

Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery Supports Educational Programs Thanks to \$112,200 OTF Grants from Ontario Government

Waterloo, ON – On Thursday, local MPP Catherine Fife was at the Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery (CCGG) as they announced their support for a wide range of education and public programs in their local community. This support was made possible thanks to \$112,200 in funding they received through two grants from the provincial government's Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). The funds will enable the Gallery to develop our existing programs and pilot new ones, in order to reach more children and families in our community with accessible and exciting arts programming.

"For more than 30 years, The Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery has helped us appreciate clay, glass, and enamel artwork, and we have celebrated the people who create it," said Catherine Fife, MPP for Waterloo. "Despite challenging financial times, I'm relieved that the province continues to see cultural and economic value of the creative economy. Because of provincial support, everyone can experience this wonderful public space in exciting new ways."

In June 2024, the Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery was awarded a \$28,500 Capital grant to fund the purchase of equipment supporting classroom programs and which improved visitor experience at the Gallery. This purchase of stools and updated furniture for their Family Centre will allow CCGG's space to be more accessible to a wider range of visitors.

The Gallery was also awarded an \$83,700 Seed grant which is now supporting new programs for families through additional staffing and a pilot program providing free, hands-on activities for children in their Family Art Cart program on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Additional workshops and classes for children—including school and community groups—will also be supported through this grant.

"We are so grateful for the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation for both of these projects," said Denis Longchamps, Executive Director and Chief Curator of the Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery. "Admission is always free at the CCGG, so this funding will enable all members of our community to access free and affordable arts programs."

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: www.theclayandglass.ca. For more information about our upcoming Family Art Cart programs, visit www.theclayandglass.ca/programs-and-events/family-art-cart

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