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## **Blair Swann Appointed to Executive Director**



Art Metropole is thrilled to announce the appointment of Blair Swann to the position of Executive Director. The Board of Directors was impressed by his holistic vision for the future of Art Metropole through the competitive hiring process and his demonstrated commitment to the organization in the last three and a half years. Swann, currently Associate Director, started at Art Metropole in November 2020, as the Assistant Director & Inventory Manager.

Swann has years of experience working with artists at various career levels to realize exhibitions, publications, and editions; and has organized numerous book launches, talks, and readings. He is an artist and curator; and a co-founder of the plumb, a collectively-run arts space in Toronto. Swann brings a strong desire for collaboration and community-oriented programming to the role, with a deep understanding of the administrative needs of the organization.



“I’m very excited to take on the position of Executive Director of Art Metropole,” says Swann. “Art Metropole is such an essential hub for artists in Toronto – with a unique legacy of bridging the local and global, emerging and established, historic and contemporary. I’m looking forward to continuing my work with Art Metropole’s staff and board to support the development of artists’ books and multiples, and champion publication and distribution as artistic practices.”

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### **About Art Metropole**

Art Metropole is a non-profit artist-run centre with a focus on contemporary art in distributed formats: artists’ books and art publications, video, audio, electronic media, and multiples. Art Metropole produces exhibitions, talks, book launches, performances, and other programs that feature and intersect with distributed art practices; and we manage a public art collection and archive pertaining to these practices. We distribute works through our retail shop, pop-up and satellite locations, online, and through participation in international art book fairs.

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