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THE HNATYSHYN FOUNDATION AND TD BANK GROUP ANNOUNCE
EMERGING CURATOR OF CONTEMPORARY CANADIAN ART

OTTAWA, July 30, 2013 – Gerda Hnatyshyn, C.C., President and Chair of the Board of The Hnatyshyn Foundation and TD Bank Group announced a new award which will support an emerging curator who has the determination and talent to contribute to the legacy of art in Canada.

The Emerging Curator of Contemporary Canadian Art will be awarded annually beginning in 2013.

Nominated by established Canadian curators or respected educators in curatorial studies, candidates must be:

- A Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- An emerging curator whose body of work incorporates specialized training (not necessarily gained at an academic institution), a public presence and peer recognition
- An emerging curator whose work demonstrates evidence of potential and shows:
  - Thoughtfulness
  - Relevance
  - Exemplary selection of work
  - Visual clarity
  - Strong visual and contextual connections
  - Audience engagement – methods, feedback, reviews
  - Impact of exhibitions (on community, art world, curatorial practice)
- Have curated a minimum of two exhibitions
- Recommendation in writing by a respected nominator

Details on how and when to apply for the award will be available on both websites. Please visit www.rjhf.com or www.td.com/corporate-responsibility for more information.
“Whether they are visual, digital, architectural or theatrical, at TD, we truly believe the arts play a critical role in our communities across the country,” said Frank McKenna, Deputy Chair, TD Bank Group. “That’s why we are thrilled to work with the Hnatyshyn Foundation to help recognize new and emerging curators who are dedicated to engage and educate communities about the importance of art in Canada.”

“The Hnatyshyn Foundation is privileged to offer this award in conjunction with TD and to continue to celebrate the accomplishments of young Canadians by investing in and supporting the development of world-class curators of tomorrow,” said Gerda Hnatyshyn, C.C., President and Chair of the Board of The Hnatyshyn Foundation.

The award recipients will be selected by a jury of arts professionals from across Canada.

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**TD Community Giving**

TD Bank Group invests in communities in order to effect positive change in the places where it operates and where its clients and employees live and work. In 2012, TD donated over $65 million to support community organizations in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom. In Canada, TD focuses on education and financial literacy, creating opportunities for young people and the environment. For further information, please visit [www.td.com/corporate-responsibility](http://www.td.com/corporate-responsibility).

**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. 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.

Information about *The Hnatyshyn Foundation Visual Arts Awards* is available at the Foundation’s website [www.rjhf.com](http://www.rjhf.com), or by contacting:

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