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## **\$10,000 Awards for Emerging Ceramic and Glass Artists!**

WATERLOO (ONTARIO) CANADA • May 20, 2015: The Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery is calling for submissions to the 2015 RBC Award for Glass and Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics.

These prestigious national awards allow practising early career ceramic and glass artists to undertake a period of independent research, or other activities that advance their artistic and professional practice. The winner of each Award will receive \$10,000. The selection is made by a jury comprised of respected contemporary glass and ceramic artists and other arts professionals. Winners will be celebrated and the awards presented at a gala event in Waterloo Ontario on November 14, 2015.

To be eligible for the Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics or the RBC Award for Glass, artists must be Canadian citizens or have Permanent Resident status. They must have developed skills through training and/or practice in the field (not necessarily in academic institutions) and be recognized by other artists working in the same artistic tradition. Successful candidates seek payment for their work and actively practice their art. All applicants have maintained a professional practice for no more than 10 years prior to the date of application.

Guidelines for the Awards have been updated this year in order to simplify the application process and to encourage more applications from emerging artists at every level. To download the complete guidelines for the RBC Award for Glass or the Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics, visit [www.theclayandglass.ca/awards](http://www.theclayandglass.ca/awards). In order to be considered, applications for either award must be received electronically by September 14, 2015.

The RBC Award for Glass is supported by RBC as part of the RBC Emerging Artists Project. The Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics is supported by the Keith and Winifred Shantz Fund for the Arts, held at The Kitchener and Waterloo Community Foundation.

Past recipients of both awards truly represent the best of the emerging ceramic and glass artists in Canada. Christopher Reid Flock of Hamilton, Ontario was the winner of the 2014 Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics. Cheryl Wilson Smith of Red Lake, Ontario was the winner of the 2014 RBC Award for Glass.

For additional information, contact Sheila McMath, Curator at [curator@canadianclayandglass.ca](mailto:curator@canadianclayandglass.ca)

**About Winifred Shantz:** The late Winifred Shantz was a driving force for the arts in Waterloo Region for more than 40 years. A successful ceramist, entrepreneur and visionary philanthropist, she was committed to finding ways to enable artists to reach their full potential.

**About RBC:** RBC recognizes the role the arts play in vibrant communities and strong economies, and that enabling the next generation of artists to succeed is essential to continued vitality. From visual arts and music, to performing arts, writing and filmmaking, investing in emerging artists is a long-standing priority at RBC.

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The Gallery is located at 25 Caroline Street North in Waterloo, Ontario. It is open Monday to Friday, from 11 am to 6 pm, Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm, and Sundays 1 to 5 pm. **Admission is always free.**