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## **'Citizens of Craft: The Podcast' Returns May 29 2019**

*Bringing together the voices of craft artists, curators, educators and collectors, the second season of this series returns this spring, exploring the objects we love, the reasons we love them, and the people who bring them to life.*

**Fredericton, NB, May 15** - It's official! Our second season of Citizens of Craft: The Podcast returns this month. Episode 1, "One Size Should Not Fit All", premieres Wednesday, May 29, on [citizensofcraft.ca/podcast](http://citizensofcraft.ca/podcast) and all podcast streaming platforms.

The first season of 'Citizens of Craft: The Podcast' streamed last fall and reached over 2800 craft artists and enthusiasts across Canada and beyond. Produced by the Canadian Crafts Federation and hosted by their Director, Maegen Black, this podcast brings together the voices of Canada's craft professionals who speak off the cuff about craft practice and its role in their lives. You can find the first season on [citizensofcraft.ca/podcast](http://citizensofcraft.ca/podcast).

Podcast guest speakers are masters in their own right, chasing techniques that have been in use for thousands of years, or exploring new technologies that have just begun to push the boundaries of art. They appreciate and create objects with meaning, history, and purpose - rejecting the mass manufactured lifestyle of our time to capture something more authentic. These artists are the guest speakers in this series, alongside craft educators, curators, and enthusiasts.

Each episode addresses one of ten manifesto statements from the Citizens of Craft movement, including "You believe in 10-digit technology" and "Vases are people, too".

**"Season Two takes the conversation further - delving into the evils of fast fashion, new technologies and the benefit of pairing art with science, as well as the personal lives of craft artists. It's not about what is made and how, but about WHY we make, and the stories behind the craft." - Host, Maegen Black**

As a society, we've come to greatly value things like craft beer, local farmers markets, and artisanal products – this is a societal shift that has taken place over the last decade. The Citizens of Craft manifesto taps into these beliefs, which shape the discussion taking place in the podcast. The purpose is to not only create content for the craft community but to reach beyond this community to educate, inform, and inspire the general public.

This project is made possible through an extensive partnership with voicEd Radio, as well as support from Tucker's Pottery, Studio Magazine, the New Brunswick College of Craft and Design, Crafted Vancouver, the Sheila Hugh McKay Foundation and the Canada Council for the Arts.

The premiere episode of Season 2 will be released bi-weekly starting Wednesday, May 29.

**Hear our first season for yourself! Visit us at [www.citizensofcraft.ca](http://www.citizensofcraft.ca)**

### **About the Citizens of Craft:**

Citizens of Craft is a movement of makers, appreciators, shoppers, admirers – anyone whose values match our manifesto values of heritage, innovation, the leading edge, traditional, authentic, and entrepreneurial. This movement exists because there is a great need to unify the voices, to stop trying to define craft but instead to celebrate its diversity – what it is, what it represents, and who it defines: those who make and those who appreciate.