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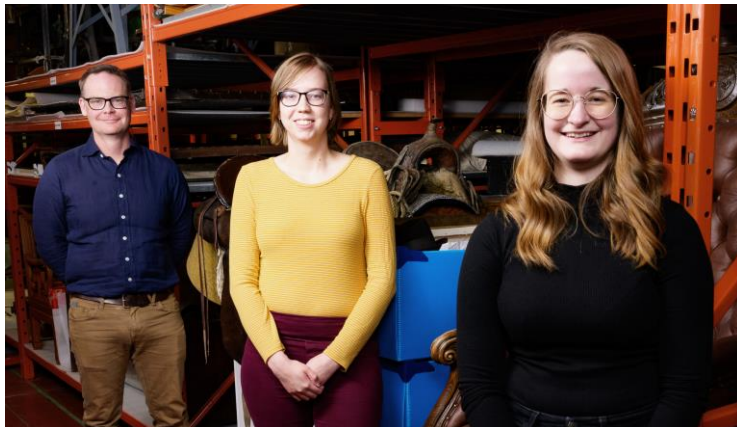


### **GALT MUSEUM & ARCHIVES WINS CANADIAN MUSEUM ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**Ottawa, May 17, 2021** – The Galt Museum & Archives were awarded the prestigious Canadian Museums Association (CMA) Award of Outstanding Achievement in Stewardship of Collections at this year's CMA Conference.

In addition to celebrating achievement, the CMA Awards uplift and inspire by helping set community benchmarks of excellence. All are awarded following a competitive process and peer review by a volunteer jury.

The Award of Outstanding Achievement for excellence in Stewardship of Collections, recognizes exceptional museum projects that see to the preservation of intangible culture heritage, including relevant digital practices and documentation.



“This award is presented to Galt Museum & Archives for their remarkable undertaking in capturing the oral histories behind their acquisitions. Their approach allows for unique and human stories to be told about each item in their collections, giving them new life and personality.” said Benoît Légaré, the Chair of CMA's Awards and Membership Committee. “The Galt and their wonderful team of staff and volunteers have been implementing this practice for over a decade to help sustain a living memory of their collections and of Lethbridge as a whole.”

The CMA conference brings together hundreds of museum professionals from every region of the country. It was held exceptionally online this year from May 3 to May 13.

#### **Additional quotes:**

"Thank-you to those who judged our work worthy of recognition. Credit is shared with countless folks who helped create and support our documentation and access practice. We appreciate our community, in particular folks who entrust us with their treasures and who are

eager to share their objects' connections and meanings with us. We are also indebted to our Collections' staff and volunteers; they are the army of souls who make our objects' distinctive voices publicly accessible. And finally, I am personally grateful to have had the opportunity over many years to reflect on what is truly important about objects — people. The Galt Museum & Archives is honoured to receive this award and we hope that our approach to oral history collections documentation can be an example for other institutions as well." — Kevin Maclean, Collections Technician at the Galt Museum & Archives

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*We advocate for public policies and support, we build skills across the profession, and we establish and inspire connections to strengthen and sustain museums.*