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OTTAWA ART GALLERY REVEALS CREATIVE TEAM BEHIND JACKSON CAFÉ

OTTAWA, ON, FEBRUARY 21, 2018 – At a business update event hosted by Ottawa City Councilor Mathieu Fleury highlighting neighborhood projects and developments, the Ottawa Art Gallery (OAG) revealed today details of the Jackson café. The announcement took place in the lobby of the OAG expansion which will be inaugurated April 28th, 2018.

OAG's Jackson café, co-created by Restaurateur Caroline Gosselin and Executive Chef John Leung, will offer a changing menu inspired by OAG's exhibitions, that will be primarily plant based, artisanal, organic when possible, as well as locally and globally sourced from small and family farms. The café is named after A.Y. Jackson, known as "Alec" to friends, who was instrumental in founding the Group of Seven. He lived and worked in the Ottawa Valley from 1955 to 1968. An artist herself, Caroline Gosselin is behind Ottawa's Restaurant e18hteen and SIDEDOOR. With over 20 years of culinary experience, Chef John Leung has worked at premier dining establishments, including Restaurant e18hteen, British High Commission, Four Seasons in Toronto, Daniel restaurant in New York City, and at Nobu in London, England. He takes inspiration around the globe to combine worldwide flavours, locally sourced ingredients and sustainable food to produce aesthetically pleasing dishes that satisfy the senses. Jackson will open to the public beginning Sunday, April 29th during OAG's inaugural weekend.

Also announced were details of the OAG Shop, committed to supporting regional and Canadian makers, Galerie Annexe, OAG's commercial space dedicated to showcasing works by regional artists through the exhibitions, rental and sales, and the Alma Duncan Hall, the Gallery's multipurpose room for conferences, screenings, major parties, performances, weddings, and more.

To book an interview with the Ottawa Art Gallery Director and CEO, or for more information:

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Alexandra Badzak, Ottawa Art Gallery Director and CEO, on site with OAG's Jackson café creators, Restaurateur Caroline Gosselin and Chef John Leung.

[Fact sheet about OAG spaces and Biographies:](#)

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OAG Expansion press kit:

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Ottawa Art Gallery (OAG)

The OAG inauguration will take place on Saturday, April 28th, 2018 and will mark the Gallery's 30th anniversary. Its new address will be 50 Mackenzie King Bridge Ottawa, ON, K1N 0C5. This project coincides with the revitalization of Ottawa's downtown which includes the reconstruction of Rideau Street, the expansion of the Rideau Centre and construction of the O-Train Confederation Line light rail transit project.

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