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CCGG Increases Prizes for Annual Awards in Ceramics and Glass!

WATERLOO (ONTARIO) CANADA, November 21, 2023 – The Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery is thrilled to announce that our annual awards for emerging artists, the **RBC Award for Glass** and **Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics** will offer increased prizes totaling up to **\$36,000!** Each award will include a top prize of \$10,000 for the winner to pursue independent research, residencies, or other activities to advance their artistic and professional practice. Starting in 2024, each award will also offer a runner-up prize of \$5,000 and provide up to three finalists for each award \$1,000. Through these additional prize amounts, the RBC Award for Glass and Winifred Shantz Award for ceramics will provide more support to emerging artists at a critical point in their careers.

Applications for both awards are now being accepted. Submissions for the [RBC Award for Glass](#) are due online by January 14, 2024, at 11:59pm EST. Applications for the [Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics](#) can also be submitted online, no later than January 21, 2024, at 11:59pm EST.

“We are so pleased to be able to present the Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics and the RBC Award for Glass each year,” stated Denis Longchamps, Executive Director & Chief Curator. “These awards are central to our mission to support Canadian talents in ceramics, glass, and enamelling by ensuring emerging artists receive the assistance they need to launch their careers. We are grateful to our funders for their continued support that makes these awards possible.”

Presented each year through partnerships with RBC Foundation and The Keith & Winifred Shantz Fund for the Arts held at Waterloo Region Community Foundation respectively, the RBC Award for Glass and Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics are the only awards of their kind in Canada. The winners and finalists of both awards will also be included in *Emergence 2024*, an exhibition at the Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery from May to September 2024. For more information about our awards and our supporters, visit our website.

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ABOUT THE CANADIAN CLAY & GLASS GALLERY

The Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery is an award-winning, national institution based in Waterloo Region celebrating the art and craft of clay, glass, and enamel. As a dynamic cultural organization, we continue to amplify diverse stories — opening dialogue and inspiring social change. Through exhibitions that address issues relevant to our times, an impressive selection of works in our Gallery Shop, and intriguing public programs that engage, educate, and excite — we are accessible to all. For more information, visit: www.theclayandglass.ca

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