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CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE 49TH PARALLEL GALLERY IN NEW YORK

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today the formation of a seven-member Advisory Committee for the Canadian contemporary art showcase gallery in the Soho neighbourhood of New York City. The Advisory Committee, to be composed of professional experts in the visual arts from across Canada, will informally contribute information and suggestions concerning artists and exhibitions appropriate to 49th Parallel/49^e Parallèle focus on contemporary Canadian art.

Appointed to the Advisory Committee, for an initial two-year term are: ALVIN BALKIND, art critic, curator and instructor at the Emily Carr College of Art in Vancouver; CLAUDE BOUCHARD, President of Lecha Art Publishing Inc., of Ottawa; ERIC CAMERON, artist, critic and Director of the Graduate Program at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in Halifax; THERESE DION, Liaison Officer for the Canada Council Art Bank in Ottawa; CHANTAL PONTBRIAND, art critic, curator, lecturer, and co-founder and Editor of the Montreal-based contemporary art magazine, Parachute; JEFFREY SPALDING, artist, art educator and Director of the University of Lethbridge Art Gallery; and ELKE TOWN, critic, curator and Video Director of the Art Metropole agency in Toronto. Committee members may be re-appointed at the end of the two years, but it is expected that at least two new members will be introduced in each subsequent term.

The formation of this Advisory Committee was proposed early in the planning of 49th Parallel/49^e Parallèle, by its Director Mr. Guy Plamondon, and in fact the informal consultations and expert advice which are the Committee members' primary duties have been part of

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