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Victoria Conservatory of Music Elects New Members to Board of Governors

Victoria - The Board of Governors of the Victoria Conservatory of Music are pleased to announce two new members, Michael McEvoy and Shelley Williams, who were elected to the Board at the VCM's Annual General Meeting, held late last year.

Michael McEvoy was appointed Information and Privacy Commissioner for BC on March 5, 2018. He previously held the position of Deputy Commissioner to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. Mr. McEvoy obtained a Juris Doctorate from the University of Manitoba in 1985 and a Bachelor of Arts in 1980 from the University of Winnipeg. He has been a member of the Law Society of British Columbia since 1986. Mr. McEvoy was a public school trustee for 12 years, including two terms as President of the British Columbia School Trustees' Association and one term as President of the Canadian School Boards' Association. He has also served on numerous campaign committees of the Greater Victoria United Way, chairing its 2009 campaign.

Shelley Williams is a retired lawyer and advancement professional. After practicing law for 17 years she retired to raise her family, returning to work in the advancement department of an independent school in West Vancouver. Before moving to Victoria, Shelley sat on the boards of the Lions Gate Hospital Foundation, BC Diving, North Shore Dolphins Dive Club and Collingwood School, and was a volunteer with numerous charities. She brings to the VCM over 30 years of experience in not for profit fundraising campaigns and events, alumni relations, and communications and marketing. A life-long music lover, she studied piano and violin for many years and played in a university orchestra.

Roy Cullen was thanked for his service as Chair of the Victoria Conservatory Board of Governor's, he will remain on the board as Past-Chair. **Shannon von Kaldenberg** has been elected as the new board Chair.

Shannon von Kaldenberg, is a highly respected and regarded advancement professional with extensive experience in fundraising, strategic planning and people management. She has twenty five years of senior management experience, successfully leading small and large staff and volunteer teams. Her diverse career incorporates the education, social service, health care, consulting and the corporate sectors. Shannon has been Chief Philanthropy Officer at the Heart and Stroke Foundation since 2010, and previous roles include Associate Vice-President Alumni and Development and Chief Development Officer, UVic, Assistant Dean External Relations, UBC Sauder School of Business, University Director of Development, UBC, President of the Vancouver Hospital Foundation and Vice President of Development and Communications, United Way of the Lower Mainland. She is a frequent speaker and lecturer with the Association of Fundraising Professionals where she also served on the Board and as Chair, and was a VCM Board member and Chair of the Development Committee from 2008-2010.

About the Victoria Conservatory of Music:

Founded in 1964, the Victoria Conservatory of Music is one of Canada's most innovative and progressive music schools. Its mission is to enrich lives through music in a thriving community accessible to all. The VCM is a Centre for Excellence and enjoyment of music through education, performance and music therapy, serving its community of over 3700 students and music therapy clients of all ages, through six outstanding program areas: The Ann & George Nation Conservatory School of Classical Music; The Chwyl Family School of Contemporary Music; the School of Music Technology and Creativity; and the departments of Postsecondary Studies, Music Therapy, and Early Childhood Music. VCM's Music Outreach initiatives further enrich the lives of over 1000 children in day-cares, preschools, and Elementary schools throughout the Greater Victoria Area. The VCM is a Non-Profit organization located in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. For more information visit us online at: vcm.bc.ca

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