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The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery Announces the Appointment of New Executive Director



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TORONTO – April 3, 2024 – The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery in Toronto proudly announces the appointment of Carolyn Vesely as its Executive Director. Ms. Vesely, who has been serving as Interim Director on contract since October 2022, brings a wealth of experience and a dynamic vision to lead the gallery into an exciting new chapter. The appointment is effective April 2, 2024.

Paul Boniferro, President and Chair of the Board of the gallery, expressed his excitement about the appointment, stating, "The Board unanimously agrees that Carolyn's leadership is pivotal to The Power Plant's continued success. Her proven track record and innovative approach will propel our organization forward and ensure a vibrant future."

Ms. Vesely is a seasoned leader in the visual arts realm, with over 30 years of experience in effectively building and transforming organizations. Her extensive background encompasses collaborating with artists, arts organizations, funding partners and volunteer boards. With a keen insight into challenges and opportunities within the arts sector, her expertise spans strategic planning and fostering cross-disciplinary relationships.

Ms. Vesely added, "I am elated to be working with such an accomplished team and Board. Together, we will uphold The Power Plant's internationally renowned legacy and solidify its role as a cultural leader in Canada and beyond."

Ms. Vesely's distinguished career includes serving as CEO of the Ontario Arts Council, Executive Director of the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery, and Executive Director of the Kelowna Art Gallery in British Columbia. She holds degrees from the Visual Arts Department of Western University and the Schulich School of Business at York University, rounding out her comprehensive skill set.

Under Ms. Vesely's leadership as Interim Director, The Power Plant has seen significant growth, including the development of a dedicated and skilled staff team and enhanced visitor experiences. Looking ahead, the gallery will soon announce the search for an Artistic Director, a pivotal new role that will oversee all curatorial and programming activities, further strengthening The Power Plant's position as a leading cultural institution.

The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery is excited about the future under Carolyn Vesely's direction and invites the community to join in celebrating this important milestone.

About The Power Plant:

The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery is Canada's leading public art gallery devoted exclusively to contemporary art by artists from Canada and around the world. Our aim is to share creative and inspiring experiences with audiences through free admission to exhibitions and public programs. The Power Plant is located at Harbourfront Centre, a leading international hub for contemporary arts, culture, and ideas, situated along Toronto's waterfront. Since 1987, The Power Plant has created a culture of open ideas through inspiring contemporary art and artists. Our work is guided by our commitment to exhibiting artists from diverse backgrounds, drawing attention to pressing issues, and connecting with communities from Canada and worldwide through contemporary art. The Power Plant provides intriguing public programming that opens doors to a diverse range of ideas and perspectives that inspire unlimited personal discovery.

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