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MOV Announces 2014 Legacy Awards Dinner Honourees: Morris and Yosef Wosk, Dr. Julio Montaner and Wade Grant

(Vancouver, BC) — The Museum of Vancouver is proud to announce the winners of this year's Legacy Awards. The MOV, through its selection committee, discovers outstanding people who are deserved of recognition for their efforts in creating a better Vancouver. The 3rd annual MOV Legacy Awards Dinner will take place on October 8th at the Museum of Vancouver.

In keeping with the Museum's vision, to hold a mirror up to the city and lead provocative conversations about its past, present and future, it is appropriate that we recognize those individuals, organizations and even businesses that have and continue to make Vancouver the city it is today.

Each year the committee struggles to make the selections because there are so many worthy candidates. It is exciting, however, to realize how many incredibly people we have in this city and we are very excited to be honouring this group for their contributions to our city's story.

The Museum of Vancouver will present its **Legacy Award** to **Morris and Yosef Wosk**. Father and son, Morris and Yosef have contributed to many local charities. Born in Russia, the late **Morris Wosk** moved to British Columbia in 1928. His hard work and strict adherence to honesty, fairness and respect for all, earned him success in business, a success he shared widely with the people of B.C. After nearly four decades building a family retail business, Morris turned his attention to the hotel and residential sector. For Morris, achievement in business is only one measure of success. The other being contribution to community. He generously gave his time, energy and resources to numerous causes, both locally and abroad, supporting diverse non-profit organizations. Morris Wosk is a member of The Order of British Columbia, The Order of Canada and has also been recognized for his philanthropic work internationally.

Morris and Dena's son **Rabbi Dr. Yosef Wosk** serves as Adjunct Professor in the Department of Humanities at Simon Fraser University where he developed seminal programs such as *The Philosophers' Café* and *The Canadian Academy of Independent Scholars*. Active in communal affairs, Yosef is a media commentator, public speaker and published author who has founded and supported hundreds of libraries worldwide, endowed Vancouver's Poet Laureate, and has lectured at a number of universities and institutes of higher learning throughout the world. Identified as one of the top ten thinkers and most thoughtful citizens in the province, he is an appointed Member of The Order of British Columbia, a recipient of both The Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals and is included in the Canadian Who's Who.

The MOV City Shaper Award will be presented to **Dr. Julio Montaner**, a Professor of Medicine and Head of the Division of AIDS at UBC. He played a key role in establishing the efficacy of Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy (HAART) and since then has established the role of 'Treatment as Prevention' using HAART to simultaneously decrease progression to AIDS and death, as well as HIV transmission. He was inducted into the Order of British Columbia in 2010, in part for his work resulting in a decrease in HIV/AIDS infections and mortality. Dr. Montaner was born in Argentina and completed his M.D. with Honours from the University of Buenos Aires in 1979. After completing a one-year post-doctoral fellowship at UBC and meeting his future wife, Montaner decided to remain in Vancouver, joining the faculty of St. Paul's Hospital/UBC. He was invited to run the new HIV department that was being established in response to the emerging AIDS crisis. In 1992, he was joined by Michael O'Shaughnessy to found the B.C. Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS. In 1996, Dr. Montaner presented the results of his pioneering research on triple therapy to treat HIV infections at the XI International AIDS

Conference in Vancouver, creating new standard for HIV drug therapy. Dr. Montaner served as the President of the International AIDS Society from 2008 to 2010, and as of 2013, continues to serve as an elected member of the Council of the International AIDS Society.

The Emerging City Visionary Award will honour Wade Grant, the son of former Chief Wendy Grant-John and Councillor Howard E. Grant, who was born and raised on the Musqueam Indian Reserve. After receiving an Arts degree from UBC, Wade worked in many different areas and attended UBC Law School. He has participated on many volunteer boards and committees around the city and has been actively involved forging new relationships between Aboriginal people and the City of Vancouver. In 2004, at the age of 26, Wade was elected to Musqueam Chief & Council for the first time. Wade was the Executive Assistant to the Provincial Minister of Public safety from 2006-2007. In 2007, Wade accepted a role in the office of Shawn Atleo who was the Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief at the time. In 2009, Wade was named the Assistant General Manager of the Aboriginal Pavilion for the 2010 Winter Olympics. Wade is particularly proud of his work as Co-Chair for the Vancouver Urban Dialogues Project, which brought together the First Nations, Urban Aboriginal, and New Immigrants in ways that had never been done before. Recently, Wade accepted a role in the Office of the Premier as Special Advisor on First Nations and Aboriginal Issues.

Taking place in the MOV's landmark building in Vanier Park, the Legacy Awards Dinner will offer guests an exclusive museum experience complete with live music, fine wine, and scrumptious food. Visit the MOV's website at www.museumofvancouver.ca/legacydinner to purchase early bird tickets, for background on the honorees, and further details on how the awards were selected.

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About the Museum of Vancouver

The Museum of Vancouver connects Vancouverites to each other and connects Vancouver to the world. The museum is a gathering place that encourages social engagement and inspires conversation about the future. MOV exhibitions and collections invite exploration of contemporary issues and stories from the past. MOV activities ignite a passion for Vancouver and its people. The museum, an enthusiastic advocate for the city, is an independent non-profit organization that depends on support from the community. The Museum of Vancouver is located in Vancouver at 1100 Chestnut Street (in Vanier Park).

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