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Canada AM co-host Marci Ien to host 2014 Canadian Arts and Business Awards

*Gala dinner and awards presentation on November 14 at the Aga Khan Museum in Toronto
to celebrate business and arts partnerships, and philanthropy and volunteerism in the arts*

(TORONTO, ON – November 3, 2014) Business for the Arts, Canada’s only national charitable association of business members who support the arts, announced today that award-winning CTV news anchor and Canada AM co-host Marci Ien will host the 2014 Canadian Arts and Business Awards on Friday, November 14 at the Aga Khan Museum in Toronto. The evening’s entertainment will include singer/songwriter Sean Jones, and top recording and touring artist Joel Plaskett performing with the National Arts Centre Orchestra.

“We are thrilled to have CTV’s award-winning news personality Marci Ien as the host of our 40th anniversary gala this year,” said Nichole Anderson, President & CEO of Business for the Arts. “We look forward to an inspiring event at the beautiful new Aga Khan Museum and to celebrating our extraordinary winners for their support of arts and culture in Canada.”

Each year, the Canadian Arts and Business Awards bring together Canada’s business and arts leaders to celebrate the contributions made by individuals and companies who have shown outstanding commitment to the arts through philanthropy, volunteerism and innovative partnerships. This year’s winners are:

The Hon. Hilary M. Weston
Edmund C. Bovey Award

Chris Farias (Hamilton, Ont.)
Arnold Edinborough Award

RuBarb Productions Inc. and K+S Potash Canada (Moose Jaw, Sask.)
artsVest™ Outstanding Partnership Award

BMO Financial Group (Toronto)
Corporate Champion of the Arts Award

D'Arcy Lévesque, Enbridge (Calgary)
Cultural Champion Award – Corporate Leadership

Margot Holmes, Vancouver Island Symphony (Nanaimo, B.C.)
Cultural Champion Award – Arts Leadership

Luminato Festival and Manulife (Toronto)
Community Impact Award

For more information on the awards gala, winners, host and entertainment, visit www.bftaawards.com.

2014 Canadian Arts and Business Awards Partners:

Gala Presenting Partner: Sun Life Financial

Arnold Edinborough Award Partner: Michael Vukets & Associates

Community Impact Award Partner: Aimia

Corporate Champion of the Arts Award Partner/Media Partner: The Globe and Mail

Media Partner: CBC

About Business for the Arts

Founded in 1974, Business for the Arts is Canada's only national charitable organization of business members who support the arts. Our vision is to inspire Canada's business community to partner with the arts to ensure a thriving cultural sector. We connect, educate and invest to bridge the gap between business and the arts. For more information, visit www.businessforthearts.org.

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