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TORONTO, ON - Tangled Art Gallery opens Roberto Santaguida's documentary film exhibition, *My Head Lay on a Trusty Word*. This is the final exhibition of Space Shapes Place, a national series of vibrant commissions produced by Tangled Art + Disability.

MY HEAD LAY ON A TRUSTY WORD

by Roberto Santaguida

Exhibition dates: April 19 - May 19, 2018

Opening Reception: April 19, 6:00-8:00 pm

Media Preview: April 19, 3:00-5:00 pm

Second Saturday Social: May 12, 2:00-4:00 pm

Location: Tangled Art Gallery S-122, 401 Richmond St W, Toronto, ON

About the Exhibition:

My Head Lay on A Trusty Word marks a new installation by Montreal-born filmmaker Roberto Santaguida. The narrative sculpts a tale of his own personal journey: at fourteen years old, Santaguida ran away from home and dreamt he found redemption on the Atlantic coast. For this project, the artist replicated his travels east, revisiting the small towns, scenic routes, twilight beaches, and the woman who helped him find his way back.

“Santaguida’s exhibition is the perfect conclusion to our Space Shapes Place series for the ways it reframes the experiences of longing and frustration as a site filled with discovery and potential. Whereas mainstream depictions of disabled life are fraught with the absence of richness and growth, Santaguida’s desire to transcend the trappings of isolation opens a connection to his audience that can resonate with us all in the simple experience of being human. This transient experience of disabled vitality weaves a tenuous bond throughout our series, linking art



as vital to the radical notion of disabled joy.”

- Sean Lee, Gallery Manager and 2017 Curator in Residence

About The Artist: Since completing his studies in film production at Concordia University, Roberto Santaguida has worked extensively in documentary and experimental film. His films have shown at more than 250 international festivals around the world. Santaguida is the recipient of the K.M. Hunter Artist Award and a fellowship from Akademie Schloss Solitude in Germany.

About Space Shapes Place:

Space Shapes Place is a national exhibition series of commissioned works by Deaf, Mad and disability artists, supported by Ontario 150 and the Toronto Arts Council’s Open Door program. Spanning ten months in Tangled Art Gallery, the series features multidisciplinary creations by artists from across the country, exploring themes of disability culture, identity, community and lived experience across Canada.

About Tangled Art Gallery:

Tangled Art Gallery is Canada’s first fully accessible disability arts gallery dedicated to advancing accessible programming and curatorial practices. Tangled Art Gallery is proud to be barrier-free, cost-free, and open to the public. All events include ASL Interpretation, Attendant Care, and trained sighted guides. Service animals are welcome. We ask that you help us make our events scent free.

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