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INUIT ART QUARTERLY NOMINATED FOR FOUR NATIONAL MAGAZINE AWARDS

Toronto, Ontario – May 1, 2018 – The Inuit Art Foundation is delighted to announce that the *Inuit Art Quarterly* has been nominated for four National Magazine Awards. The *IAQ* has been nominated in the following categories: **Best Magazine: Art and Literature**; **Art Direction Grand Prix** and **Best Editorial Package** for our landmark issue “Anniversary: Celebrating 30 Years” and **One of a Kind Storytelling** for our sprawling, multi-authored portfolio “30 Artists to Know” which featured contributions from thirty artists, curators, writers and arts administrators, including eighteen Inuit contributors.

This marks the second consecutive year that the *IAQ* has been shortlisted for a “Best Magazine” award in an Arts and Literature category, the first was for the inaugural Canadian Magazine Awards in 2017. This year, the *IAQ* is nominated alongside *Brick*, a literary journal with a focus on literary non-fiction, and *The Site Magazine*, a journal of contemporary architecture, landscape, urbanism, and design in Canada. It is also the first time the magazine has been recognized for overall editorial and art direction excellence.

"Everyone at the Inuit Art Foundation is deeply honoured to be nominated alongside such strong submissions across multiple categories," explains Executive Director and Publisher Alysa Procida. "We are particularly excited that we have garnered this recognition in our 30th anniversary year, which reflects the strong legacy and bright future for the publication and Inuit artists broadly."

The *Inuit Art Quarterly* is the only publication that focuses solely on the vibrant and dynamic world of Inuit art. Published by the Inuit Art Foundation since 1986, this quarterly art magazine connects readers around the world with the Arctic by way of feature articles on well-known and emerging artists, timely and topical commentary and exclusive interviews.

Established in 1987, the Inuit Art Foundation provides support to Canada’s Inuit arts communities and is the sole national body mandated to promote Inuit artists and art within Canada and internationally. The Foundation is deeply invested in the rich history and tradition of Canada’s Inuit artistic expressions while actively contributing to the growth and development of these unique and diverse contemporary art practices. The Foundation undertakes advocacy on behalf of Inuit artists and realises a number of strategies aimed at enhancing the appreciation and interpretation of Inuit art. The Inuit Art Foundation is supported by the private sector along with contributions from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada and other public agencies. A volunteer, Inuit artist majority Board of Directors oversees the Foundation.

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