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## HON. SENATOR PATRICIA BOVEY TO SPEAK AT THE SOCIETY OF CANADIAN ARTISTS' AGM

**Toronto, ON** — The Society of Canadian Artists (SCA) is pleased to announce that the Honourable Senator Patricia Bovey will speak at the SCA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Arts and Letters Club in Toronto on June 3, 2017. This year's meeting will celebrate the SCA's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, as well as Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Senator Patricia Bovey is a Canadian art historian from Manitoba. Bovey is a former director of the Winnipeg Art Gallery, past Chair of the Board of Governors of the University of Manitoba and a former member of the board of trustees for the National Gallery of Canada. She also sat on the board of the Canada Council for the Arts. On October 27, 2016, she was named to the Senate of Canada by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

The SCA's AGM will be held at Toronto's prestigious Arts and Letters Club, a place renowned for its connection to the Group of Seven and also frequented by influential Canadian artist Tom Thomson. 2017 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Thomson's death on Canoe Lake in Algonquin Park. His life and legacy to Canadian art will be celebrated during the AGM.

Senator Patricia Bovey is an art historian, guest curator and arts consultant in governance, strategic and business planning, and policy development. She clearly articulates the importance of art and culture to social and economic wellbeing, and has increased access to the arts through her leadership and innovative work. She has facilitated the health of community arts organizations through governance stability and audience engagement, and given voice to artists' work, including Indigenous creators, through research, publications, ground-breaking exhibitions and new public programs. Director Emerita of the Winnipeg Art Gallery, she has taught at the university level, and has lectured and published extensively. Internationally, she has been involved in a number of projects, touring exhibitions and artist exchanges. She has been a member of, or chaired the boards of, several academic institutions, including the University of Manitoba, as well as arts organizations such as the National Gallery of Canada and the Canada Council for the Arts. She has participated in federal and provincial cultural policy reviews, international cultural policy discussions, the drafting of ethical guidelines for Canadian museums – including those regarding Nazi looted art – and the development of recommendations for new and amended legislation.

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Her volunteer commitments have included working in the area of cultural diversity, as well as with youth and intergenerational organizations, presenting workshops for Islamic youth leaders, and serving on St. Boniface Hospital's Patient Advisory Council. She has received numerous awards and honours recognizing her contributions and, in 2006, was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Arts in the United Kingdom.

**About the Society of Canadian Artists** - The Society of Canadian Artists is a national, non-profit artists' organization dedicated to expanding the visibility and stature of the visual arts. SCA has representation in all of the visual arts media. We respect our historical roots, are aware of our current world, and are future-minded.

The SCA is comprised of almost 400 elected and associate members from across Canada.

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