



## Statement from the Board of Trustees of the Vancouver Art Gallery Association About Leadership Transition

March 25, 2025

The Vancouver Art Gallery Association announces that CEO & Executive Director Anthony Kiendl is leaving the Gallery to pursue other professional and personal interests.

Anthony Kiendl joined the Gallery in August 2020 as an accomplished arts administrator, an award-winning curator and writer, and an educator and community builder with over 25 years of experience in the arts at the provincial, national and international levels.

Under his leadership, the Gallery navigated its way through the COVID-19 pandemic, transformed its programming and has grown its donor base, membership and attendance. He has advanced Indigenous reconciliation and helped secure lead funding for the Gallery's new home.

The upcoming *Lucy Raven: Murderers Bar* exhibition curated by Anthony Kiendl will open as scheduled on April 18, 2025.

During this time of transition, Eva Respini, Deputy Director & Director of Curatorial Programs, and Sirish Rao, Senior Director of Public Engagement & Learning, will serve as interim leaders of the Gallery.

The Board thanks Anthony Kiendl for his many contributions to the Gallery and expresses its best wishes to him in his future endeavors.

*The Vancouver Art Gallery is situated on the ancestral and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations, and is respectful of the Indigenous stewards of the land it occupies, whose rich cultures are fundamental to artistic life in Vancouver and the work of the Gallery.*