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## **Scotiabank Announces Partnership with Cayman National Gallery**

Scotiabank has announced a partnership with the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands to become an 'Education Sponsor' and 'Corporate Partner' for the period November 1, 2012 through to January 2014. The sponsorship is aimed at enabling the National Gallery to expand its educational initiatives within the community and to boost its mission in "*Promoting and Preserving Caymanian Art.*"

The sponsorship package will see Scotiabank committing six thousand Caymanian Dollars (CIS\$6,000) towards the Gallery to execute developmental programmes, including one annual education initiative to enhance the skills of talented young and upcoming artists. The sponsorship support is significant for the Gallery as it continues to focus on educating the population about the history of indigenous Caymanian Art, showcasing these local masterpieces and acknowledging the people who have created them.

Speaking about the partnership with the Gallery, Doug Cochrane, Managing Director of Scotiabank and Trust Cayman, said that, the " We are proud of the work that the national gallery has been doing, and we are confident that our investment will help them in their efforts to continue to showcase and stimulate great artistic skills among Caymanians. Our support will go a far way in helping to provide the resources to execute the programmes they have developed to reach young artists and the larger population. Art is an extremely popular and effective form of expression for both mature and young people and we want to help people find the avenues to nature these skills and bring them to light for others to enjoy".

The National Gallery only recently moved into its new purpose built facility which boasts the FJ Harquail Exhibition Hall with Upper and Lower Galleries, featuring the National Collection Exhibition as well as the temporary exhibitions.

As a corporate member of the Cayman National Gallery, Scotiabank will also be able to access private curator tours and lectures featuring the work of local and Caribbean artists. The Bank will be using this opportunity to engage both clients in private viewings as well as staff in teambuilding activities via the Gallery's major exhibitions.

“We are proud of our special association with the Gallery as we think this is a great way to support the work of local artists and invest in the cultural community and arts education of the Cayman Islands. Our clients are art lovers and being able to connect with them through art appreciation is an ideal way to build our relationship with them. Our staff will also benefit from a relationship with the Gallery, as we all embrace the rich cultural heritage of our island and expose ourselves more to the wonderful works there”, explained Mr. Cochrane.

Acknowledging the donation made by Scotiabank, Gallery Director, Natalie Urquhart said that “The National Gallery is committed to providing creative programming for young people across the Cayman Islands and it is through partnerships with organizations like Scotiabank, who recognize the role art and culture plays in a healthy community, that we are able to do so. We're very excited to be working with Scotiabank on the development of a new NGCI Youth Summer Programme, made possible through their generous support.”

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