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Edmonton Arts Council executive director announces retirement

Edmonton... Edmonton Arts Council executive director Paul Moulton announced his retirement today, November 9, 2015. Paul Moulton has held the position at the Edmonton Arts Council since April 2013, and has contributed extensively to the organization's success in that time.

Under Moulton's direction, the EAC supported the participation of 20 local arts organizations in New Pathways, a training and immersion program led by arts consulting agency EmcArts. Services at TIX on the Square, our not-for-profit box office and store, were expanded and improved. Moulton also oversaw an important shift within the organization towards improving equity and cultural diversity, including an emphasis on diverse representation on peer juries, the formation of a board-supported Aboriginal Initiatives Committee, and increased accessibility of EAC funding. The EAC also hosted a gathering for Indigenous artists from across the prairies, called *Channeling Connections*, and announced Alex Janvier as the signature artist for Rogers Place.

"Paul worked tirelessly to advance and support the arts in Edmonton, even prior to coming on as the EAC executive director," said Anne Ferguson Switzer, Chair of the EAC Board of Directors. "We will miss his vision and dedication, and wish him the best in his retirement."

Before joining the Edmonton Arts Council, Moulton spent four years as executive director for the Arts and Heritage Foundation of St. Albert. His career in the arts has taken him to theatres and academic institutions across Canada, but he cites Edmonton as home to many of his highlights. Among these was the opportunity to serve as the inaugural facility director of the Winspear Centre when it opened in 1997. He was also the first board chair of the Edmonton Arts Council and spent six years as chair of the board for the CKUA Radio Network.

Moulton's last day at the EAC will be December 31, 2015. The EAC board will announce recruitment plans in the New Year.

For more information on the Edmonton Arts Council, please visit edmontonarts.ca

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The Edmonton Arts Council is a not-for-profit organization that supports and promotes the arts community in Edmonton. The Edmonton Arts Council works to increase the profile and involvement of arts and culture in all aspects of our community life.

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