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## **GLOBAL FORUM ON CITIZENSHIP AND INCLUSION RETURNING TO CALGARY**

*Second edition of 6 Degrees Calgary to focus on role of arts and culture*

**CALGARY, February 28, 2019**—On Thursday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. the Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC) will welcome Calgarians to the second edition of 6 Degrees Calgary, a full day of engaging and interactive conversation and action on the role of culture and the arts in building inclusive societies. The University of Calgary is proud to return as presenting partner. The event will take place in the Jack Singer Concert Hall Lobby at Arts Commons (205 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE).

Speakers will include Shad, rapper and Host of *Hip Hop Evolution*; Sage Paul, artist, designer, and innovative leader for Indigenous fashion, craft, and textiles; Mii-Sum-In-Iskum (Justin Many Fingers), Artistic Director, Making Treaty 7 Cultural Society; The Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson, 26th Governor General of Canada; John Ralston Saul, award-winning essayist and novelist; Stephen Borys, Director and CEO of the Winnipeg Art Gallery; and Rachel Giese, journalist and author. A full list of speakers and partners is available at [www.6degreesto.com/calgary2019](http://www.6degreesto.com/calgary2019).

“What is the role of culture in the face of the politics of division? How can we use the power of culture as a tool for positive change, inclusion, and belonging? And how do we make culture itself more inclusive? We’re inviting Calgarians of all ages and from all walks of life to join us in tackling these key questions,” says ICC CEO Yasir Naqvi. “We can’t wait to be back in Calgary.”

“The University of Calgary is a proud supporter of events such as 6 Degrees Calgary that spark important global discussions on inclusion,” says Dru Marshall, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), University of Calgary. “Diversity, equity and inclusion are a fundamental part of who we are at UCalgary. These values are integral to the wellbeing of our campus and allow for innovation, artistic expression, and better decision-making.”

Tickets for 6 Degrees Calgary are available at [www.6degreesto.com/calgary2019](http://www.6degreesto.com/calgary2019).

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## **About 6 Degrees**

6 Degrees drives a global conversation on citizenship and inclusion. Presented by the Institute for Canadian Citizenship, it includes an immersive annual three-day event in Toronto, as well as a series of one-day pop-ups across Canada and around the world. 6 Degrees is about connection, conversation, artistic representation, and the power that comes from bringing people together. It counters rising nativism and exclusion, and instead, invites everyone to find a place in our circle. [www.6degreesto.com](http://www.6degreesto.com)

## **About the Institute for Canadian Citizenship**

Powered by a passionate and committed national network, the Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC) is an independent civil society organization co-founded by The Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson and John Ralston Saul. The ICC delivers programs and special projects that inspire Canadians to be inclusive, create opportunities to connect, and encourage active citizenship. [www.icc-icc.ca](http://www.icc-icc.ca)

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