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### **KIM NGUYEN SELECTED TO RECEIVE \$10,000 AWARD FOR EMERGING CURATOR OF CONTEMPORARY CANADIAN ART GIVEN BY THE HNATYSHYN FOUNDATION AND TD BANK GROUP**

**VANCOUVER, 27 April 2016** – The Hnatyshyn Foundation and TD Bank Group announced today that Kim Nguyen is the recipient of the 2015 Award for Emerging Curator of Contemporary Canadian Art. The award is presented to a Canadian curator, under the age of 35, whose body of work has achieved a public presence and peer recognition. The recipient of this award will receive a \$10,000 grant to pursue further professional development.

Award recipient Kim Nguyen is Director and Curator at Artspeak, a non-profit artist-run centre and contemporary art venue in Vancouver. In Nguyen’s words

“My work is a constant balance between taking great care of artworks and artists while operating as if I have nothing to lose. I can, and do, present things out of a deep affection for them (and with affection comes criticism), and I can be, and am, in service to artists always.”

Nguyen was selected by a jury of arts professionals, including Candice Hopkins, Chief Curator at The IAIA Museum of Contemporary Native Arts and recipient of the 2015 Hnatyshyn Foundation Award for Curatorial Excellence; Reesa Greenberg, art and exhibition historian; and Pamela Meredith, Senior Curator, TD Bank Group, Toronto. The award was presented during a reception at the Vancouver Art Gallery.

“As a dedicated supporter of arts and culture in Canada, we're committed to creating opportunities for young people to embrace and pursue their passion in the arts,” said Pamela Meredith, Senior Curator, TD Bank Group.

The Hnatyshyn Foundation and TD Bank Group also announced the renewal of the award program through 2018.

“We applaud TD Bank Group for its leadership and commitment to helping fuel the development of Canadian talent. We look forward to working with TD to build on the success of the program over the next three years,” said Kim Lymburner, Executive Director of The Hnatyshyn Foundation.

### **About Kim Nguyen**

Kim Nguyen is a curator and writer. She received her Master of Arts in Critical and Curatorial Studies from The University of British Columbia and her Bachelor of Fine Arts (Honours) from The University of Manitoba. From 2011-2016 she was the director/curator of Artspeak, where she presented exhibitions and publications with artists such as Erica Stocking, Abigail DeVille, Yuji Agematsu, Valérie Blass, Aaron Flint Jamison, Marina Roy, and Danh Vo. She has received awards from the Canada Council for the Arts, British Columbia Arts Council, and the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada for her curatorial work and research. She was a member of the 2013 Canada Council Asia Pacific Visual Arts Delegation and in 2014 was a resident at the Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin. She lives and works in Vancouver.

### **About TD Community Giving**

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### **About The Hnatyshyn Foundation**

The Hnatyshyn Foundation is a private charity established by the late Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn, Canada's twenty-fourth Governor General, to assist emerging and established artists in all disciplines with their schooling and training, and promote to the Canadian public the importance of the arts in our society. Since 2005, the Foundation has awarded over \$1.2 million to emerging and mid-career artists, curators and performing artists in Canada. Its programs are funded by contributions from governments, including the Government of Canada through Canadian Heritage, foundations, corporations and individuals. Information about the programs of The Hnatyshyn Foundation is available on the Foundation's website [www.rjhf.com](http://www.rjhf.com).

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