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New York Times art critic Blake Gopnik to present Textile Museum of Canada 40th Anniversary Lecture on Andy Warhol and the Art of Textiles, Wednesday, June 3

The Textile Museum of Canada is pleased to present New York-based art historian and critic Dr. Blake Gopnik who will offer the Museum's 40th Anniversary Lecture *Andy Warhol and the Art of Textiles* on Wednesday June 3, 2015 at 6 pm, followed by a private reception and fundraising dinner with the speaker at 7:30 pm. Long-time art critic of the *Globe and Mail*, *The Washington Post* and *Newsweek*, Gopnik is now critic-at-large at *Artnet News* and a frequent contributor to the *New York Times*.

At work on the first comprehensive biography of Andy Warhol for HarperCollins, Gopnik will explore the unique place that textiles had in Warhol's art, life and career. Such materials were central to Warhol; from the beginning of his career he worked with textiles, collected them, was influenced by them, and designed them. Textiles were an integral part of his lifelong exploration of the interplay of artistic and mechanical production as well as his interest in the intersections of high and mass culture, art and commerce.

Tickets to the lecture are \$25, with discounted admission for students and Museum members at \$20. Tickets for the lecture as well as reception and dinner with Blake Gopnik are \$250. To purchase, visit TMCGopnik.eventbrite.com, call 416-599-5321 x2246 or email development@textilemuseum.ca. All events take place on the Victoria University campus at the University of Toronto in downtown Toronto; the lecture in Northrop Frye Hall (Room NF003), with the reception and dinner to follow in the Goldring Student Centre (73 Queen's Park Crescent, Toronto).

This event is presented in conjunction with the Textile Museum of Canada's feature exhibition *Artist Textiles: Picasso to Warhol* organised and circulated by the Fashion and Textile Museum, UK. This major summer exhibition offers a fascinating overview of textiles designed by some of the world's most celebrated artists including Pablo Picasso, Salvador Dali, Sonia Delaunay, Henri Matisse, Henry Moore, Andy Warhol and Alexander Calder – many on public display for the first time.

Artist Textiles: Picasso to Warhol is on view at the Textile Museum of Canada May 2 – October 4, 2015 (55 Centre Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 2H5; open daily 11-5 pm, Wed 11-8 pm). Visit www.textilemuseum.ca for more information on all of our exhibitions and programs.

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High-Res images, credits, captions and press kit for this event as well the exhibition *Artist Textiles: Picasso to Warhol* available for download: https://www.dropbox.com/s/13vbro4bur3d7mt/ArtistTextiles_PressKit.zip?dl=0

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AT A GLANCE

Textile Museum of Canada 40TH Anniversary Dinner and Lecture with Blake Gopnik
Andy Warhol and the Art of Textiles
Wednesday June 3, 2015

Location

Lecture: Northrop Frye Hall (Room NF003) 6 PM

Reception/Dinner: Goldring Student Centre 7:30 PM

Victoria University, University of Toronto, 73 Queens Park Crescent East, Toronto, ON M5S 1K7

Tickets:

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