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artsnb Boasts Full Board, Elects New Executive

(March 6 2018 - Fredericton, NB) - The New Brunswick Arts Board (**artsnb**) is proud to announce that the last two vacant seats on its board of directors have been filled by Jennifer Stead and Victoria Hutt.

Jennifer Stead is the Director and Curator of the Andrew & Laura McCain Art Gallery in Florenceville-Bristol, New Brunswick. She holds a Master of Fine Art, Chancellor's Gold Medalist from the University of Calgary, an Art Education Diploma from McGill University and a BFA from NSCAD. Along with a successful professional art practice, Ms. Stead has over 25 years of art education experience. Her work is represented in many private, public and corporate collections nationally.

Victoria Hutt is a graphic designer in Florenceville-Bristol, NB, and manages social media and marketing and offers training for small and non-profit organizations. A NSCAD graduate, Victoria served as Executive Director of the Andrew & Laura McCain Art Gallery and sits on the ArtsLink NB board. She is active in her local community as a member of the Western Valley Wellness Network, a Community Food Mentor, steward of NB Nature Trust's Eagle's Eye Nature Preserve, and (her favorite pastime) as a director of the drama clubs at her local elementary and middle schools. Most recently she coordinated the launch of the Community Food Smart: Upper River Valley bulk buy program. Victoria is a strong supporter of art access in rural communities, economic development through the arts, sustainable food security and systems, wellness, nature, and creativity in education.

artsnb is also pleased to announce the results of recent elections for executive positions. Carol Collicutt (Fredericton) remains as Chair; Gary Sappier (Tobique First Nation) remains as First Vice-Chair; Amy Anderson (Woodstock) is the new Second Vice-Chair, replacing Nathalie Cyr-Plourde (Edmundston) whose tenure ended last fall; and Léo Goguen (Moncton) remains as Secretary-Treasurer.

The New Brunswick Arts Board is composed of nine members, balancing gender, the five regions of the province, the various linguistic and Indigenous communities, as well as different artistic disciplines. More information about current board members can be found on the artsnb website at <http://artsnb.ca/site/en/about-us/board-members/>.

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The New Brunswick Arts Board is an arm's length arts funding agency with a legislated mandate to facilitate and promote the creation of art as well as administering funding programs for professional artists in the province.