

## **Bank of Montreal provides extraordinary support to MOCA in recognition of Gilles Ouellette**

**Toronto, ON.** ... September 28, 2021. It is with sincere gratitude for the support that [the Museum of Contemporary Art Toronto \(MOCA\)](#) has already received from the Bank of Montreal (BMO) towards the Museum's Tomorrow of Contemporary Art campaign, that we announce the Bank's additional contribution of \$1,000,000 over five years in honour of Gilles Ouellette, who has had an impressive career with BMO for over 40 years.

This contribution is even more meaningful as Gilles, and his wife Julia, have been donors and crucial champions of MOCA for many years as well. MOCA is grateful to Gilles for his leadership on the Museum's capital campaign which resulted in the construction and launch of our facility on Sterling Road, and for his continued service as the Chair of the Fundraising Committee.

With this new \$1,000,000 commitment, BMO will be the Presenting Sponsor on a major exhibition each year, starting with *Greater Toronto Art 2021*, the first iteration of a triennial survey, featuring twenty-one of among the most energizing artists and art collectives working in relation to the city today.

MOCA deeply appreciates BMO's extensive philanthropic leadership and the broad impact this makes within the arts and culture sector. We would also like to thank Nada Ristich, the longtime Head of Community Giving at BMO, for her contribution to MOCA as a Trustee and her incredible dedication to the arts. The renewed support for MOCA comes at a critical period and will have a significant impact as the Museum works to recover from the effects of COVID-19, and turns toward expanding programming and engaging both existing and new audiences. BMO's support in 2021-2025 will allow the Museum to plan and deliver exceptional exhibitions that are accessible, interdisciplinary, and which offer a multiplicity of perspectives, prioritizing equity and fostering an artist-centred approach.

BMO's sponsorship, both past and present, not only supports MOCA's programming but the continuing evolution of MOCA as a community space for enrichment, collaboration, and creativity and aligns with BMO's mission to foster an inclusive society, sustainable future, and thriving economy

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