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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTED**

WATERLOO (ONTARIO) CANADA. August 23, 2011: The Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery recently embarked on a search for a new permanent Executive Director. The search process was initiated in January with the forming of a search committee comprised of Gallery staff, members of the Board of Directors, as well as community leaders in the Arts and Culture sector. After attracting applications from all across Canada, as well as from the United States, Europe and Asia, The Clay & Glass is pleased to announce the appointment of William D. Poole as the new Executive Director.

William (Bill) Poole has worked in the cultural sector for over 35 years. He served as Assistant General Manager of the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake from 1973 to 1976 and spent the next five years as Director of Development for The National Ballet of Canada. He then spent eight years (1982 to 1989) as Administrative Director and Academic Principal of Canada's National Ballet School, during which time he had lead management responsibility for building, funding and opening The Betty Oliphant Theatre which is located on Jarvis Street, in mid-town Toronto.

In January 1990, Bill was appointed Director of the Centre for Cultural Management at the University of Waterloo (UW), and remained in that position until May 2010. While at UW he was responsible for initiating and co-ordinating projects aimed at strengthening management and governance in the cultural sector. One such project was [manageculture.com](http://manageculture.com), which offers online professional development courses leading to Certificates of Completion or Specialist Diplomas for arts and heritage managers. Bill was also responsible for UW's undergraduate Cultural Management Specialization in which students pursue an Honours B.A., on a co-operative education basis, over a period of four and two-thirds years.

In June 2010, Bill was appointed Interim Executive Director of the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery, a position he held until his appointment as permanent Executive Director.

As a volunteer Bill is past Chair of Ontario's Municipal Cultural Planning Partnership (MCP) and now serves as Secretary on the founding board of Municipal Cultural Planning Incorporated (MCPI). He is also past Chair of the City of Waterloo's Advisory Committee on Culture, and its precursor, the Cultural Development Committee. He is a past Chair of the City of Kitchener's Centre in the Square and served as a member of Kitchener's Arts & Culture Advisory Committee for two years (2007 and 2008). Bill currently serves on the boards of Studio180 Theatre Company and eyeGO to the Arts, which he Chairs. In December 2008, Bill was appointed to the Minister's Advisory Council for Arts and Culture (MACAC) in Ontario, for a three-year term. Bill was also a founding Member of the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund.

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The Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery fosters interaction among artworks, artists, and community and is recognized nationally for its critically acclaimed exhibitions of regional, national, and international artists. The Gallery offers lectures, classes, workshops, tours, and houses an ever-expanding collection of historical and contemporary Canadian ceramic, glass and enamel art, conserving and promoting a rich and active component of Canada's rich cultural heritage. Our award winning architecture, outstanding exhibitions and programs have placed The Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery at the forefront of contemporary art experience.

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

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