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**VANCOUVER CURATOR STEVEN COTTINGHAM SELECTED
FOR 2016 RESIDENCY AT FOGO ISLAND ARTS**

OTTAWA / FOGO ISLAND, 9 March 2016 – Emerging curator Steven Cottingham has been selected for the 2016 Fogo Island Arts Young Curator Residency.

The program, valued at \$15,000 annually, sends an exceptional young Canadian curator between the ages of 25 and 30 to work in residence at Fogo Island Arts, a contemporary art venue on Fogo Island, Newfoundland. During the residency, the curator will work closely with Fogo Island Arts staff, international artists-in-residence and members of the community, and contribute to exhibitions and publications curated by Fogo Island Arts. The residency will take place in the summer months of 2016. Candidates are selected based on their body of work and their ability to work both independently and as part of a team. This year's selection was adjudicated by Nicolaus Schafhausen, Strategic Advisor to Fogo Island Arts and the Shorefast Foundation, and Director of Kunsthalle Wien, and Reesa Greenberg, art and exhibition historian.

“It is of vital importance for emerging curators to gain visibility for their work within an international context, and to develop a global perspective and network. Fogo Island Arts and the initiatives of the Shorefast Foundation are the perfect venues for enabling the careers of young curators. We very much look forward to working with Steven Cottingham.”

-- *Nicolaus Schafhausen*

Steven Cottingham, artist and curator, lives and works in Vancouver. He holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Alberta College of Art and Design and has studied and carried out international residencies in New York, Madison (Maine), Berlin and St. Louis. Cottingham is the founder of the Calgary Biennial. His curatorial projects include *Atlas Sighed: The Calgary Biennial of Contemporary Art*, *United Congress: Reconvenience* and *Soft Movements in the Same Direction* at The New Gallery, Calgary. His solo exhibitions and projects have been presented at Niagara Artists Centre, St. Catharines, Ontario; ZK/U, Berlin, Germany; Galerie Tiers-espace, Saint John, New Brunswick to name a few.

About Fogo Island Arts

Fogo Island Arts is a residency-based contemporary art venue that supports artistic exploration, research and production for artists, filmmakers, writers, musicians, curators, designers and thinkers from around the world. Since 2008, FIA has brought some of the most exciting emerging and renowned artists of today to Fogo Island, Newfoundland to take part in residencies and to present solo exhibitions at the Fogo Island Gallery. Combining contemporary art, iconic architecture and social innovation in a singular setting, FIA is a world-class institution that is uniquely rooted in community. FIA is an initiative of the Shorefast Foundation, a registered charity dedicated to improving the social, cultural and economic conditions on Fogo Island. For more information, visit the website at www.fogoislandarts.ca.

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 development, and promote to the Canadian public the importance of the arts in our society. Its programs are funded by donations from government, foundations, corporations and individuals. The Department of Canadian Heritage has provided \$5 million in grants to the Foundation. For more information about The Hnatyshyn Foundation's programs, visit the Foundation's website at www.rjhf.com.

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