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Textile Museum of Canada Celebrates 35th Anniversary with Renewal Campaign

Toronto – On Friday November 5, the Textile Museum of Canada will officially launch its 35th anniversary campaign with a special event – TEXTILEcity: Celebrating 35 years of the Textile Museum of Canada. To kick-start their campaign and celebrate the Museum’s new vision, TEXTILEcity will feature a gala reception and silent auction with work contributed by numerous acclaimed Canadian artists including Kai Chan, Barbara Klunder, Barb Hunt, Laura Millard, David R. Harper, Dorothy Caldwell, Jason McLean, and Graeme Patterson.

For over three decades, the Textile Museum of Canada has established itself as one of Canada’s most engaging visual arts organizations with a reputation for fostering both knowledge and creativity. Under the leadership of new Executive Director Shauna McCabe, the Museum’s renewal campaign will establish sustained operating support for the Museum’s internationally recognized work as well as the implementation of new initiatives.

“It’s a perfect moment to remind our community how vital the Textile Museum is,” said McCabe, who took leadership of the Museum in July of 2010. “With an international collection of 12,000 artifacts, historical to contemporary, the Textile Museum of Canada is not only a unique repository of world heritage but one of the institutions best poised to reflect cultural experiences in a global context – and Toronto as a global city. These dynamic conversations are essential, and should be supported in a substantial way.”

The TMC is the only museum that offers access to a historical collection of textile practices spanning 200 regions and 2000 years, while also maintaining a program of contemporary art exhibitions. The TMC’s capacity to reflect upon the universal relevance of textiles as well as international artistic practices that continue to push the boundaries of the medium has broadened the Museum’s scope and significance. Initiatives planned over the next three years connect the TMC to fashion and design, architecture, film, photography, planning and environmental communities.

“The Museum and its collections are integral to conversations about culture and cultural history in the 21st century,” added McCabe. “The Textile Museum of Canada has always been loved and appreciated for its engagement and we are unique in our ability to be as ‘high touch’ as ‘high tech,’ and responsive to both the age-old and modern. We are already an industry leader with our online presence, where our collections are accessed by a million users each year. This kind of relevance is fundamental to involving new audiences and visitors around the world, and will continue to be one of our priorities.”

TEXTILEcity: Celebrating 35 years of the Textile Museum of Canada will take place from 6:00 – 9:00 pm on Friday November 5 at St. Lawrence Hall, 157 King Street East, Toronto, catered by Michael Tong. Tickets to the special event and fundraiser are \$125 and are available through the TMC by calling 416-599-5321 x2246 or emailing museumservices@textilemuseum.ca.

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