VICTORIA, BC — Tomorrow morning, the media and the community are invited to join Mayor Dean Fortin, Poet Laureate Linda Rogers, the Art in Public Places Advisory Committee Chair Jon Tupper, and local artist Tyler Hodgins for the official opening of the Glass Half Full, a new “playful” public artwork to enhance Holland Point Park.

What: Official Opening of the Glass Half Full Playful Public Artwork
When: Friday, August 19, 2011 from 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Where: Holland Point Park, near the Harrison Yacht Pond (between Government and South Turner Streets)

The Glass Half Full public artwork consists of two sculptures which take their form from the image of a straw resting in a glass of water. The two glasses and straws are made of polished stainless steel, with one straw painted red and the other blue. Each straw’s image is refracted at an imaginary water line. The two sculptures sit on raised “coasters” made from cast recycled rubber material which fully meets Canadian Safety Association playground safety standards. Chimes emanate from each turntable base when the artwork is spun.

This interactive art piece was one of three submissions shortlisted from 12 applications in a two-stage jury competition. The “Call to Artists” took place last August and was open to artists residing on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

Linda Rogers will read an original poem that she wrote in dedication to the artwork which appears on a nearby plaque. Media will have the opportunity to interview Tyler Hodgins. Children from the James Bay Community School summer camp will be in attendance to enjoy the new art piece.

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