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Funding Announcement from the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Arts

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to inform you that the provincial government has voted this week to make a significant additional investment in British Columbia's arts and culture scene through a supplementary estimates vote in the Legislature.

What this means, in plain terms, is a \$7million strategic injection that will result in the total provincial funding envelope to the BC Arts Council being modestly higher in 2009-10 than in the current fiscal year. We are proud to be able to make this commitment, given the current economic climate.

This funding will be distributed through the B.C. Arts Council. The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts and the Council will continue to work together to offer strong support of the arts and culture community in British Columbia – support that we have shown consistently since 2001.

That support includes more than \$157 million in government funding distributed across the province by the Arts Council during the past eight years, a \$150million contribution to the BC150 Cultural Fund in 2008, \$50 million to assist the Vancouver Art Gallery in moving to a new location, and \$9 million to renovate the Vancouver East Cultural centre – to name just a few highlights.

These are challenging economic times for everyone and government is not immune. The Province has had to make some very difficult decisions. But arts and culture remain an important part of our diversified economy as well as contributing to the vibrant nature of our Province and people. Our support of arts and culture – and all the good work done by each of your individual organizations –has never been more important.

While nobody is escaping the global economic crunch, we in British Columbia are relatively fortunate. With the 2010 Winter Olympics less than a year away, the world spotlight is already beginning to shine on our province. This injection of funding will help ensure that many of our most deserving artists and performers are prepared when that spotlight shines on them.

To be clear, there has been no funding reduction to arts and culture in the 2009-10 budget. In fact, slightly more money will actually be going to arts and culture in the coming fiscal year.

In conclusion, we would like to thank all of you for your patience through the government's financial review and budgeting process. Details on how this new funding will be administered through the BCAC will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

Sincerely,

Bill Bennett
Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts
and
Donald Shumka

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ARTS AND HEALTH NETWORK - CANADA

Nancy Cooley and Associates
Supported by 2010 Legacies Now

The call for a national network came originally from participants in the first Canadian Forum on Arts and Health held in Vancouver in 2005. After that Forum, a survey and telephone interviews were conducted with others across the country to see whether their views were the same or different from those expressed in the Forum. The felt needs for a network and its desired functions were virtually identical among the Forum participants and others involved in arts and health right across Canada.

A team of consultants is currently working on a business plan for the network and is updating interested parties' current thoughts on the possibilities.

We are hoping with the current conversations around British Columbia to accomplish the following:

- * identify current needs and desired functions for an arts and health network;
- * explore possible organizational options for a network;
- * review the pilot network web site and any suggested additions or modifications;
- * bring people together in communities who may not know about each other's activities;

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JOIN US! Regular Members receive:

- ◆ One year of Arts North, the quarterly journal of the arts
- ◆ One year of Newslines, the up-to-date arts newsletter
- ◆ Eligibility to be listed in our web site's Artist Directory
- ◆ Early notice of special events, festivals and arts happenings
- ◆ Discount rates on special CIRAC events
- ◆ Opportunity to help shape arts development in the region by becoming a board member, attending meetings, volunteering and working on committees
- ◆ A chance to meet and share ideas with other people from around the province with similar interests
- ◆ Assurance that your views and interests are being actively represented to all levels of government and community agencies

Send: \$26.50 (includes gst) with name, address, phone and fax numbers, e-mail to: CIRAC,
Box 4537 Williams Lake, BC V2G 2V5.

We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of



**Ham Supper and Coffee House
Fundraiser**

**Saturday, March 7th
Burns Lake Hall**

Doors open at 5:00 pm, and the ham dinner begins at 6:00. There will be a silent auction, entertainment, games and a cake walk for kids - and a coffee house featuring local entertainers. The price for the dinner and coffee house is \$15.00 per person; students 7-14 are \$10.00, and children 6 and under are free. Supper tickets are sold in advance ONLY, all the month of February, at Lakes District Stationery and at the Takysie Lake Resort - or from any member of the Fall Fair Committee. Admission tickets will be sold at the door for the coffee house only, at 7:00 pm, \$5.00 per person, children 6 and under free. Proceeds go to the Rodeo Kitchen upgrade at the Eagle Creek Fall Fair Grounds. For more information, contact Lakes District Stationery (250-692-3006) or Richard

***Pacific Baroque Orchestra
from Vancouver, at the First
Mennonite Church Tuesday,
March 10 at 7:30 pm***

PBO is the *only Canadian* professional early music ensemble west of Toronto - so don't miss this rare opportunity to see and hear their high quality performances of Bach and Vivaldi. Plenty of tickets are still available at Process 4 in Burns Lake, or call 250-692-3371 (John and Sandra Barth) for more information. Local visual artists Kathy McLennan and Debbie Brooks will be exhibiting their artwork in the lobby at this performance - so all together it should be a wonderful evening. Don't miss it!

Arts Health Continued

- * identify any desired local actions to advance the development of arts and health;
- * begin building working relationships;
- * update the activities and interests of BC residents for inclusion in the pilot web site, in the Directory of People and Activities at the Intersection of Arts and Health and a revised version of the paper "Arts and Culture in Medicine and Health: A Survey Research Paper";
- * explore any other topics participants in the meetings wish to.

Dialogue meetings have taken place in Vancouver, the Okanagan and more recently in Prince George. The business plan is expected to be completed by the end of March and will be posted on the Arts Health Network website.

You can find more information about arts and health and the network initiative on our pilot web site at www.artshealthnetworkcanada.com

***Choose a job you like and you will
never have to work a day in your
life - Confucius***

Tatla Lake Artisan Fair

The Chilcotin Chapter of the Red Hat Ladies are hosting an Artisan Fair at the Barn Boutique on Eagle Lake Road in Tatla Lake. This will be free for exhibitors and admission will be by donation to the Dale Kerr Endowment Fund. We invite artists from Williams Lake and beyond and west to Bella Coola. We are also looking for groups to run food and beverage booths. The Red Hat Ladies will be on sight making sure that everything is running smoothly and everyone is comfortable. We will give the artists a break from their booths, and help out in any way we can.

All artists welcome, don't miss this exciting event!

May 30th from 10 to 5 pm, set up can be done the day ahead if needed.

Please call 604-628-5413 for more info or email
karenandroy@explornet.com

Toni Onley Artists' Project Scholarship **Info**

Island Mountain Arts School of the Arts is pleased to announce scholarship opportunities for visual artists to the juried 2008 Toni Onley Artists' Project for Professional and Emerging Artists. The 2009 program will feature the internationally renowned artists, John Hall and Harold Klunder as senior mentors over the course of the program which runs over nine days from Saturday, July 18 – Sunday, July 26, 2009 (with a day off in the middle). Participants will be provided studio space and direct and peer group mentorship with daily one on one critiques with the mentor artists and peers.
SCHOLARSHIPS:

Scholarships/Bursaries Available

1. Sonia Cornwall Scholarship: This scholarship, which covers the full tuition (value \$840), is available to one artist living in the Cariboo.

2. The Joseph P. ... Scholarship: Just ... in 2009, the Joseph ... Scholarship provides tuition for one Cariboo artist to attend the Artists' Project.

3. IMA Scholarship: This scholarship covers the tuition for the four-day session, July 18 - 21 (value \$450) and is open to artists from across Canada.

3. IMA Bursaries: If not selected for a scholarship Island Mountain Arts has a limited number of partial bursaries based on financial need. Please indicate if you would like to be considered for a bursary.

Selection Criteria:

**What are the Selection Criteria?
Based on a review of the application materials and the following considerations, Island Mountain Arts will select two individuals to receive scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded through a juried process based on the following criteria. Island Mountain Arts reserves the right to change these criteria if the submissions warrant.**

must include

commitment to their

**regarding what they
are submitting from this**

current CV and

portfolio

**10 images of
work completed in the last
12 months**

or

**proof of attendance
at the Artists' Project**

What is the application deadline?

**Friday, May 1st, 2009
(successful applicants will be notified no later than May 30th)**

How do I apply for this scholarship?

**Mail or email the above requested information to:
Toni Onley Artists' Project -
Scholarship
Island Mountain Arts
PO Box 65, Wells, BC, V0K
2R0, Canada
media@imarts.com**

Questions? Call 1-800-442-2787

Arts Just as Big in Small Cities: A UNBC Study By Alex Michalos

A study to be released later this year by UNBC Chancellor and quality of life researcher Alex Michalos is casting doubt on the commonly held notion that residents of large urban centres are more passionate about the arts than people in smaller communities.

In the spring of 2007, Dr. Michalos conducted a survey of British Columbians aged 18 and older in five small communities measuring participation in the arts and its effect on perceived quality of life. The results of the study, which was funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, were remarkably consistent with a province-wide survey he conducted in the fall of 2006 that included Vancouver and the Lower Mainland.

“So little research has been done on cultural life in small communities that there is little to support or challenge the notion that residents of urban centres have a superior appreciation for the arts,” says Dr. Michalos, who is considered one of the world’s leading researchers on factors that affect quality of life. “It appears that, in ways that matter, there is little difference.”

The top five arts-related activities include:

- listening to music
- reading novels, short stories, plays or poetry
- watching films on dvd
- singing alone
- reading to oneself and to others

Dr. Michalos also notes that there was evidence that producing art (e.g. playing a musical instrument) produces more satisfaction than consuming art (e.g. listening to music).

“One fascinating bit of data is that live theatre remains a potent source of artistic satisfaction for people in most walks of life,” says Dr. Michalos. “It is interesting to note that, in this age of HDTV and iPod, so little research has been devoted to the impact of arts-related activities – especially that of live theatre.”

Dr. Michalos adds that, while there were a few minor differences, (larger centres appear to have more of an appetite for live theatre while smaller communities enjoy going to museums), the studies do not indicate any particularly striking disparities.

Arts Fest 2009

Due to a change in venue, Arts Fest 2009 will be held in Williams Lake in late Spring/early Summer. We will announce the date very soon so keep checking our website for our announcement. You can also email CIRAC for more info: cl@cirac.ca

Musica Intima

Internationally renowned for performances that sparkle with insight and musicality, Musica Intima is one of North America’s most exciting vocal ensembles. Based in Vancouver, the twelve singers present choral performances from Baroque to jazz. Musica Intima performed this summer at international festivals in Ireland and Denmark. We’re proud to present them in partnership with Windsor Plywood and Festival Vancouver. Be sure to have tickets to this charming finish to our third season. **Friday April 3, 7:30 pm First Mennonite Church Burns Lake**

Launch Your Career in Broadcast and Media Communications

For over 40 years now, Broadcast and Media Communications at BCIT have been starting careers off on the right foot in our 30,000 square foot Broadcast centre. We offer two year full-time diploma programs and part-time studies-including the entire first year of the Radio diploma program-giving you the flexibility to pursue your education on your terms.

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Why not consider joining our dynamic team for the September term start?

To learn more, visit bcit.ca/business/radio or call 604 432 8863

23rd Annual International Harp School!

We are pleased to announce a great line up of instructors for the **23rd Annual International Harp School** which runs from **August 11 - 15, 2009**. The all-star crew of harpists include **Sharlene Wallace** from Toronto, **Lori Pappajohn** from Vancouver and **Sunita Staneslow** from Israel. Israeli fiddle player, **Gal Shahar** will also travel to Wells to teach.

The ever popular and innovative **Sharlene Wallace** returns to Wells to teach *Intermediate Harp*. A native of Toronto, Wallace is a renowned international recording and touring musician, with a style that is all her own. Her latest album, *Anticipation*, a collaboration with pianist and flutist, Susan Piltch, has received rave reviews.

Lori Pappajohn, the teacher for *Beginner Harp*, has been a staple at the School for many years and is revered for her ability to inspire new harpists. Best known for her work with the wildly popular Winter Harp Ensemble that travels the country, Pappajohn has released numerous CDs and has toured internationally.

Sunita Staneslow, who will be teaching *Advanced Harp* specializes in Celtic and Jewish music and her many harp recordings and books have built a loyal following around the globe. She often plays as a duo with fiddle player **Gal Shahar**, who will travel with Staneslow to Wells to teach a fiddle course geared towards playing the fiddle as an accompanying instrument

The Early Bird rate is \$449 plus tax (after June 1st \$499), which includes a ticket to the Annual Harp Dinner and Concert at the Sunset Theatre on August 12th.

For more information or to register please call 1-800-442-2787, email info@imarts.com or visit www.imarts.com.

Indra and Friends Concert

Houston's pride and also a great favourite in the Lakes District, pianist and violinist Indra Egan hosts her annual Indra and Friends concert on Saturday, March 7th at 7:30 pm at the Houston Christian Reform Church on Gould Road. Come and enjoy an evening of piano, violin, speech arts and musical theatre performed by talented musicians from across the northwest. All proceeds from this benefit concert go to the Canadian Diabetes Association. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$8.00 for seniors (65 and over) and \$5.00 for youth (18 and under). Tickets can be purchased in Houston at Countrywide Printing and Stationery on 9th Street, or at First Choice Fashions in the Houston Shopping Centre, or at the door. This will be a most enjoyable evening hosted by the charming and talented Indra Egan, performing, presenting her students and introducing other performers from Houston and neighbouring communities. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy music, speech and drama - and help a worthwhile charitable cause!

Upcoming Arts Events in Our Region

100 Mile House Contact: 395-3555

May 22 Martin Exeter Hall 7pm Victoria Medeiros: Vocal Performance
May 23 Martin Exeter Hall 7pm Ryan Oliver: Jazz musician

Barkerville/Wells Contact: Theatre Royal 994-3225 www.theatreroyal.ca to preview summer shows. Also visit www.barkerville.ca or www.imarts.com for more events

Burns Lake Contact: Wayne Brown Process 4 Gallery: 69

Ongoing: Burns Lake Art works can be found on different businesses at clinic, public library, de Insurance
Southside and local art Southside Wellness Centre BC
March 10/ 7:30 pm First Pacific Baroque Orchestre
April 3rd 7:30 pm First Musica Intima-Vocal performance Baroque to Jazz

Fort St. James Contact:

Mackenzie Contact: 997-4323

McBride

Contact: Dannielle Allan 250 569 8891

Bella Coola

Contact: Pauline Russell 982-2126

Vanderhoof contact: Azucena Rudland 250 690 6894

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April 5 Musica Intima:Northstar Church

April 23-26 Annual Bluegrass Festival: Seniors Centre

April 25 Arts and Culture Day

May 9 Farmers Market: Helen Dixon-Grounds

Williams Lake

Contact: 392-9737

www.stationhousegallery.com

Thurs Mar 5-Sat Mar 7 7:30 pm High School Production of Beauty and the Beast

Mar 6-Mar 28: Station House Gallery Nora Curiston sculpture, painting and photography

Friday April 3- Thurs April 30: Station House Gallery "Down in the Valley" by Devereaux Hodgson and "Through the Lens" by Geoff Moore

May 30th Howdy Williams Lake Day: Tourism Discovery Centre