

GENERAL (RET'D) JOHN DE CHASTELAIN, WILL BE THE MOSAIC INSTITUTE'S 2019 PEACE PATRON

TORONTO, 21 February 2019 – General (Ret'd) John de Chastelain, CC, CMM, CD, CH will be honoured as the 2019 Peace Patron, at the Mosaic Institute's award evening, Monday 17 June, in Toronto. He will be the sixth Mosaic honouree, joining Edward Burtynsky, Naheed Nenshi, Senator Murray Sinclair, the Hon Louise Arbour, and the Hon Hugh Segal.



General (Ret'd) John de Chastelain
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Born a British subject in Romania, and emigrating to Canada from Scotland in 1955, he is a graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada. He was Canada's 17th Ambassador to the United States, and twice appointed – by two Prime Ministers – as Chief of the Defence Staff, where he led the Canadian Forces through the end of the Cold War, the Oka Crisis, and the Gulf War.

After retiring from the military, he was one of three Independent International Chairs jointly appointed by Ireland and the UK, to chair critical elements of Northern Ireland's peace talks. The talks led to the Good Friday Agreement, bringing peace and stability to the region after decades of violence. He continued his service to the peace process as Chair of the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning, overseeing the decommissioning of weapons by Loyalist and Republican paramilitary organisations.

"I am honoured to be named the recipient of this prestigious award", said General de Chastelain.

Akaash Maharaj, Mosaic Institute CEO, said, "General de Chastelain is a consummate Canadian leader: he was our country's highest-ranking soldier and is one of the world's foremost peacemakers. He has lived out the creed that the true glory of nations lies not in waging war, but in ending them. The world is unquestionably a better, safer, and more humane place because of him. The Mosaic Institute is honoured to have General de Chastelain as our 2019 Peace Patron."

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