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\$10,000 Award for Emerging Ceramic Artist!

WATERLOO (ONTARIO) CANADA • July 18, 2018: The Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery is calling for submissions to the 2018 Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics.

This prestigious national award allows practising early career ceramic artists to undertake a period of independent research, or other activities that advance their artistic and professional practice. The winner of the Award will receive \$10,000. The selection is made by a jury comprised of respected contemporary ceramic artists and other arts professionals. The winner will be celebrated and the award presented at a ceremony in Waterloo, Ontario on Saturday, December 1, 2018.

To be eligible for the Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics, 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.

To download the complete guidelines for the Award, visit www.theclayandglass.ca/awards. In order to be considered, applications for the award must be received electronically by **11:59 p.m. on Monday, September 24, 2018**.

The Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics is supported by the Keith and Winifred Shantz Fund for the Arts, held at Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation.

Past recipients of the award truly represent the best of the emerging ceramic artists in Canada. Zimra Beiner of Toronto, Ontario was the winner of the 2017 Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics.

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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 Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation: Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation (KWCF) enables people, companies and organizations to do more good by making it easy for fundholders to give and for charities to receive money. When you make a donation to KWCF, they invest that gift into a permanent endowment fund which generates income that is then distributed through grants to support a wide range of charitable causes within our community. As a leading community-building organization in Waterloo Region, KWCF is focused on collaborating with partners to identify and meet current and future needs of our community, by enabling social capital and developing creative forward-thinking innovative solutions for place-based philanthropy.