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OCAF APPOINTS NEW CHAIR and VICE CHAIR TO BOARD of DIRECTORS

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Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund names John D McKellar and Nalini Stewart Chair and Vice-Chair of Board of Directors

Toronto ON... The **Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund (OCAF)** is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Chair and Vice-Chair for its Board of Directors.



John D. McKellar, C.M., Q.C., will become Chair of the Board, following the sad passing of Dr. Murray Frum this spring. A lawyer with the firm WeirFoulds LLP, Mr. McKellar is known for the many performing artists and arts organizations he has advised, counseled and supported. In addition to being Chair of the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund, he is Chair of the Toronto Arts Council, Vice Chairman Ontario Arts Foundation, Chairman of the Young Centre for the Performing Arts, an advisor to the Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts, and a board member of Tarragon Theatre, OffCentre Music Salon and The Glenn Gould Foundation. He has, alone or with others produced shows at ArtWorld Theatre, Blythe Centre for the Arts, The St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, The Princess of Wales Theatre, The Wintergarden Theater, The National Arts Centre, The Manitoba Theatre Centre and the Kennedy Centre in Washington and has several other theatrical projects now in development. He is a past president of the Arts and Letters Club of Toronto and a past member of the Canada Council for the Arts Board of Directors and is the Chairman of the Theatre subcommittee of the Mayor's Task Force on the Arts.

"I take great pride in the work we do at OCAF," McKellar said. "My fellow board members are active and passionate members of the cultural sector and I'm thrilled to step in as Chair at this important stage in OCAF's development, celebrating 15 years supporting Ontario cultural tourism."

Nalini Stewart, O.Ont., will assume the duties of Vice Chair of the Board. For over 25 years, Ms. Stewart has held leadership



About OCAF

The Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund (OCAF) was established in 1999. It has two aims: to increase cultural tourism by providing investments to assist Ontario organizations to develop, promote and present one-off or first time events, or a significant expansion of existing activity, which are designed to attract new tourists and visitors to cultural events; and to increase the earned revenue capability of the applicant organization.

Since 1999, the Government of Ontario has invested \$32 million in the Fund and the success of the over 450 initiatives in which OCAF has invested has led to a healthy replenishment of the Fund for future projects. Attendance to OCAF funded events has reached 35 million to date.

roles on local, provincial and national boards in the arts and education fields. She has been Chair of the Ontario Arts Council, Chair of the Writers' Trust of Canada, Acting Chair of the Canada Council for the Arts and President of the Canadian Club of Toronto. She is a founding member of the Asia Pacific Foundation, the Ontario Arts Foundation, the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund and the Power Plant Art Gallery at Harbourfront. She has been on the boards of OMNI TV, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Tourism Toronto, the Stratford Festival and the Toronto International Film Festival. She is currently an Honorary Governor of York University and a member of the governing council of the National Theatre School of Canada. She also sits on the Management Committee of the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts and the board of WWF Canada. Ms. Stewart is a recipient of the Order of Ontario.

"I've always felt we've done great work at OCAF and that founding chair, Murray Frum, set a rigorous and compassionate tone for the rest of the board." Stewart says, adding, "I am so pleased to be able to assume the Vice-Chair role to support John in ensuring that OCAF is responsive to the needs of Ontario's cultural sector and that we are able to get the most out of every dollar we invest."

Kathleen Sharpe, Executive Director of OCAF says, "OCAF's volunteer board is tremendously experienced and hardworking. John McKellar has been an enlightened Vice-Chair and will be a stellar Chair, as will Nalini Stewart as Vice-Chair."



The Cultural Attractions Fund is a program of the Government of Ontario through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and administered by the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund Corporation.

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