



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
May 19, 2025 Lake Country**

**Be In My Chador
Tara Yadollahi**

**Half Life
Robin Hodgson**

**May 24th to July 6th
Opening Reception:
Saturday, May 24th from 1 to 3pm**

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Gallery Hours:
Tues-Sun 9am-3pm,

Two new exhibitions open this weekend at the Lake Country Art Gallery: *Be In My Chador* by Tara Yadollahi and *Half Life* by Robin Hodgson. The gallery is divided into two spaces, allowing each artist to present their work independently: Yadollahi's video installation and Hodgson's large-scale paintings. These pieces were developed during their two year MFA program at UBC Okanagan.

Tara Yadollahi, *Be in My Chador*

Self-censorship lives in our body language, in the clothes we choose, and in the silent decisions we make every day. It transcends boundaries and physical forms, quietly shaping how we present ourselves to the world. I began to wonder how much of our expression is truly our own and how much is subtly influenced by the gaze of others. Clothing becomes both a shield and a language, a personal dance between form and freedom, between self and expectation.

Robin Hodgson, *Half Life*

The new paintings selected for *Half Life*, echoes the (2023) convergence point where I had lived the same amount of time able-body as I had disabled. The work confronts physical ability using technical devices to overcome these challenges. Despite the physical barriers or mental tolls of navigating a world that wasn't built for wheelchairs, there is a beauty in the resilience and a comedy in the struggle. I believe this to be a universal truth for all life, and aim to emphasize this in my new body of work.

Join us for the opening reception on Saturday, May 24th, from 1 to 3 PM. Everyone is welcome to explore the artwork and meet the artists. The exhibition will be on display until July 6th.

The Lake Country Art Gallery is located at 10356A Bottom Wood Lake Road. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Sunday from 9am to 3pm.

For more information, please contact the Lake Country Art Gallery at 250 766 1299 or visit the gallery website <https://www.lakecountryartgallery.ca>.

Exhibition Details:

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PHOTO NOTES:

1. **Gallery Board Member Vicki Wakefield and volunteer Kathy Hale admiring Robin Hodgson's paintings**
2. **Tara Yadollahi installing her video installation at the Lake Country Art Gallery**

About Lake Country Art Gallery:

The Lake Country Art Gallery is located on the traditional and unceded territory of the Syilx/Okanagan people. We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Elders, past and present, as well as the descendants and custodians of this land.

The Lake Country Art Gallery is a vibrant art space committed to showcasing thought-provoking contemporary art. The gallery serves as a platform for established and emerging artists, fostering a cultural exchange within the community.

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