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DIRECTORS' SYMPOSIUM 2019

Final **Agenda**

Royal Ontario Museum

Sunday, April 14, 2018

8:30 – 9 a.m.
Registration and Networking Breakfast

9 – 9:30 a.m.
Introduction/Welcome/Symposium Overview

- **Jack Lohman**, Vice President, Canadian Museums Association
- **Josh Basseches**, Director and CEO, Royal Ontario Museum
- **Stephen Petri**, Principal and **Tony Reich**, Principal, Reich + Petch International Design — Facilitators

9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
Keynote
Alphonse Bartson Umuliisa will speak about how heritage and museums have assisted in healing in Rwanda, and how relations with diasporas can be an important part of that healing. The challenges of rebuilding a country in the aftermath of genocide are nothing short of overwhelming but his work has quietly undermined colonial attitudes and nurtured a love of heritage in Rwanda.

Alphonse B. Umuliisa, Director General of Institute of National Museums of Rwanda

As Director General of the Institute of National Museums of Rwanda, Alphonse was tasked with recasting, building and modernising the national museums portfolio in Rwanda, which includes the Ethnographic Museums, the Natural History Museum, the Kings' Palace Museum, National Art Gallery Rwesero, the Presidential Palace Museum, the Environment Museum, the National Liberation Museum and the recent Campaign Against Genocide Museum. He has developed his portfolio of museums into places of conciliation and well-being. He has worked in partnership with other Museums outside Rwanda including the Royal Central African Museum Tervuren, Belgium; Natural History Museums Mainz and the natural history museums in Berlin and Mainz.

He has won numerous awards for his work commanding praise from both the Prime Minister and His Excellency the President of the Republic of Rwanda. Highlighting Cultural Tourism in the country, Alfonse also re-introduced the national Thanks Giving Day that was abolished in 1925 by colonial masters.

Alphonse studied Business Administration at Nakawa (Kampala) University and Social Administration at Oxford University, He also studied Social Anthropology at the School of Africa and Asian Studies at the University of Sussex. He was Chairman of Rwandan Community in U.K. since 1991 and was asked to return to Rwanda after the Genocide to help rebuild the country.

10:15 – 11 a.m.
Networking Break/Discussion Groups

11 a.m. – Noon
Museums on Call: Health and Wellness in our Community

Moderator: Stephen Petri, Principal, Reich + Petch International Design

Panelists: Josh Basseches, Director and CEO, Royal Ontario Museum; Thomas Bastien, Director of Education and Well Being, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts; Margaret Chumkra, Executive Director, Kamloops Art Gallery; Jennifer Stellar, Professor, University of Toronto, Mississauga

As we move into the 21st century, research studies continue to cite and support the importance of looking at each person as a whole as a means of improving health and wel-being. With health and wellness increasingly seen as social issues, not just medical ones, the door is opening for museums to play a role in enhancing the health of their visitors, staff and the communities they serve. Join leaders from across Canada for an in-depth panel discussion on this emerging topic. There will be ample time for a Q&A with panelists.

Noon – 1 p.m.
Lunch/Discussion Groups

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.
Election Readiness 2019

Jack Lohman, CEO and Director, Royal British Columbia Museum

It is critical that museums are part of the conversation during the upcoming 2019 federal election campaign at both the local and national level. As incoming President of the CMA, Jack will speak about the need for museum leadership to come together around a common agenda. A discussion of critical issues that are important to our sector including election preparedness will follow his remarks. Together we will craft a united front!

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.
Open Forum — Down in the Trenches

Facilitator: Tony Reich, Principal, Reich + Petch International Design

The final session of the Symposium will serve as a contrast to the previous discussions. Rather than focusing on the future and what is on the horizon, attendees will share with colleagues their current challenges and most critical issues.

Help us to Envision the New Canadian Canoe Museum

Presenter: Carolyn Hyslop, Director, Canadian Canoe Museum

3:45 p.m.
Invitation to the 2020 Director's Symposium

Isabelle Corriveau, Head of Exhibition Administration, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts — on behalf of Natalie Bondil, Director General and Chief Curator, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts

Symposium Closing

Stephen Petri, Principal and Tony Reich, Principal, Reich + Petch International Design

4 – 5:30 p.m.

CMA Insurance Program Update and Reception (C5 Lounge — Level 5)

Attendees are cordially invited to hear a brief update on the CMA Insurance Program followed by a wine and cheese reception at the conclusion of the Directors' Symposium. You'll be able to meet CMA Board members, CMA Insurance Committee members and CMA insurance program representatives.

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