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WATERLOO (ONTARIO) CANADA • April 30, 2013: The Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery is calling for submissions to the 2013 Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics and RBC Award for Glass.

These prestigious national awards allow practicing early career ceramic and glass artists to undertake a period of independent research, or other activities that advance their artistic and professional practice at a key moment in their careers. Award winners receive \$10,000 and a second prize of \$1,000 is also granted. The Selection Committee is comprised of highly respected contemporary glass and ceramic artists (both sculptural and functional) and other arts professionals. Winners will be announced and the awards presented at a gala event on November 9, 2013.

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 have a history of professional public presentations and publications, seek payment for their work, and actively practice their art. All applicants have maintained an independent professional practice for at least two to a maximum of ten years prior to their application.

To download the complete guidelines for the Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics or the RBC Award for Glass, visit [www.theclayandglass.ca/awards](http://www.theclayandglass.ca/awards). In order to be considered, applications for either award must be received electronically or postmarked by Friday, September 20, 2013.

Past recipients of both awards truly represent the best of the emerging ceramic and glass artists in Canada. Eliza Au of Richmond, British Columbia was the winner of the 2012 Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics. Benjamin Kikkert of Toronto, Ontario was the winner of the 2012 RBC Award for Glass.

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Presentation of these awards is made possible through ongoing partnerships between the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery and both the Estate of Winifred Shantz and RBC Foundation.

**About Winifred Shantz:** 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 knew the importance of learning the business side of being an artist.

**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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With an emphasis on supporting the work of Canadian ceramic and glass artists, the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery presents exhibitions that challenge ideas and perceptions of the definitions of art, craft and design today. The Gallery's public programs offer multiple pathways for engagement with contemporary artworks and art-making practices. The Gallery Shop is recognized on its own merits as a fine craft gallery, showing the best of Canadian ceramic and glass work. Housing a collection of historical and contemporary Canadian ceramic, glass and enamel art, the Gallery is proud to conserve and promote an active component of Canada's rich cultural heritage.

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 from 1 to 5 pm. **Admission is always free.**