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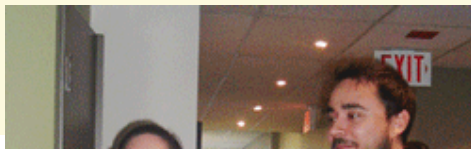
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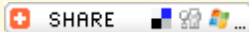


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MPPs and the arts community rendez-vous at Queen's Park reception

On November 25, 2008 more than 28 MPPs mingled with the arts community at a Queen's Park reception hosted by the Ontario Arts Council. The non-partisan event was held to build awareness about the contributions that artists make to Ontario communities and to foster dialogues between MPPs and artists.

Minister of Culture Aileen Carroll, along with culture critics Julia Munro, MPP, York-Simcoe, and Peter Tabuns, MPP, Toronto-Danforth, spoke at the event.

Profiling the arts among MPPs

For more than a year, OAC has been sending letters describing to Members of Provincial Parliament the wonderful range of arts activities that OAC grants support in their ridings. The letters are part of our ongoing efforts to demonstrate the impact of the arts in Ontario communities and to raise awareness about the important role of the arts.

Some MPPs have responded with letters or phone calls to congratulate grant recipients. We encourage arts groups to include their MPPs on mailing lists, and to invite them to opening nights and other special events.

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National and International Touring and Residencies Pilot separated into two programs to launch in Spring 2009

The **National and International Touring** program and the **National and International Residencies** program will be launched in 2009 with the following deadlines:

- **National and International Touring:** March 16, 2009 and September 15, 2009
- **National and International Residencies:** April 1, 2009 and October 1, 2009

We have also changed the name of the Touring and Collaborations program to **Ontario Touring** to emphasize the scope of the program. The **March 16, 2009** deadline for this program remains, but the fall deadline is now **September 15, 2009**.

The National and International Touring and Residencies Pilot program closed on November 14, 2008.

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Congratulations to Jason Baerg, recipient of the Emerging Artist Award for the 2008 Premier's Awards for Excellence in the Arts!

Earlier this year, visual artist and sculptor [Ron Noganosh](#) received the Artist Award, one of the 2008 Premier's Awards for Excellence in the Arts. As a recipient, he was given the privilege of nominating a promising new or emerging talent in the same field to receive the \$15,000 prize.

Noganosh selected Jason Baerg, a visual and media artist who specializes in drawing, painting, film and new media. Jason has presented at numerous institutions, including the Walter Philips Gallery, the Banff Centre, Toronto International Art Fair, and Art Basel Miami. For more information about current and past works by Jason Baerg, visit <http://www.jasonbaerg.com/Info.html>

The Ontario Arts Council administers the Premier's Awards for Excellence in the Arts on behalf of the Ministry of Culture. These awards recognize outstanding achievement in the professional arts by an individual and a group. They honour both the contributions of well-established artists and Ontario's promising new talent. Nominations for the 2009 awards are now closed. [Click here for more information](#)

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CADAC, the national online grant application system for arts organizations, goes live!

After a very successful pilot and some fine tuning, [CADAC](#) (Canadian Arts Data / Données sur les arts au Canada), the integrated financial and statistical online database for arts organizations, is ready to accept data for **operating program deadlines** beginning in 2009.

Arts organizations applying to multiple funding agencies can now use the web-based application to submit their financial and statistical information in a single format, to a single source.

[Click here to read the press release](#)

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Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres newest partner in Artists in Residence Pilot program

On December 4, 2008 representatives of the Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres met with colleagues already participating in the **Artists in Residence in Education (AIR)** pilot at a professional learning meeting hosted by OAC.

Artists, teachers and staff representing the **Durham District School Board**, **York Region District School Board** and the **Conseil scolaire de district catholique centre-sud** shared ideas, best practices and thoughts on the direction of the pilot program. The group also discussed ways to communicate the successes of the AIR program to broader audiences.

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Artists in Cambridge, Guelph, Kitchener, Stratford and Waterloo get ready for the 2009 spOtlight: festival

Following the success of the inaugural spOtlight: festival last summer, the Ministry of Culture and the Ontario Arts Council will return to Cambridge, Guelph, Kitchener, Stratford and Waterloo in June 2009 to extend the pilot festival.

Artists and arts organizations from these cities were invited to an information session held at the King Street Theatre Centre in Kitchener on December 3, 2008 to get an overview of how to participate in the festival, submit proposals, and learn more about spOtlight: festival.

About spOtlight: festival

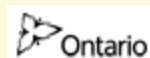
The 2008 spOtlight: festival was a weekend of activities that included behind-the-scenes tours, workshops, lectures and other interactive events in craft, dance, literature, music, theatre and the visual, media and performance arts. [View photos from the 2008 spOtlight: festival](#)

The goals of the spOtlight: festival are to celebrate the artists who live in our midst and to encourage appreciation and understanding of the arts and their importance to communities.

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The National and international International Touring and Residencies Pilot program has been re-organized into two new programs set to launch in 2009. For details, [click here](#)

For more information, contact Mark Hammond, Interim Touring Officer, 416-646-7466 / 1-800-387-0058 ext. 7466, or e-mail mhammond@arts.on.ca

New deadlines for Compass program are March 2, 2009, June 1, 2009, September 1, 2009, and December 1, 2009

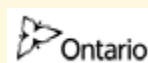
The objective of the Compass program is to assist arts organizations that want to increase their self-reliance, capacity-building and sustainability by covering some or all of the costs of appropriate specialists and mentors to help them increase their effectiveness.

For more information, contact Pat Bradley, Theatre and Compass Officer, at 416-969-7433 / 1-800-387-0058, ext. 7433, or e-mail pbradley@arts.on.ca

The deadline for the Culturally Diverse Dance Training Projects program is now October 1, 2009

The Culturally Diverse Dance Training Projects program provides funding to culturally diverse dance organizations that focus on teaching the highest levels in artistic practices based on culturally diverse dance traditions.

For more information, contact Myles Warren, Dance and Awards Officer, at 416-969-7422 / 1-800-387-0058 ext. 7422, or e-mail mwarren@arts.on.ca



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Staff Comings and Goings

Community and Multidisciplinary Arts Officer Bushra Junaid promoted to Outreach and Development Manager

We are delighted to announce that Bushra Junaid, Community and Multidisciplinary Arts Officer, has been promoted to Outreach Manager. Bushra will assume her new position in March 2009 when she returns from a leave of absence that begins January 2, 2009. Bushra will be developing and leading OAC's outreach activities. Her new role will support several strategies identified in our new strategic plan. **Loree Lawrence** will replace Bushra as Acting Community and Multidisciplinary Arts Officer while we undertake a search to fill this position.

John Degen is new Literature Officer

Following Lorraine Filyer's retirement after more than 18 years at OAC, we welcome John Degen as the Ontario Arts Council's Literature Officer after an extensive search. [Click here to read the news release](#)

Popular and World Music Officer Michael Murray now also responsible for the Arts Service Organizations program

Since December 1, 2008, Michael has been managing the Arts Services Organizations (ASO) program. He will partner with ASOs to offer services to artists and arts organizations in Ontario. Virginie Ouellette-Berruel will act as Program Assistant.

Contact Michael Murray, Popular and World Music Officer, at 416-969-7439, toll free 1-800-387-0058 extension 7439, e-mail mmurray@arts.on.ca

OAC bids goodbye to Steven Campbell, Director of Community Partnerships

We would like to acknowledge Steven's 18 years of service and contribution to OAC, the past nine years as Director of Community Partnerships and prior to that as Arts Education Officer. Steven's knowledge and passion for arts education played a significant role in the evolution of this sector at OAC. He initiated arts education partnerships with York University and the Artists in Residence Pilot program, and played a major role in the development and coordination of [CADAC](#). He also represented OAC on various external committees such as Municipal Cultural Planning, rural and co-op associations, and in earlier years helped initiate the Task Force on Arts in the Community.

We are pleased to announce that **Lizzy Braoudakis** will be replacing **Jessica Deljouravesh** as Granting Support Assistant as of January 5, 2009. As mentioned in our September e-newsletter, Jessica will be replacing Diane Eaton, who will retire as Program Assistant for the music office on January 16, 2009. After Lizzy moves into her new position, **Martin Quilaneta** will be taking over as Office Services Clerk for the next six months.

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Latest research reports by Hill Strategies

The *Statistical Insights on the Arts* series is funded in partnership by the Ontario Arts Council, the Department of Canadian Heritage and the Canada Council for the Arts. For more information, visit www.hillstrategies.com/stats_insights.php

[Finances of Performing Arts Organizations in Canada in 2006–2007](#)

Hill Strategies Research Inc. November 2008 Statistical Insights on the Arts, Vol. 7 No. 2

[Finances of Public Museums and Art Galleries in Canada in 2006–2007](#)

Hill Strategies Research Inc. November 2008 Statistical Insights on the Arts, Vol. 7 No. 3

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More funding for community festivals and events

The government of Ontario recently invested \$9 million in the *Celebrate Ontario* program. *Celebrate Ontario* grants are available to new and existing festivals and events, to develop festivals and other attractions aimed at both new and repeat visitors to Ontario. The program is offered through the Ministry of Tourism. Application forms and guidelines are available at www.tourism.gov.on.ca

The application deadline is January 16, 2009.

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Deadline for artists to submit applications for cultural program at World Expo 2010 extended to January 21, 2009

Cirque du Soleil Inc. has been hired by [Canadian Heritage](#) to plan, curate, organize and manage the cultural program presented at the World Expo 2010 in Shanghai, China. The program will focus on celebrating Canadian culture by promoting renowned and emerging Canadian artists and creators from a variety of disciplines.

The Canada Council for the Arts will offer consultation and advisory services for the selection of the estimated 200 Canadian artists who will take part in the cultural program. The deadline to submit an application is January 21, 2009.

For more information about this initiative, or to find out how to submit an application, visit www.cirquedusoleil.com/Shanghai2010

For information on the Canadian Heritage site visit [Canada at Expo 2010 Shanghai](#)

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Reception celebrating Ontario Arts Council and University of Toronto partnership to provide residences for visiting international artists

In partnership with the Ontario Arts Council, the University of Toronto will provide housing for international artists who wish to work in Toronto or collaborate with Ontario artists. The residences are located at New College (42 Willcocks Street). The residences will be available as of January 2009. Please visit our website for details.

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City of Toronto dedicates park to OAC board member Rita Cox to honour

her community contributions

On October 22, 2008, Toronto City Council members held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the official opening of the Rita Cox Park, located at 14 Machells Ave. in Toronto. [Click here to view the location of the map](#)

"Rita Cox is an exceptional individual who, through her love of the spoken and written word, has inspired people of all ages and has opened the literary world to her audiences," said Councillor Gord Perks. "Her work touches the lives of residents in the Parkdale community, especially children and newcomers to the city. In naming a park in her honour, the City of Toronto celebrates Dr. Cox's achievements and continuing contributions to the community."

- [Click here to read the press release](#)
- [Read Rita Cox's bio](#)

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Kemble-based Sheatre receives Victim Services Awards of Distinction

Kemble theatre company, Sheatre, received the Ministry of the Attorney General's Victim Services Award of Distinction on Thursday, November 28 for their program "Far From The Heart." For more information about this program, visit <http://sheatre.com/education.shtml>

[Click here to read the press release](#)

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Chris MacLean wins the Colleen Peterson Songwriting Award

Last fall, OAC announced Chris MacLean as the 2008 recipient of the Colleen Peterson Songwriting Award for her song "Feet Be Still." [Click here to read the news release](#)

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