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Textile Museum of Canada exhibits Feature Exhibition in this year's CONTACT Photography Festival

TORONTO, April 25, 2011– This Spring, the Textile Museum of Canada will present *Loop: Peter Wilkins*, a feature exhibition in the 2011 Scotiabank CONTACT Photography Festival. On for a limited time, *Loop* features a selection of large scale works by Newfoundland-based artist Peter Wilkins and will run from April 29 to June 12, 2011.

In this series, Wilkins uses photography and the moving image to investigate Toronto's built environment. An examination of how pattern relates to urban planning, each piece uses images of iconic Toronto skylines to create repetitive geometric patterns. Photographs of the city's urban landscape are repeated and reflected as multiple versions of the original are configured into a grid. Although based in photography, the iterative process applied to each image results in a textile-like design and compels the viewer to closely inspect the structure within it in an attempt to identify its context.

Loop is curated by Dr. Shauna McCabe, the Textile Museum of Canada's executive director and is the first exhibition she has curated at the TMC since arriving in July 2010. Currently celebrating its 35th anniversary with the theme "TEXTILEcity", the TMC is engaging in a series of projects that relate the institution to Toronto's built and cultural landscapes. By connecting the viewer to the city, *Loop* is one project through which the TMC is establishing that relationship.

About the Artist

Best known for his Kinetic Portraits of 12 Canadian Writers, Wilkins is based in Newfoundland. Wilkins' kinetic portraits were originally exhibited at The Rooms Provincial Art Gallery in 2007 and were purchased by the Portrait Gallery of Canada in 2008. Currently, Wilkins is working on a range of group portraits as the artist-in-residence at Memorial University. His work is held in both public and private collections across Canada and internationally.

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Museum Hours

Open 7 days a week 11 am – 5 pm
Wednesdays 11 am – 8 pm