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## **L'IMAGIER ANNOUNCES ITS NEW MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Gatineau, March 3, 2021 - The Chairman of the Board of Directors, François Lachapelle, its members and the Director of L'Imagier, Leonore-Namkha Beschi, are pleased to announce the appointment of Patricia Bérubé as their new member of the Board of Directors.**

Patricia Bérubé is a doctoral candidate at Carleton University in Cultural Mediation. As a recipient of several distinctions for her studies and research projects, she specializes in museum accessibility, an important topic for L'Imagier.

### **What Patricia Bérubé believes in:**

"As someone who identifies as neurodivergent, I do believe that accessibility and inclusion go beyond removing physical barriers in museums and art galleries. In fact, issues of accessibility and inclusion need to be approached from different perspectives, which depend on one's experience, priorities, values and beliefs.

Something that is dear and near to my heart is the belief that cultural institutions should not only consider, but also actively work towards providing intellectual access to the artworks and collections they are presenting. Intellectual accessibility means that museums should broaden their definition of the 'idealized visitor.' In doing so, this could help them become more flexible with the ways in which they do interpret and explain artworks."

— *Patricia Bérubé*



### **A happy and grateful president**

"I would like to thank Patricia Bérubé for accepting our invitation and for her involvement in L'Imagier's team."

"I would also like to underline the departure of Michel Bédard, outgoing member of the Board of Directors. As Chairman of the Board between 2009 and 2019, Michel Bédard greatly contributed to making L'Imagier what it is now and to providing the new team with a strong organization. His most recent "baby" is certainly our new building. We warmly thank him for his unwavering dedication and exceptional work for L'Imagier."

— *François Lachapelle*

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