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**Beware of fake Norval Morriseau artworks**

"A work of art makes a very special Christmas gift you'll treasure for a lifetime but make sure you know what you're buying" say the members of the Norval Morriseau Heritage Society (NMHS).

The NMHS is aware that there are many works available for sale to the public that are falsely attributed to Norval Morriseau. When buying a work of art, ask the art dealer or art gallery about the origin and source of the work. Did it come from the artist directly, or from some other source? Inquiries about the work's provenance or history are advisable, as it is to become familiar with the artist's work and pricing in other galleries, auctions and exhibitions.

Norval Morriseau has asked the Norval Morriseau Heritage Society (NMHS) to work with him to identify authentic Norval Morriseau works. His desire is to protect his reputation because his work is being forged and sold on the open market. At his request, the NMHS was incorporated in November 2005 as a non-profit corporation under the Canada Corporations Act.

Since then, the NMHS has been working to establish a registry of the artist's output that will be used to create a *catalogue raisonné* of Morriseau's work. During the summer of 2006, the NMHS began the compilation of a comprehensive research database of the artist's oeuvre. To date, over 1000 works have been entered into this database. This *catalogue raisonné* will be the authoritative resource for the documentation and identification of all of Norval Morriseau's artworks.

Considering the volume of work produced by the artist, it is anticipated that completion of this project will take several years. For this reason, the NMHS will not be able to engage in the authentication of individual works at this time. If you require authentication of works by Norval Morriseau in the immediate future, please contact the Art Dealers Association of Canada (ADAC), [1-866-435-2322](tel:1-866-435-2322), [www.ad-ac.ca/](http://www.ad-ac.ca/).

For further information, and to submit your Norval Morriseau artwork to be considered for inclusion in the *catalogue raisonné*, please contact the NMHS at P.O. Box 4430, Station E, Ottawa, ON K1S 5B4 or at [norvalmorrisseauheritage@gmail.com](mailto:norvalmorrisseauheritage@gmail.com) .

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