

# HONENS MEDIA RELEASE

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### **HONENS HONOURS TWO OF CALGARY'S ARTS CHAMPIONS**

CALGARY, AB, April 19, 2018—The Honens International Piano Competition & Festival is pleased to announce Heather Bourne and Masters Gallery Ltd. as its 2018 Honens Honours recipients. Honens Honours pays tribute to individuals and organizations whose dedication to the arts, like Esther Honens before them, has made an extraordinary contribution to arts and culture in Calgary.

"Honens Honours affords us the opportunity to thank those among us whose outstanding contributions, not only to Honens, but to the arts community in general, ensure that Calgary continues to grow and thrive in its vibrancy, making it a better place in which to work and live. We are extremely fortunate to have both Masters Gallery and Heather Bourne as supporters and look forward to celebrating them at this event," says Neil Edwards, Honens' President.

"My involvement with Honens has been tremendously rewarding and to be acknowledged for what has already given me such pleasure is very special. I look forward to celebrating both Honens Honours and all that the Honens International Piano Competition & Festival will bring to Calgary in September," comments Heather Bourne who has been a champion of Honens for over 17 years.

"On behalf of Masters Gallery, I am grateful to accept this honour from Honens. It's a privilege working with such an outstanding organization that delivers one of the world's most prestigious events of its kind. The Gallery has been working with Honens since 2007. We began by supporting the Honens Art Auction fundraiser and in 2010 became the Program Partner for the Laureate Circle in Calgary. Honens truly enriches the art and culture community in Calgary, and for that, Masters Gallery is extremely grateful," adds Ryan Green, President and Owner, Masters Gallery Ltd.

Honens pays tribute to its deserving honorees over dinner in The Fairmont Palliser's Crystal Ballroom followed by the rare opportunity to hear two international piano competition winners perform together with the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra and conductor Karina Canellakis at Jack Singer Concert Hall. Luca Buratto, 2015 Honens Prize Laureate, and Szymon Nehring, winner of Israel's 2017 Rubinstein Competition, will perform a program including works by Prokofiev and Strauss culminating with Mozart's *Concerto for Two Pianos in E-flat Major*.

Past Honens Honourees are Jenny Belzberg CM AOE (2006), Irene Besse (2009), F. Richard Matthews CM OC (2012), Mary Rozsa de Coquet OC (2015), and James Stanford OC (2015). Proceeds support the 2018 Honens International Piano Competition & Festival and Honens' outreach into the community.

#### **Backgrounder Attached**

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# **BACKGROUND**

## **HEATHER BOURNE**

Heather Bourne was born and raised in Nova Scotia and graduated with a BA from Mount Allison University in 1969. That same year she married Ian Bourne. During the next seven years she worked for a major bank in the field of Human Resources in both Toronto and Montreal and took CBA courses to further her understanding of accounting and finance.

Following the birth of their two children, Steve and Ann, Heather retired to concentrate on family and community. Altogether, the family moved nine times before coming to Calgary in 1998. They lived in Toronto, Montreal, Peterborough, and Ottawa, as well as two postings in Europe, London and Paris. Early on, Heather discovered the way to settle most quickly was to get involved in the community. Volunteering became a way of life.

Once in Calgary, Heather became involved with the CNIB, CHAS (Children's Hospital Aid Society), and Honens. For the past 17 years, Honens has been her primary focus. On her retirement from the Board in 2017 she had been a competition volunteer, fundraiser, Director, Chair of the Board, and Interim President. In 2012 Heather received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for her work with Honens.

## **MASTERS GALLERY LTD.**

### **Ryan Green**

Ryan Green is President and Owner of Masters Gallery Ltd. He is a dealer of historical, post war and contemporary Canadian art. He holds an MA in Art History from University College in London, England and a BA in Art History from the University of Calgary.

In addition to commercial art practice, Ryan taught European and Canadian art history for the University of Calgary's Continuing Education department. Committed to art education, he founded Young Masters, a partnership with the Calgary School Board to introduce Canadian art to students. He was the lead sponsor for the recent Lawren Harris exhibition at the Glenbow Museum in Calgary and is a distinguished patron of the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa.

### **Rod Green**

Rod Green, born in 1951, is a native Calgarian. He graduated from the University of Calgary in 1972 with a degree in Zoology. From 1972 to 1981, he worked with the Canadian Wildlife Service and published, from 1978 to 1981, a number of scientific papers on the phytoplankton of Western Canada, including identifying a new species of phytoplankton that was named after him. Rod started working in the art world with Masters Gallery in 1977, became a partner in 1986, and retired in 2016.

Rod Green served as a member of Glenbow's Board of Governors from 1997 to 2016 on the Executive Committee, Co-Chair of the Development Committee, and the Collections and Access Committee. He is currently on the Board of the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies located in Banff, Alberta.

Rod Green has been a member of the Professional Art Dealers of Canada for the past 35 years. In 2002, he was awarded the Mayor's Award for Sustaining Support of the Arts in Calgary and in 2005 received the Alberta Centennial Medal from the Legislative Assembly. In 2008 he was the recipient of the Eric L. Harvie Award from the Glenbow Museum. Masters Gallery was the 2008 Small Business Honoree for the Generosity of Spirit Awards from the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

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### Honens Honours Dinner

Crystal Ballroom  
The Fairmont Palliser  
Wednesday, September 5, 2018  
5 pm cocktail reception  
6 pm dinner

Individual Tickets: \$300  
\$220 tax receipt

Table of 10: \$5000  
\$4360 tax receipt

### Honens Honours Concert

Luca Buratto and Szymon Nehring with the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra  
Jack Singer Concert Hall at Arts Commons  
Wednesday, September 5, 2018  
8 pm  
Tickets: \$10 to \$57

Nearly 40% of the house is reserved for individuals who seldom attend concerts due to financial or mobility barriers. Honens partners with more than 30 community groups and agencies to make this possible.

## ABOUT HONENS

Honens discovers, nurtures, and presents Complete Artists—21st century pianists for 21st century audiences. The Honens International Piano Competition takes place every three years and is considered one of the world's most prestigious events of its kind. Honens prepares its Laureates for the rigours and realities of professional careers in music and creates opportunities for growth and exposure. The annual Honens Festival is one of Canada's premier classical music events, intended to share Mrs. Honens' love of world renowned music with Albertans every year. The 2018 Honens International Piano Competition & Festival takes place in Calgary from August 30 to September 8.

Esther Honens created a legacy of musical excellence to be enjoyed for generations. In 1991, Mrs. Honens gave \$5 million to endow an international piano competition in her hometown of Calgary, Canada. Her generosity, vision, and love of music continue to touch the lives of musicians and music-lovers at home and around the world. Honens' Legacy Partners follow in Esther Honens' footsteps by securing Honens' future and ensuring its continued ability to offer a broad scope of programming and community outreach projects.