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The Contemporary Art Gallery promotes knowledge and understanding of contemporary visual art through:

- Exhibitions forwarded and voices that address current issues in contemporary art and place the work of Vancouver and Canadian artists in the context of art internationally;
- Education and outreach programs that support and contribute to our diverse community;
- Visiting artist-in-residence programs that provide interaction between the community and artists;
- Information and resource services on the visual arts;
- The City of Vancouver Art Collection of 3,000 works of art, which are displayed in public spaces throughout buildings.

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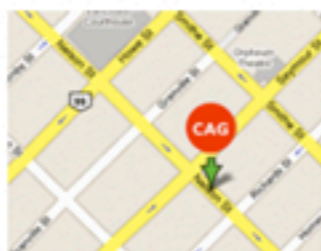
Originally called the Greater Vancouver Artists Gallery, the Contemporary Art Gallery was established in 1971 by the Government of Canada and the City of Vancouver, and incorporated in 1976 as a nonprofit charitable society.

From 1971 to 1978, Vancouver artists were invited for six-month periods to produce art for exhibits at the Gallery, and for inclusion in the City of Vancouver Art Collection. In 1984, the Contemporary Art Gallery became an artists' centre and was widely recognized for producing high-quality exhibitions and catalogues for many of Vancouver's now well-known artists. By the early 1990s, the exhibition program had expanded to include national and international artists.

In 1996 the Contemporary Art Gallery was again transformed, from an artists' centre into an independent public art gallery. This change reflected the perception that the Contemporary Art Gallery's programming and high production values were more closely aligned with those of large public institutions. It also seemed to fill the need for a contemporary visual arts institution with programming positioned between the artists' centres and major public institutions such as the Vancouver Art Gallery. The Contemporary Art Gallery is the only independent public art gallery of its kind located in downtown Vancouver.

The Contemporary Art Gallery moved to new facilities in May 2001. Purpose-built under the aegis of the City of Vancouver's Art City Bonus Program in cooperation with Bosa Ventures Incorporated, the Contemporary Art Gallery will occupy these premises rent-free for twenty years.

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