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Denis Longchamps Receives the Barbara A. Tyler Award in Museum Leadership from The Canadian Museum Association!

WATERLOO (ONTARIO) CANADA, April 26th, 2023:

The Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery is excited to announce that our Executive Director & Chief Curator, Denis Longchamps, is the 2023 recipient of the Barbara A. Tyler Award for Museum Leadership! This honour from the Canadian Museum Association (CMA) is presented every two years and recognizes excellence within the Canadian museum community for leadership, engagement, and the pursuit of a positive impact. Denis accepted the award at the CMA Awards Ceremony earlier this afternoon. He will receive a certificate and a \$1000 gift to support a protégé of his choosing in building their leadership capacity.

Denis was nominated by Peter Flannery, Curator & Collections Manager at the Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery, with support from colleagues at the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery and Woodstock Art Gallery.

“Through Denis’ leadership, vision, and national and international connections, he has brought the Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery to a high standard of excellence. Reinvigorating its operations and community networks, and building new partnerships, the Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery has certainly reached its mandate as a national institution for ceramics, glass, and vitreous enamelling. [...] Through his kind leadership and passionate belief in the institution as well as its staff and volunteers, the Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery continues its trajectory of growth, imaginative engagement with its community, and stability both now and in the years to come.”

– Peter Flannery, Curator & Collections Manager



“I am humbled on receiving the 2023 Barbara A. Tyler Award in Museum Leadership, and I wish to thank the jury of my peers for this honour as well as the colleagues who nominated me. It is such a privilege to be recognized by the Canadian Museum Association for my efforts to reinvigorate the Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery over the past 5 years and for my work advocating for craft arts across Canada throughout my career.”

– Denis Longchamps, Executive Director & Chief Curator

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ABOUT THE CANADIAN CLAY & GLASS GALLERY

The Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery is a long-standing site of excellence and a destination for contemporary art for international tourists and regional citizens. We present critically acclaimed exhibitions that challenge ideas and perceptions of the definitions of art, craft and design today. The Gallery is a relevant and dynamic cultural organization providing supportive education programs to people from across the region. Using exhibitions as a starting point, individuals develop arts vocabulary and appreciation and cultivate confidence in their interpretation of contemporary artworks. For more information, visit: <https://www.theclayandglass.ca/>

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