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THE MANITOBA ARTS COUNCIL WELCOMES NEWLY APPOINTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

Winnipeg, Manitoba. July 4, 2017. The Manitoba Arts Council would like to welcome the new members appointed to its Council.

Welcome to Elizabeth Gornik (Winnipeg), Dr. Leanne Zacharias (Brandon), Kathy Moscou (Brandon), Josée Thériberge (Winnipeg), Bonnie White (The Pas), Janeen Junson (Winnipeg), Lewis Rosenberg (Winnipeg), and Lesia Szwaluk (Winnipeg). The Manitoba Arts Council looks forward to working with continuing Council members Yisa Akinbolaji (Winnipeg), Tricia Penner (Winnipeg), David Roberts (Winnipeg), Gurpreet Sehra (Winnipeg), and Sharron Curry Wiens (Morden).

MAC would also like to welcome and congratulate Roberta Christianson (Winnipeg) and Scott Baldwin (Winnipeg), who have been appointed to the position of Chair and Vice-Chair respectively.

"I look forward to working with our new Council," said Akoulina Connell, CEO of the Manitoba Arts Council. "I would like to thank the outgoing Council members for their years of service and their hard work in successfully delivering our new strategic plan and in developing our new program structure, streamlining our 54 programs to six."

The Council of the Manitoba Arts Council has 15 members. They are appointed for a term by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and they are responsible for developing policy and approving the expenditure of funds that support the Manitoba Arts Council's mandate and reflect the public trust.

Read the Order in Council:

<http://oic.gov.mb.ca/OICDocs/2017/06/Sport,%20Culture%20and%20Heritage.170628.Arts%20Council%20Act.1712017.pdf>

ABOUT THE MANITOBA ARTS COUNCIL

The Manitoba Arts Council is an arm's-length agency of the Province of Manitoba, established in 1965 "to promote the study, enjoyment, production and performance of works in the arts." The Council makes awards to professional arts organizations and individuals in all art forms including theatre, literature, music, painting, sculpture, architecture or the graphic arts, and includes other similar creative or interpretative activity, including arts education. The Council uses a peer assessment process in making awards. Historically, the main criterion used to assess application is artistic excellence. Learn more about the Manitoba Arts Council: www.artscouncil.mb.ca

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