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Caetani Centre Presents *Recapitulation Reunited: A Historic Canadian First*

Exhibition and Gala to celebrate the complete presentation of the Recapitulation series in BC following acclaimed Rome exhibition.

VERNON, BC — “There are stories that...resonate with surprising relevance...reflect with rare intensity the tensions and transformations of an entire society.”

These were the words of Alessandro Guili, Italy’s Minister of Culture, upon the opening of a feature exhibition of late Italian-Canadian artist Sveva Caetani’s artwork in Rome in October 2025. This Canada-Italy partnership was held up as an example of international cultural collaboration at a G8 meeting of world leaders

Now, this same powerful work is on its way home to Vernon, BC, to be reunited for a historic Canadian first: an exhibition and gala featuring Caetani’s complete *Recapitulation* series. This marks the return of Caetani’s paintings from Italy, following the acclaimed exhibition at the MAXXI National Museum of 21st Century Arts in Rome (Oct 2025 – Jan 2026).

From April 3–11, 2026, Caetani Centre will exhibit the complete *Recapitulation* series at the Coldstream Community Hall, making it a landmark art exhibition in Coldstream BC and a highlight among North Okanagan cultural events in 2026. This rare homecoming positions the exhibition and gala among the most significant Okanagan culture events in spring 2026 and a must-see art exhibition in the region.

Recapitulation Reunited marks the first time the entire series has been exhibited all at once in Canada, offering residents and visitors seeking things to do in Vernon BC in April 2026 an opportunity to experience an internationally celebrated body of work.

As an important moment for not only the legacy of Sveva Caetani, but the recognition of Canadian women artists and women artists in British Columbia, the exhibition further strengthens Vernon BC’s reputation for dynamic cultural programming and notable Vernon BC art events.

“Bringing *Recapitulation Reunited* home to Vernon after its international presentation in Rome is both a celebration and a responsibility,” says Laisha Rosnau, Executive Director of the Caetani



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Centre. “This exhibition highlights the global impact of Sveva Caetani’s artwork, while reaffirming our commitment to preserving the Caetani house and sharing her extraordinary story with new generations.”

Created between 1978–1989, *Recapitulation* is recognized as one of the most ambitious autobiographical achievements in Canadian art. Through vivid symbolism and narrative detail, Caetani chronicles her journey from Italian nobility and the complex Caetani family history to her artistic reawakening in British Columbia.

The exhibition reinforces the significance of preserving the historic Caetani Cultural Centre—also known locally as the Caetani house—where the series was created. As a leading British Columbia art gallery destination and cultural site, the Centre continues to shape the region’s artistic identity.

“Hosting the complete series is a milestone for our city and for the provincial arts sector,” says Teresa Durning, City of Vernon Councilor and Director at Large with the Regional District of North Okanagan. “It underscores the importance of supporting institutions like the Caetani Centre that contribute meaningfully to cultural tourism and creative economies throughout British Columbia.”

Caetani Centre Fundraising Gala – April 10, 2026

Presented by the Dennis O’Rourke Foundation, the Recapitulation Reunited Gala and Fundraiser will take place within the exhibition itself on April 10 at the Coldstream Community Hall. The elegant black-tie evening includes a red carpet entry, Prosecco reception, a plated meal, live entertainment, select auction of curated experiences and special presentations on the artistic legacy of Sveva Caetani and the ongoing arts and cultural programming of the Caetani Centre.

Guests can purchase tickets for the Recapitulation Reunited Gala through the TicketSeller at: <https://www.ticketseller.ca/tickets/event/recapitulation-reunited-gala-dinner>

Tickets are:

- \$210/person (\$80 tax receipt)
- \$1,500/table of 8 (\$620 tax receipt)

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Public Access and Guided Tours – April 3–11, 2026

Visitors can view the *Recapitulation Reunited* exhibition at the Coldstream Community Hall from April 3-11 (excluding April 10) from 12 to 4 PM. Admission is by donation. School groups and other organizations can also book a group tour during the day between April 7 and 9. Led by an interpreter, the tours provide insight into Caetani's symbolism and historical context. This Canadian artist exhibition in the Okanagan offers audiences a rare chance to encounter the complete works in one location, and learn the fascinating stories behind the stunning artwork.

To book a tour, please contact: programs@caetani.org.

Correlating Exhibition: *Her World*

A correlating exhibition, *Her World: Artwork Inspired by Sveva Caetani*, will run March 19 – April 8, 2026 in the Caetani Gallery at the Caetani Cultural Centre, 3401 Pleasant Valley Rd, Vernon BC. Featuring 17 local artists, this complementary Okanagan art exhibition celebrates Caetani's enduring influence. An opening reception will be held March 20 from 5–7 PM.

Visit www.caetani.org for more information.

About Sveva Caetani and the Caetani Centre

The daughter of Leone Caetani, Prince of Teano and Duke of Sermoneta, Sveva Caetani (1917–1994) was born in Rome and immigrated to Vernon BC, Canada with her parents in 1921.

After years of isolation following her father's death, she later attended the University of Victoria and became an art teacher in the North Okanagan. Her monumental watercolour series, *Recapitulation*, consisting of 47 scenes comprising 60 paintings, remains one of the defining works in Canadian autobiographical art.

Today, the Caetani Centre operates on the property that Sveva Caetani called home for more than 70 years. Operated by the Caetani Cultural Centre Society and owned by the City of Vernon, the Caetani Centre continues to preserve Sveva's legacy through exhibitions, residencies, public programming and events, contributing significantly to the regional and provincial arts and cultural landscape.



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1. Sveva Caetani with her Recapitulation paintings, *Crucifixion for the 20th Century, 1982*, (left) and *Faust in Utero, 1986*.
2. Sveva Caetani portrait photographed by Heidi Thompson
3. Sveva Caetani's Recapitulation exhibition at the MAXXI Museum in Rome, Italy.
4. Sveva Caetani painting, *Their World*, from the Recapitulation series painted in 1982.