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VALERIE COOPER SIGNS FIVE YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE ART GALLERY OF CALGARY

OCTOBER 7, 2008, CALGARY, ALBERTA --- The Board of Directors of The Art Gallery of Calgary are pleased to announce that after four years, Valerie Cooper's contract to remain President & CEO will continue for another five years.

Valerie was appointed to the position of President & CEO of The Art Gallery of Calgary in March, 2004. She holds a Masters Degree in Management from McGill University, and brings a sharp business acumen to her role. Valerie has extensive professional expertise in management and administration in both corporate and non-profit environments, including seven years at Calgary's Glenbow Museum. Prior to joining The Art Gallery of Calgary, Valerie was the founding Executive Director of the Canada Safeway Foundation.

Valerie has built a strong team of gallery professionals who strive for excellence in creative and management practices: in the development of exhibitions, education and public programming, as well as arts administration. Valerie's leadership skills, experience in team management, resource development, and community development have guided The Art Gallery of Calgary into a leading role as a non-collecting contemporary art gallery locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

The Art Gallery of Calgary is a public contemporary Art Gallery and a registered charitable organization. The Art Gallery of Calgary is dedicated to presenting contemporary art exhibitions and providing quality art education programs and experiences for people of all ages. The Art Gallery of Calgary does not seek to acquire a permanent art collection nor is it in the business of selling art.

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