

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Wednesday August 6, 2014

**Textile Museum of Canada to host star of CBC's *Four Rooms*  
Jessica Lindsay Phillips for a special cocktail reception and presentation**

The Textile Museum of Canada (TMC) is pleased to present a lecture and private cocktail reception with Jessica Lindsay Phillips, entrepreneur, antiquities collector, and star of CBC's *Four Rooms* and History Television's *Treasure Trader*. On Wednesday August 27 at 6:30 pm, Phillips will discuss her passion for antiquities and her partnership with the world-renowned collector, the late William "Billy" Jamieson, as well as the fascinating stories associated with the "oddities," memorabilia and tribal arts they acquired. This special event is presented in conjunction with the TMC's latest exhibition, *The Eternity Code: Archaeology, Textiles and Preservation*, featuring several artifacts on loan from the Jamieson collection.

Jessica Lindsay Phillips is an international personality with a special interest in uncovering rare and uncommon objects from around the world, amassing years of travels and treasures in partnership with Jamieson, the renowned 'rock-star' collector with a fascination with the mysterious and the macabre, including shrunken heads, mummies, medieval devices, Victorian corsets, weaponry and contemporary art. Based in Toronto, Phillips is now the director of the Billy Jamieson - Niagara Falls Museum Collection, one of the most remarkable assemblages of unique ethnographic antiquities and curiosities in Canada. She continues to pursue new finds and is currently participating in excavations with the Explorers Club in the Alberta badlands, one of the richest dinosaur deposits in the world.

"We're thrilled to present this special opportunity to meet and hear Jessica, and the unique insight she offers into the evolution of a unparalleled collection of fascinating artifacts, each with its own great story," says TMC Executive Director, Shauna McCabe. "Like Billy Jamieson, her passion and commitment to preservation and public access to their stories is not only infectious but vital, promoting public curiosity and enthusiasm for discovery."

This special talk and cocktail reception will take place at the Textile Museum of Canada at 55 Centre Avenue, Toronto, M5G 2H5. General admission tickets \$25, TMC Patrons and members \$20; all include wine and hors d'oeuvres. Advance tickets are required as space is limited. To purchase, call 416-599-5321 x2228 or email [programs@textilemuseum.ca](mailto:programs@textilemuseum.ca).

-30-

For media inquiries, please contact Alexandra Lopes, Communications & Marketing Associate at 416-599-5321 x2239 or [alopes@textilemuseum.ca](mailto:alopes@textilemuseum.ca).