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WATERLOO (ONTARIO) CANADA, October 21, 2020: The Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery is pleased to share that Denis Longchamps, Executive Director and Curator of the Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery has been named the 2020 recipient of Craft Ontario's John and Barbara Mather Award for Lifetime Achievement!

Presented annually, the John and Barbara Mather Award for Lifetime Achievement is awarded to an individual or group who "displayed exceptional commitment to the further development of craft in Ontario and throughout Canada." Award recipients are truly outstanding members of Ontario's craft community who have supported the furthering of craft arts. This award is "one of the highest markers of exceptional commitment to the development of craft in Ontario.

As Emma Quin, Executive Director of the Textile Museum of Canada, stated in her nomination statement, "Dr. Denis Longchamps has been a supporter and collector of craft since his early 20's ... Through his 20+ year career supporting and advocating for craft, Denis has been unwavering in his commitment." Quin continues, "Throughout his curatorial work, teaching, writing, advocating, and mentorship, he has made outstanding contributions to Ontario and Canada's craft scene, contributions that deserve significant recognition."

Denis will receive the Mather Award during a Zoom event in conversation with Virginia Eichhorn. The event will take place November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 7-8pm. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.craftontario.com/membership-programs/awards/craft-awards-ceremony.html>

To schedule a media interview, or for more information, contact Denis Longchamps, Executive Director and Curator, at 519-746-1882 ext. 231 or [director@theclayandglass.ca](mailto:director@theclayandglass.ca).

### About the Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery

All exhibitions at The Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery are always free to the public and are made possible by the Canada Council for the Arts, the Ontario Arts Council, the City of Waterloo, and the Keith and Winifred Shantz Fund for the Arts held at Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation. Our exhibitions feature nationally and internationally recognized artists who work in ceramics, glass, and copper enameling. For more information, visit [www.theclayandglass.ca](http://www.theclayandglass.ca).

**Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery – Musée canadien de l'argile et du verre**

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