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### **Governor General in Toronto**

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#### **Governor General in Toronto to Focus on Innovation and Education through the Arts**

OTTAWA — Their Excellencies the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, and Mrs. Sharon Johnston will be in Toronto on **Wednesday, March 14, 2012**, to take part in activities that will highlight innovation and education through the arts.

"Innovation and education are at the heart of my mandate. It is therefore with great interest that I will be meeting with members of organizations and the people behind extraordinary, innovative initiatives that are having an impact on our society," the Governor General stated. "This visit to Toronto will allow Sharon and me to discover projects that bring together education, technology and the arts in collaboration with youth. I believe that by sharing knowledge and encouraging innovation, our society will continue to evolve and grow."

**Wednesday, March 14**

**Toronto, Ontario**

#### **Governor General visits SKETCH as Youth Declare Possibilities**

**2:30 p.m.**

##### **Visit to SKETCH**

The Governor General and Mrs. Johnston will meet at 1:30pm with young artists involved with SKETCH who are living with homelessness, poverty or marginalization. Their Excellencies will take part in a discussion on how SKETCH has created opportunities for youth to contribute to culture-building and the arts throughout the GTA. Their Excellencies will then visit SKETCH's music studio presently housed at 220 Cowan Avenue, Masaryk-Cowan CRC.

SKETCH is a community-arts initiative that is recognized for its capacity-focused approach to engaging youth aged 15 to 29, through both the arts and skill building. For more information, visit [www.sketch.ca](http://www.sketch.ca).

"The creative process allows for some remarkable transformations," says Rudy Ruttimann, Executive Director. "[Declaring Possibility](#) is about providing the space where ideas and stories can be turned into leadership, self-sufficiency and inspire changes that ultimately creates a beautiful world for all."

*180 Sudbury St. (SKETCH Offices) 220 Cowan Street (SKETCH Music Studio)*

**OPEN TO MEDIA** – Their Excellencies leaving 180 Sudbury Street at 2:30pm, media invited to accompany their Excellencies to the music studio site for photo ops. Arriving at 220 Cowan Avenue approx. 2:45pm.

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