

## **AGO appoints Tony Gagliano as President of Board of Trustees**

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Toronto, Ontario (April 16, 2009) – The Art Gallery of Ontario announced yesterday that Tony Gagliano, Executive Chairman and CEO of St. Joseph Communications, has been named President of its Board of Trustees effective this June. He succeeds Charlie Baillie, who held the post since 2002.

In this volunteer position, Gagliano will be adding to his extensive involvement in community and arts-related initiatives. A member of the AGO Board of Trustees since 2003, he has served as a Vice President of the Gallery since 2005. Gagliano also led an unprecedented fundraising effort in support of Transformation AGO, where 26 prominent families within the Italian-Canadian community contributed \$13 million to the project. In recognition of their support, the iconic sculptural promenade on the AGO's north facade was named Galleria Italia.

"Tony brings his considerable leadership experience and energy to the presidency of the AGO as it begins a new and already celebrated chapter," says Matthew Teitelbaum, the AGO's Michael and Sonja Koerner director, and CEO.

Gagliano is also co-founder of Luminato, Toronto's annual festival of arts and creativity. Gagliano is actively involved in a number of organizations, including the Young Presidents' Association, St. Michael's Hospital, the Toronto Community Foundation and the Canadian Council of Chief Executives.

Gagliano has received numerous honours, including an Alumni Achievement Award from Ryerson University, the Words & Deeds Leadership Award from the CIJA and UJA Federation, and most recently, with Luminato co-founder David Pecaut, the Canadian Club of Toronto's 2008 Canadian of the Year.

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