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## **The Hnatyshyn Foundation, Harrison McCain Foundation and The Banff Centre announce Emerging Atlantic Artist Residency**

OTTAWA/BANFF/FLORENCEVILLE,NB, 7 November 2015 – Thanks to the generous support of the Harrison McCain Foundation, The Banff Centre and The Hnatyshyn Foundation are helping to strengthen cultural connections between eastern and western Canada with a new creative residency for emerging visual artists. Valued at \$30,000 each (with a commitment for three years), the Emerging Atlantic Canada Artist Residency is the first of its kind in Canada and will give one Atlantic artist per year the opportunity to explore, expand, and develop their practice during an eight-week, self-directed residency at The Banff Centre.

*“As champions of professional and artistic development, The Banff Centre is honoured to work with the Harrison McCain Foundation and the Hnatyshyn Foundation to bring exceptional visual artists from Atlantic Canada to The Banff Centre,”* said **Jen Mizuik, Director of Visual + Digital Arts at The Banff Centre**. *“We look forward to celebrating the wealth of talent and creativity that Atlantic artists have to offer through the Emerging Atlantic Artist Residency.”*

The program provides emerging professional artists (under the age 35) who demonstrate the potential to make a significant contribution to the legacy of arts in Canada with the support and mentorship needed to excel in their careers. Successful applicants will benefit from access to cutting-edge visual and digital art facilities, a community of artistic peers, and talks by leading artists, faculty, and curators.

*“We are grateful to the Harrison McCain Foundation for their generous support and to The Banff Centre for joining us in our mission to enrich the legacy of the arts through direct support to exceptionally gifted artists in all regions of Canada. The new residency program will open doors for emerging Atlantic artists by providing them with access to a wealth of creative and developmental opportunities in one of the world’s most inspiring centres of creative excellence.”* said **Kim Lymburner, Executive Director of the Hnatyshyn Foundation**.

Applicants must demonstrate a strong personal and artistic connection to the east coast provinces of Canada (New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador), and will be selected by way of an open call for applications and adjudication process. Jurors include: **Jeffrey Spalding**, senior curator at Beaverbrook Art Gallery, Fredericton, New Brunswick; **Jen Mizuik**, director of Visual + Digital Arts at The Banff Centre, Banff, Alberta; and East Coast artist **Eleanor King**, finalist for the 2012 Sobey Award. The remaining jury members will be announced.

Established by the late Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn, Canada's twenty-fourth Governor General, the Hnatyshyn Foundation is dedicated to promoting and funding emerging, developing, and mid-career artists and curators in Canada through scholarships and prizes totalling over \$180,000 annually. Its programs are funded by donations from government, foundations, corporations and individuals.

For more information about the program and to apply, visit  
<https://www.banffcentre.ca/programs/emerging-atlantic-artist-residency/201606>  
or [www.rjhf.com/programs/atlantic-artist/index.php](http://www.rjhf.com/programs/atlantic-artist/index.php)

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#### **About the Harrison McCain Foundation**

The mission of the Harrison McCain Foundation is to honour the wishes of its founder and benefactor, Harrison McCain, CC, ONB, by giving charitable financial support to primarily Atlantic Canadian post-secondary educational institutions through scholarships and bursaries, and to community organizations, the Arts, Culture, Health and Sciences.

#### **About The Banff Centre**

The Banff Centre's mission is inspiring creativity. Thousands of artists, leaders, and researchers from across Canada and around the world participate in programs at The Banff Centre every year. Through its multidisciplinary programming, The Banff Centre provides them with the support they need to create, to develop solutions, and to make the impossible possible.  
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