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The New Brunswick Arts Board elects Alain Boisvert as its new Chair

November 12, 2020 (Fredericton) – At its annual meeting held in Florenceville-Bristol, the New Brunswick Arts Board (artsnb) elected Alain Boisvert as its new Chair. Mr. Boisvert succeeds Carol Collicutt, who served in this role with distinction for nearly four years. This cycle, framed by a solid strategic plan, ushered in many successes and warm relations with provincial and other partners across the country.



Mr. Boisvert holds a Bachelor's degree in Theatre and Communications from the University of Ottawa and a Master's degree in Communications from UQAM. He has worked as a television host at TFO, as an actor (Théâtre français de Toronto, dubbing, commercials), as a radio host and as an arts and entertainment reporter for Radio-Canada television (Toronto). He has also served as the Executive Director of La Nouvelle Scène, as Head of Communications at the National Gallery of Canada, at Kings Landing Historical Village as Chief Executive Officer and at CCNB - Acadian Peninsula Campus as Director. This summer, he took the helm of the Association des enseignantes et enseignants francophones du Nouveau-Brunswick (AEFNB). Mr. Boisvert has served on several boards of governors, including those of Tara Luz Danse, the Ottawa Arts Council and the Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne in Fredericton. He is the author of the novel *mépapasonlà* (Éditions David, 2016), finalist for the Prix France-Acadie and recipient of the 2016 Ambassador of the Year Award from the Conseil provincial des sociétés culturelles.

"When you understand the unique role of professional artists in supporting a creative economy, in building bridges between our cultures and linguistic communities, in encouraging innovation and fostering our sense of belonging, you understand how relevant artsnb is in New Brunswick. When we grasp the incredible power of arts and culture to nourish curiosity and openness to others, to be a driving force for balance and well-being in our communities, to be a vehicle for change and new ideas, we realize the incredible potential of our organization to support the vitality of the province. I look forward to making a humble contribution to artsnb's next cycle as we celebrate its 30th anniversary," said the new president.

An independent and autonomous public funding agency, the New Brunswick Arts Board is governed by a Board of nine voting members. artsnb's mission is to support the cultural diversity of New Brunswick by fostering excellence in the arts, facilitating artistic creation by the province's professional and emerging artists, and contributing to the appreciation and understanding of the arts.

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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 and to administer granting programs for professional artists in the province.