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## ART GALLERY OF HAMILTON ANNOUNCES STAFF APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES

**February 4, 2016** - In keeping with the Art Gallery of Hamilton's planning process which began in 2015 and continues with a broader consultation and analysis this year the AGH has identified three key priorities to guide the gallery's short and long-term planning:

1. Renewed Focus on the Collection and Program
2. Community Engagement
3. Long Term Sustainability

In support of these priorities, we are pleased to announce the following organizational and staff changes:

**Tor Lukasik-Foss** joins the AGH team in the newly created department and position of Director, Programs and Education. He will be responsible for strategically leading and diversifying the programming and education activities for the Gallery as it looks to broaden access and grow its role in the community. Tor is a multidisciplinary artist born and raised in Hamilton with decades of varied experience within the arts including programming, public art and community outreach.

**Laurie Kilgour-Walsh** assumes the position of Senior Manager, Education in recognition of her increased responsibilities and the broader demand for formal education and public programs.

To better reflect and support the role that film has in our exhibition and public programs, **Ryan Ferguson**, the driving force behind the Gallery's annual World Film Festival and year-round AGH *i/lovefilm* series, has been appointed to the position of Curator, Film Program.

**Tobi Bruce** is promoted to the role of Director, Exhibitions and Collections and Senior Curator, Tobi has throughout her 20+ years shown tremendous leadership in the myriad of responsibilities demanded by curatorial, collection and acquisition activities.

**Devin Therien** joins the Gallery as Adjunct, Associate Curator of European Art. His primary responsibilities are the development of exhibitions of European art as well as managing all European-related acquisition and collection queries.

The renewed emphasis on the collection has allowed the AGH to reposition and formalize two positions within the curatorial department. As her new title of Collections Manager/Researcher indicates, **Christine Braun** focuses on collection management,

development and research utilizing her extensive experience, and knowledge of the Gallery's permanent collection. Additionally, **Lela Radisevic** is the AGH's Exhibitions and Publications Coordinator. This position is responsible for the many facets of exhibition development and publication production.

The newly expanded department led by **Cindy Carson**, Director, Corporate Partnerships and Development now includes all commercial related activities at both the AGH Gallery and Design Annex sites. The department's broader resource development portfolio will also be supported by a newly expanded role for **Gloria Pilot**, who has been promoted to Senior Manager, Retail Operations and Development.

*"We are delighted by the new appointments and changes which will go a long way in supporting our key priorities,"* said Shelley Falconer, President and CEO. *"Although our strategic planning process will continue throughout 2016, the Board, staff and community consultations have been critical to advancing the AGH's mission and expanding our social and educational role."*

### **About the Art Gallery of Hamilton**

Founded in 1914, the Art Gallery of Hamilton is the oldest and largest public art gallery in southwestern Ontario. Its permanent collection, which is focused on historical Canadian, 19th-century European and Contemporary art, now numbers more than 10,000 works and is recognized as one of the finest in Canada. The AGH is a vital creative hub and centre of lifelong learning that enables people of all ages to enrich their lives by gaining a deeper understanding of art. Visit [www.artgalleryofhamilton.com](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com) for more information.

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