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**Vancouver Art Gallery Announces Bruce Munro Wright as  
New Chair of Board of Trustees at 2012 AGM**  
Gallery Meets Fiscal Year Budget and  
Addresses Previous Year's Operating Deficit

VANCOUVER—Vancouver lawyer, philanthropist, collector and cultural leader Bruce Munro Wright was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees of the Vancouver Art Gallery as the organization's new Board Chair following the 2012 Annual General Meeting held November 14th. He succeeds longtime Gallery Chair George Killy, who will assume the role of Chair Emeritus for the not-for-profit organization.

Mr. Wright is the managing partner of the Vancouver office of Goodmans LLP, where he practices corporate and securities law. He is a Past Chair of the Vancouver Opera and currently chairs the Vancouver Opera Foundation, as well as the foundation of Frontier College, a national literacy organization. He also serves in board leadership positions for Health Arts Societies across Canada, charities providing professional performing arts programs for residents in health care facilities. Mr. Wright was elected to the Gallery's Board of Trustees in 2011.

"I'm very pleased and honoured to take on a leadership role at this prestigious institution at this exciting time in its history," said new Board Chair Bruce Wright. "And as we look to the City's pending confirmation of the site for our new Gallery in the new year, there is much more growth in store for this dynamic organization."

The Gallery also reported an operating budget of just under \$13.2 million for its 2011-2012 fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, with revenue exceeding expenses by \$336,954. The additional funds will be used to offset the Gallery's operating deficit of \$886,080 from the previous fiscal year.

"This marks a return by this 81-year-old organization to our longstanding track record of financial stability," said Kathleen Bartels, Director of the Vancouver Art Gallery. "Thanks to our many corporate, foundation, government and individual supporters, as well as a truly exceptional exhibition and education program attended by our many visitors, the Gallery witnessed a remarkable year."

Other new appointed members of the Board of Trustees include Sherry Killam and Lisa Turner of Vancouver. The Vancouver Art Gallery's volunteer Board includes community, cultural and business leaders from Vancouver and across Canada.

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