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# Calgary artist Paul Van Ginkel opens gallery in Inglewood

Equine Tsunami masterpiece work listed at \$49,000

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Artist Paul Van Ginkel at his new gallery and workshop in Inglewood. Photograph by: Leah Hennel, Calgary Herald

CALGARY — For the past seven years, artist Paul Van Ginkel has operated his gallery out of his elegantly rustic Springbank home.

But recently he decided to move his pieces of work out of his home into a retail space.

"I targeted Inglewood because I just love the character. Oldest, most colourful neighbourhood in the city. Real eclectic from old antique stores right next door to us to the state-of-the-art buildings and everything in between. Restaurants. Just a great vibe," says Van Ginkel.

The gallery was damaged by the recent flood but it will be back in action and ready for the beginning of the annual Stampede on Friday.

Van Ginkel was looking around for space and one day drove up in front of 1312A 9th Ave. S.E. There was a sign in the window that the space was for lease — a space right beside iconic food establishment Spolumbo's.

"I looked in the window and thought this would be perfect because in the back I could have my studio and in the front I could have a showroom."

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The Van Ginkel Art Gallery in Inglewood was born that day. The showroom has about 1,100 square feet on the top floor. The basement is Van Ginkel's studio and workshop.

Van Ginkel is well-known for his western art with a strong influence on natives, cowboys and horses. His latest masterpiece is a depiction of the Calgary Stampede's Trail 2000 when they moved a herd of horses across the Red Deer River. There's at least 125 horses in the painting called Equine Tsunami. It's 60 inches by 80 inches oil on canvas which is selling for \$49,000.

His original pieces start in price at about \$2,000. The average painting is between \$7,000 to \$10,000.

Although he's known for his western work, Van Ginkel also does a lot of dance themes and figurative work.

The gallery officially opened its doors on April 23.

Van Ginkel will have about 35 to 40 pieces of his work on display in the gallery.

His wife Kristin is the gallery director.

Their Springbank home was designed so he could have a home gallery. In seven years, Van Ginkel hosted about 20 private exhibitions in that space.

"We want to have a public gallery so my work is more accessible. We could have more public shows and far more functions and be in a really good part of town," he says.

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Van Ginkel Art Gallery

Description: Art gallery featuring paintings of local artist Paul Van Ginkel

Owner: Paul Van Ginkel

Established: Inglewood location opened in April

Location: 1312A 9th Ave. S.E.

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