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The Clay & Glass Announces the Winner of the 2018 Winifred Shantz Award

WATERLOO (ONTARIO) CANADA. October 31, 2018: The Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery is pleased to announce that Lindsay Montgomery of Toronto, Ontario has won the 2018 Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics.

The winner will be celebrated and the award presented at the Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery on Saturday, December 1 at 7:30pm. The ceremony will feature brief artist talks by Montgomery as well as Janet Macpherson, who won the Award in 2013. The ceremony will be accompanied by a performance from the Penderecki String Quartet to close out the Gallery's 25th Anniversary Year celebrations.

The Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics is supported by The Keith and Winifred Shantz Fund for the Arts, held at the Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation. This prestigious \$10,000 award allows practising early career ceramic artists to undertake a period of independent research, or other activities that advance their artistic and professional practice.

Lindsay Montgomery works across a variety of media including ceramics, painting and puppetry to create narrative videos, performances and objects. Her work is focused on creating personal mythologies that address a wide range of topics and issues including death and mysticism, family dynamics, and evolving modes of power. She earned a BFA from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, and received her MFA from the University of Minnesota. Her work has been exhibited in Canada and internationally with exhibitions at The Gardiner Museum for Ceramics, The Archie Bray Foundation, and The National Conference on Education in the Ceramic Arts. She is the recipient of numerous awards including The Helen Copeland Memorial Award, The Joyce Carlyle Memorial Scholarship in the Crafts Endowment, and an individual project grant from The Canada Council for the Arts. She lives and works in Toronto and Montreal and currently teaches at Concordia University.

Lindsay Montgomery plans to participate in an intensive artist residency in the spring of 2019 at Medalta, an industrial contemporary ceramic arts facility, art gallery and community hub in Medicine Hat, Alberta. Medalta's facilities offer Montgomery the chance to develop her *Neo-Istoriato* series on a larger scale not possible in her own studio. The Shantz Award will extend Montgomery's grand prize one-month residency at Medalta into an immersive twelve-week residency which includes teaching workshops alongside research and exploration dedicated to earthenware technologies.

The 2018 Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics was juried by Dr. Rachel Gotlieb, Gloria Hickey and Paul Mathieu.

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.

Learn more about the Awards at www.theclayandglass.ca/awards

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With an emphasis on supporting the work of Canadian ceramic and glass artists, the Canadian Clay & 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.

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