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MRS. FRANCE MORIN TO BECOME THE NEW DIRECTOR  
OF THE 49TH PARALLEL/49E PARALLELE GALLERY IN NEW YORK

The Honourable Jean-Luc Pepin, Minister of State (External Relations), announced today the appointment of Mrs. France Morin to the position of Director of the 49e Parallèle/49th Parallel. Mrs. Morin will succeed Guy Plamondon, the project's initiator/conceiver and the first director of this avant-garde art gallery, who was recently named Director of Arts Promotion at the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa.

Mrs. Morin is well known in Canada and abroad as co-founder and co-director of the magazine Parachute from 1975 to 1980 and as a member of the Canada Council Advisory Board. She is presently a professor in the MA program of the Fine Arts Department at Montreal's Concordia University. In addition, since 1980 she has directed the Galerie France Morin, a contemporary art gallery in which many exhibitions of Canadian and foreign art have been presented.

Mrs. Morin will be responsible for continuing the program of the Gallery, which so far has presented over twenty exhibitions by young Canadian artists, with emphasis on innovation and research in painting, sculpture, video and photography.

Mrs. Morin will take her new position in late September.

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