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## Esker Foundation announces leadership changes

**CALGARY, Alberta (November 17, 2011)** – Jim Hill, co-owner and founder of the Esker Foundation, announced today several management changes for the Esker Foundation.

“As a result of personal health reasons, Alex Keim has decided to step down as Director of Esker. Alex will continue to work with Caterina Pizanias towards the successful opening of Esker’s first exhibition – New Alberta Contemporaries. We sincerely thank Alex for her contribution to Esker during its start up phase.

Going forward, the former Director role will be split into two different positions. The Gallery Manager will be responsible for the gallery staff and the presentation of the exhibitions. The Program Manager will primarily be responsible for liaising with collecting institutions and artists leading to the development of ideas for future exhibitions.

Rhonda Barber will be assuming the role of Gallery Manager on December 5th. Rhonda earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Alberta College of Art & Design (ACAD) and has extensive public art administrative experience gained while working as the Gallery Administrator at the Triangle Gallery of Visual Arts and as Manager, Public & Education Programs at the Art Gallery of Calgary.

A search is currently underway for the role of Program Manager to continue the program plan already in place.”

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### About Esker Foundation

The Esker Foundation is the creation of local philanthropists and art patrons Jim and Susan Hill, and is the largest, privately funded, non-commercial gallery of its kind in Calgary. Esker is a cultural platform for innovative and exceptional temporary art exhibitions and educational events.

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