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**MIGUEL BARCELÓ: SPANISH PAINTING TODAY**  
**AT THE MUSÉE D'ART CONTEMPORAIN DE MONTRÉAL**

Montréal, February 17, 1988. The Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal will present a Canadian first, the exhibition Miguel Barceló, Recent Paintings, from February 24 to May 22. Through a series of paintings produced between 1985 and 1987, the exhibition offers visitors a unique opportunity to become acquainted with the rich work of one of the most significant figures in contemporary Spanish painting.

According to the curator in charge of the exhibition, Réal Lussier, "Miguel Barceló is probably one of the Spanish artists with the most astonishing and dazzling of careers. With its sure, original technique, his painting combines an apparent naïveté with great culture. All of his work reflects his interest in painting as a material, in perspective, in light and in cultural influences."

Barceló's painting is self-referential, in its material, colour, composition and history. Applying numerous techniques and seemingly different styles, the artist perpetually rediscovers his favourite themes of still life, landscape and self-portrait.

The exhibition Miguel Barceló, Recent Paintings, organized by the Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal, aims both to trace the path of the artist in recent years and to indicate the vitality of Spanish art today.

The exhibition is accompanied by a catalogue, which will be available a few days after the exhibition is inaugurated.

In addition, the public is invited to meet the artist at the Musée, on Sunday February 28 at 2 p.m.

The Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal is open Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Musée offers a shuttle bus service from the McGill and Bonaventure metro stations, which runs daily between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. For information, call (514) 873-2878.

The Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal, the only institution of its kind in Canada, is recognized as a national museum by the Québec National Museums Act, and is an associate museum under the National Museums of Canada museum assistance programmes.

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