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Vancouver Art Gallery Appoints Ann Webb as Associate Director, Director of Engagement & Strategic Initiatives

Position oversees innovative projects, digital strategy
and a new performance art program for the new Vancouver Art Gallery



September 15, 2016, Vancouver, BC – The Vancouver Art Gallery is pleased to announce the appointment of Ann Webb as the Gallery’s Associate Director, Director of Engagement & Strategic Initiatives.

With nearly three decades of experience as a leading figure in the Canadian cultural sector, Ann Webb is widely recognized as a community builder and influencer in the international arts and culture industry. Webb’s impressive background includes her most recent position as the Managing Director of Contemporary Culture, Royal Ontario Museum, where she presented the Vancouver Art Gallery’s enormously popular exhibition *Douglas Coupland: everywhere is anywhere is anything is everything*, organized the annual Eva Holtby Lecture on Contemporary Culture, and planned the forthcoming exhibition *Isaac Julien: Other Destinies* among other dynamic projects. Her distinguished career also includes Executive Director and CEO of the Canadian Art Foundation and Publisher, Canadian Art Magazine where she founded the renowned Reel Artists Film Festival. In addition, she has held positions with the Canadian Opera Company and the Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery in Toronto. Webb also has extensive experience in fundraising, most notably as Vice President and Managing Partner at Anne Moore & Associates Fundraising Consultants for seven years. Webb has participated in numerous leadership programs, such as the noted International Leadership Program in Visual Arts Management by New York University, Deusto University and the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao.

“At this extraordinary time in the Gallery’s history when we are experiencing unprecedented institutional growth, we are very fortunate to have attracted someone of Ann’s calibre to join the Vancouver Art Gallery leadership team. She has key international relationships with corporations, collectors, philanthropists, museum professionals, artists and curators which will serve the Gallery well,” said Kathleen S. Bartels, Director of the Vancouver Art Gallery. “Ann will work on a number of special initiatives, including strategic national and international fundraising and will be instrumental in creating innovative programs for the new Vancouver Art

Gallery including the development of a performance art program, targeted acquisitions and an overall digital plan".

As the Associate Director, Director of Engagement & Strategic Initiatives, Ann Webb will also oversee the Marketing, Communication & Public Affairs and Education & Public Programs departments.

Ann Webb will begin her tenure at the Gallery on October 11th.

About the Vancouver Art Gallery

Founded in 1931, the Vancouver Art Gallery is recognized as one of the most respected and innovative visual arts institutions in Canada and is committed to strengthening ties between artists and diverse communities throughout the city, province, and beyond. As the largest public art museum in Western Canada, the Gallery features contemporary and historical exhibitions all year round, and provides a global platform for British Columbia's dynamic artistic community, including the work of First Nations as well as art of the Asian Pacific artists. Its growing collection of over 12,000 artworks represents the most comprehensive resource for art in British Columbia and is the principal repository for visual art produced in the region, as well as related works by other notable Canadian and international artists. www.vanartgallery.bc.ca

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