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INSTITUTE FOR CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP ANNOUNCES CULTURAL ACCESS PASS TOURS AT THE ART GALLERY OF GREATER VICTORIA

Victoria, BC - The Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC) announces tours for new citizen Cultural Access Pass holders at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria (1040 Moss Street). The first tour for Cultural Access Pass holders is Oct. 23.

“We are delighted to be working with the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria in order to give new citizens a chance to experience and celebrate the arts,” said Gillian Hewitt Smith, Executive Director and CEO of the Institute for Canadian Citizenship. “We’re also very pleased that the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria is now offering tours to Cultural Access Pass holders.”

“We are thrilled to be offering tours for Cultural Access Pass holders,” said Jon Tupper, Director of the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria. “Along with using the Cultural Access Pass, new citizens will have even more opportunities to engage with our programming and exhibits through our tours.”

The Cultural Access Pass was launched in Victoria on May 26. New citizens are eligible for free admission to the **Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, Emily Carr House, and the Royal B.C. Museum**. The ICC has also launched successful tours at other Cultural Access Pass institutions in Toronto. The ICC is working in partnership with the Canadian Museums Association on the national expansion of the Cultural Access Pass.

A presentation and offer of the Cultural Access Pass will be made to the new citizens being sworn in at a citizenship ceremony on Oct. 18 at 1 p.m. the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria. For further information on the Cultural Access Pass, visit www.culturalaccesspass.ca.

More than 100 museums and galleries across Canada are now part of the Cultural Access Pass. Thirty-five museums and galleries in the Toronto region and Kitchener-Waterloo region are now participating in the program, 14 in the Ottawa-Gatineau region, five in the Montréal region, in the eight in the Vancouver-Victoria region and 41 in Nova Scotia.

The Institute for Canadian Citizenship is a national, non-profit organization founded and co-chaired by the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, PC, CC, CMM, COM, CD, Co-chair and John Ralston Saul, CC, Co-chair

new citizens the chance to visit more than 100 museums and galleries across Canada for free for a full year from the time they're sworn in, and our annual LaFontaine-Baldwin Symposium fosters a debate on the future of Canada's civic culture. For more information, visit www.icc-icc.ca

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