



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011

Architectural photographer captures PRHC's unique character
European student selects hospital for thesis project on modern Canadian architecture

In August 2011, European photography student Thomas Lewandovski made a stop in Peterborough as part of a national tour for his thesis on modern Canadian architecture.

Lewandovski studies photography at the Burg Giebichenstein University of Art in Halle (Saale), Germany. In order to bring his "**Made in Canada**" project to fruition, he spent three months in Canada this year, during which time he travelled from Quebec to British Columbia to capture images of more than 50 modern architectural sites – including the Peterborough Regional Health Centre.

With assistance from Heritage Canada, Lewandovski established communications in advance with the institutions he wanted to photograph. Upon arrival at each location, he relied on their cooperation to gain access to the structures for his shoots.

"In Europe, we don't study North American architecture very much, but I'm hoping my work will create interest and knowledge about modern architecture here," said Lewandovski during the PRHC shoot, which spanned several hours over the late afternoon and early evening.

Lewandovski selected two Peterborough sites to feature in his work: PRHC and Trent University's Athletics building. He continued travelling across Canada for several more weeks before returning to Germany in October. By November, was finally able to sort through and catalogue the thousands of photographs he had taken, and he kindly forwarded his PRHC collection to us.

"**Made In Canada**" will ultimately be published as a book – what Lewandovski calls "a photographic guide to contemporary Canadian architecture." Publication is scheduled for autumn 2012; this will be the first book of its kind in Germany.

The project requires an enormous personal investment of both time and money, and Lewandovski invites anyone who supports his work to visit his web portfolio at www.lewandovski.com and to contact him directly if they wish to make a contribution toward his work.

-30-

Sample photos attached to this release. High-resolution images available for publication on request.

For more information:

Michelene Ough
Communications Advisor
705-743-2121 x. 3659
mough@prhc.on.ca









