



**Annual Public Meeting  
Monday, December 8, 2014  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Remarks by Michael Tims  
Chair of the Board of Trustees**

Good evening and welcome to the National Gallery of Canada's 8th Annual Public Meeting.

I am Michael Tims, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the National Gallery of Canada.

The Annual Public Meeting provides an opportunity for the Gallery to engage the public and its stakeholders, and to report on the institution's activities during the last fiscal year. It also offers an opportunity for us to highlight the Gallery's programs and financial picture, and to touch on future plans.

My remarks will be followed by a presentation by Marc Mayer, our Director and CEO. We will be happy to take any questions following Marc's presentation.

I'd like to introduce my colleagues on the Board of Trustees:

- our Vice-Chair, Harriet Walker of Toronto, a long-serving member of the Board;
- our newest appointee, Marsha Sobey, who joins us from New Glasgow, Nova Scotia;
- also from the east coast, please welcome Linda Hutchison from Kentville, Nova Scotia;
- from Quebec, we have Guy Bourgeois from St-Bruno;
- Allan Benoit from Winnipeg;
- and Howard Kroon joins us from Calgary.
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I extend regrets on behalf of Trustees Nezhath Khosrowshahi from Vancouver, Paul Baay from Calgary, Liza Maheu from Winnipeg and Jean-François Béland from Quebec, who were not able to be with us tonight.

As Marc will soon tell you, 2013-14 proved to be a year of important successes and great challenges for this institution.

One of these was the Great Hall renovation project, which was both challenging and successful. We're thrilled to have this spectacular space back again.

In addition, we celebrate the reappointment of Marc Mayer as Director and CEO. Marc continues to put his stamp on this institution - in bold, Jack Bush colours.

On behalf of the Board, I commend the Director, his management team and all staff for their hard work and dedication to the Gallery.

Our deep gratitude also goes to the National Gallery of Canada Foundation, and to all of our patrons and corporate partners for their generous support.

Special thanks to our cadre of volunteers, who give so willingly of their time and talent on our behalf.

Finally, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Department of Canadian Heritage, our Minister, the Honourable Shelly Glover, and to our government partners for their ongoing support and collaboration.

Thank you for coming out this evening. I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season.

Please welcome Marc Mayer, Director of the National Gallery of Canada.