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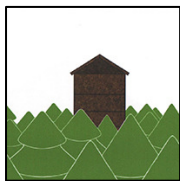
### **Finalists Selected for Monument: Italian Canadian War Stories**

**Columbus Centre holds public presentation to announce three contenders for monument commemorating Italian Canadian immigrants**

**April 2, 2013 Toronto, ON** – Columbus Centre is pleased to announce the selection of the three finalists for its new project, *Monument: Italian Canadian War Stories*.

A public presentation will be held onsite in which the finalists will present their concepts. The final, winning submission will be selected by a five-member Selection Committee.

#### **Participating artists:**



Stephen Cruise (Willowdale, ON)



Timothy P. Schmalz (Kitchener, ON)



HV Studio/ De Luca Fine Art Gallery (Toronto, ON)

**Date:** Monday, April 22, 2013

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Carrier Gallery, Columbus Centre

\*Open to the public. Free of charge\*

The *Monument: Italian Canadian War Stories* project is an original-commissioned work to be installed on the Villa Charities campus, specifically in the Villa Colombo gardens. The monument/work of art will explore the struggles and successes of the Italian Canadian immigrant story and the Italian Canadian internment history. The work may also consider the larger context exploring citizenship rights/responsibilities, intra-community dialogue, and modern identity and democracy. The project is slated to be completed by June 2013.

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