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## EMILY CARR'S PRESIDENT + VICE-CHANCELLOR, DR. RON BURNETT, AWARDED CHEVALIER DES ARTS ET DES LETTRES

**Vancouver, BC** | The French government has bestowed the prestigious award of *Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres* (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) on Dr. Ron Burnett, President + Vice-Chancellor of Emily Carr University of Art + Design. The official ceremony will take place June 3, 2010.

The award is in recognition of Dr. Burnett's contribution to Canadian and international culture through his work as one of the founders of Film and Cultural Studies in Canada, his constant and lifetime interaction with French scholars, his over 150 publications and books and his fourteen years of leadership as the President of Emily Carr University of Art + Design. Dr. Burnett is also being honoured for his efforts to strengthen academic relationships between Canada and France.

"The Board of Governors and the Emily Carr community are honoured by this prestigious and well deserved recognition of our President and Vice-Chancellor," said Dr. George Pedersen, Chair, Emily Carr Board of Governors.

The Ordre des Arts et des Lettres is an Order of France, established May 2, 1957 by the Minister of Culture, and due to its importance and significance, confirmed as a distinct decoration by President Charles de Gaulle in 1963 when most of ministerial orders were abolished. The French government confers several distinctions, among which the Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres is conferred on persons who have distinguished themselves by their creativity in the field of art, culture and literature or for their contribution to the influence of the arts in France and throughout the world.

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