

First Ever HR Award for Culture
Robert Johnston Honoured for Lifetime of Service to Cultural Workers

Toronto, Ontario, 15 June 2009 – In honour of retiring Executive Director Robert (Bob) Johnston, the Board of Directors of Cultural Careers Council Ontario (CCCO) has announced the establishment of the *Robert Johnston Work in Culture Award* .

The Award will be presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated a tenacious commitment to furthering human resources development in the cultural sector in Ontario. Either as a manager, mentor, supporter or educator, the recipient will have made a deliberate and fruitful contribution to supporting the growth of our sector's most valued resource: its people. The Award will include an undesignated cash gift and a commissioned work of art by an artist of Bob's choosing.

"Bob's contributions to Ontario's cultural sector have been immense. His persistent, patient and selfless efforts over a lifetime of service stand as a model of professionalism for cultural workers of all disciplines. We are thrilled to be able to honour his work with this new Award," says Micheline McKay, President of the CCCO Board of Directors,

Adds founding Board member Sandy Tulloch: "Bob Johnston's leadership has resulted in heightened awareness of the critical importance of human resources management for cultural organizations and has led to an expanded pool of opportunities for training and professional development for cultural workers. We want to encourage more leaders like Bob in the sector who recognize that our talent is what will drive us forward."

The Award is open to individuals (artists, administrators and other cultural workers) who have contributed a minimum of 10 years of professional service to the arts and cultural industries. More information will be posted to www.workinculture.ca.

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