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\$10,700 Ontario Trillium Foundation Capital Grant Increases Accessibility of the Koffler Centre of the Arts

Toronto, June 21, 2019 – On Thursday evening, June 20, 2019, the Koffler Centre of the Arts welcomed members of the community to the opening reception for the Koffler Gallery's Summer Exhibition *Peter's Proscenium*, the first exhibition of work in Canada for artists **Raphaël Zarka** and **Christian Hidaka**.

The reception also celebrated the accessibility upgrades of the Koffler Gallery and the Koffler Centre of the Arts.

Local MPP **Chris Glover** (Spadina–Fort York) attended the reception to congratulate the Koffler Centre of the Arts and to hear more about how the \$10,700 Capital Grant from the OTF has increased the accessibility of the Koffler Gallery, as well as public programs and educational activities at the Koffler Centre of the Arts.

"For the past eight years, I have been advocating for students and adults with disabilities. We need to make sure that people with disabilities have full access to transit, to schools, to work places, and to art and cultural spaces. I congratulate Koffler Centre of the Arts for making their space and their programs more accessible to all Ontarians," said MPP Glover for Spadina–Fort York.

Thanks to the \$10,700 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the Koffler Centre of the Arts was able to install automatic door openers on three main doorways in the Koffler Gallery.

"We are deeply appreciative of the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation in enhancing the accessibility of our gallery," said Executive Director, **Karen Tisch**. "The Koffler Centre of the Arts is committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming space for artists, audiences, and employees of all backgrounds and abilities. Installing automatic doors that make our gallery and office space accessible to individuals using mobility devices is an important step in meeting this vital commitment. Thank you to the OTF for making this possible."

The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada's leading granting foundations. OTF awarded more than \$108 million to some 629 projects last year to build healthy and vibrant communities in Ontario.

ABOUT THE KOFFLER CENTRE OF THE ARTS

The Koffler Centre of the Arts is a cultural platform that explores critical ideas and concerns of our time through exhibitions, publications, performances, literary events and digital initiatives. We examine complex issues through transformative art experiences that stimulate intercultural dialogue and position our Jewish identity in conversation with diverse perspectives and global voices. The Koffler Gallery and its administrative offices are located at Artscape Youngplace, in Toronto's vibrant West Queen West art and design district. For more information:

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