1 that celebrates an exhibit of art by second-year York student Amir Pichhadze at the Samuel J. Zacks Gallery in Stong College.

Pichhadze's work is described as "bold and evocative" and has been shown in jury exhibitions in Toronto and Israel, and in the Artexpo exhibitions in New York. His work has attracted significant collector and media interest in

Canada and in the artist's native Israel.

Pichhadze will donate part of the proceeds from the sale of his artwork to an annual student scholarship fund at York. "We are proud to have such a gifted artist and generous student as part of the York community," says Marsden. "I applaud Amir for his artistry and his altruism."

At the reception, the artist will present Deputy Mayor of Toronto Case Ootes with an

original painting for Mayor Mel Lastman on behalf of the University, to congratulate Lastman on his election as the first mayor of the new City of Toronto.

Other honoured guests will be Professor Ken Carpenter, chair of the Department of Visual Arts, and Professor Eric Willis, master of Stong College.

The reception in the Zacks Gallery will run from 3 to 5 p.m. The exhibition continues until March 13. ♦



Example of artist's

'bold and evocative' work