

OMDC: "Culture is our Business." Promoting growth and investment in Ontario's book and magazine publishing, film and television, music and interactive digital media industries

Government to Enhance Ontario Production Services Tax Credit

The Ontario government is proposing further enhancements to its permanent film and television production services tax credit. It is part of the government's plan to support growth and job creation in Ontario's economy, including the film and television industry. The amendments would expand the Ontario Production Services Tax Credit (OPSTC) to incorporate all qualifying

production costs incurred in Ontario, including qualifying labour costs as well as the purchase or rental of qualifying tangible properties, such as equipment and studio rentals. These proposed measures would take effect for expenditures incurred after June 30, 2009. For further information: <http://www.omdc.on.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=6623>

22nd Trillium Book Awards Winners Announced



22nd Trillium Book Award winners: (L to R) Paul Prud'Homme, *Les Rebuts : Hockey 2* (Trillium Book Award for Children's Literature in French-language), Marguerite Andersen, *Le figuier sur le toit* (Trillium Book Award in French-language), Jeramy Dodds, *Crabweise to the Hounds* (Trillium Book Award for Poetry), Pasha Malla, *The Withdrawal Method* (Trillium Book Award in English-language)



Trillium Finalists FRONT ROW: Françoise Lepage, Nancy Vickers, Paul Prud'Homme, Marguerite Andersen, Melchior Mbonimpa, Daniel Marchildon
BACK ROW: Hédi Bouraoui, Charles Wilkins, Nino Ricci, Michèle Laframboise, Kevin Connolly, Ibi Kaslik, Jeramy Dodds, Adam Sol, Pasha Malla and Helen Humphreys (absent from photo Joanne Page)



Pierre Granger, host of *Panorama* on TFO, emcee'd the event bringing wit, charm and humour to the introduction of French and English categories.



Minister Carroll, Jeramy Dodds and OMDC Chair Kevin Shea



OMDC President & CEO Karen Thorne-Stone with Pasha Malla



Minister Carroll with Paul Prud'Homme and Monique Bertoli (des Éditions du Vermillon)

22nd Trillium Book Awards Winners Announced continued



French finalists Melchior Mbonimpa, Nancy Vickers, Marguerite Andersen, Paul Prud'Homme, Michèle Laframboise, Françoise Lepage, Hédi Bouraoui and Daniel Marchildon



Past and present Trillium Poetry finalists and winners Ken Babstock, Adam Sol, Kevin Connolly and Jeramy Dodds



Trillium Book Award finalist Joanne Page and husband Steve Page

Photos by Rick O'Brien

OMDC News and Program Deadlines

July 13 - OMDC Music Fund

Check out OMDC's website for more information about the enhanced Music Fund for 09-10.

Entertainment and Creative Cluster Partnerships Fund:

- **Sept. 9 - Pre-qualification Deadline**
- **Sept. 23 - Application Deadline**

International Financing Forum (IFF) 2009 at the Toronto International Film Festival® September 13 & 14, 2009

Because International financing partners are critical to funding today's independent feature films.

Please direct any inquiries to: Jan Nathanson, Producer, **International Finance Forum (IFF)** Ontario Media Development Corporation, Phone: (416) 645-8521, Email: jnathanson@omdc.on.ca

Meet with a Tax Credit Expert at OFTTC Workshop! The Tax Credits and Financing Department at OMDC will be holding its next quarterly workshop and tutorial for new producers and those wishing to learn about the Ontario Film and Television Tax Credits (OFTTC) on Thursday, July 23, 2009. Check-in is 9:45 am, and session will run from 10 am – 12 pm. The session will be held at OMDC and will offer an intimate and engaged forum for new participants seeking guidance on issues that arise on their productions or for those with more general questions about the OFTTC requirements. For information or to register call Barbara Hingley at 416-642-6639, or e-mail her at bhingley@omdc.on.ca. Space will be limited to 12 people, so register early.

Tax Tip

There is now a single administration of federal and Ontario corporate taxes for businesses in Ontario. For corporate tax years ending on or after January 1, 2009 Ontario corporations will only file one Corporate Income Tax Return (T2 return) with CRA. CRA will conduct audit reviews of all refundable Ontario tax credits and will send out all assessments and reassessments and issue tax credit refund cheques. For more information, please see the FAQ's posted on the Ontario Ministry of Revenue website: <http://www.rev.gov.on.ca/english/credit/mtc/faq.html>

OMDC is pleased to announce the release of two OMDC-funded research studies:

- *Canadian Interactive Industry Profile 2008*, undertaken by the Canadian Interactive Alliance / l'Alliance interactive canadienne (CIAIC), is the second edition of a landmark study profiling the Canadian Interactive industry. The 2008 profile includes an analysis of the industry in Ontario.
- *Publishing Stabilizations: A Discussion Paper*, undertaken by the Organization of Book Publishers of Ontario (OBPO), examines various arts stabilization program models of interest to the book publishing industry. This report is the conclusion of a six-month study into the feasibility of a publishing stabilization program in Canada.

For more information and complete copies of the studies, please visit our Research page at <http://www.omdc.on.ca/Page3595.aspx>

OMDC Supported Events

OMDC at NXNE

OMDC hosted "The Rivoli Sessions" at the **NXNE Festival and Conference**, kicking off on June 18th with the "Music Makes It! Reunion". Over 80 invited companies from Ontario's film, television, interactive digital media and music industries had an opportunity to reconnect and continue to build working relationships. Other well attended Rivoli Sessions included "Some of My Best Friends are Managers – Honest" co-presented with the Music Managers Forum, and the "Music Supervisors Throwdown", featuring 5 music supervisors battling over the best music clip for a scene from Reg Harkema's new feature "Leslie – My Name is Evil".



Andy McLean, Managing Director of NXNE with Karen Thorne-Stone, President and CEO of the OMDC at the "Music Makes It Reunion", part of the Rivoli Sessions at NXNE sponsored by OMDC.

DOCAGORA

DocAgora is an open space to consider new forms, new platforms, new tools, and new ways of financing creative and socially engaged documentary media - what we call **docmedia**.

Check out the DocAgora webplex today for free easy access to all kinds of information about the docmedia community.

Learn more about funders, events, distribution options, tools, and issues facing the docmedia community, and collaborate to develop the most comprehensive database of industry resources by posting your own opinions, ratings and reviews.

The DocAgora WebPlex has been developed with the support and partnership of:



Ontario
Ontario Media Development
Corporation



DOCUMENTARY
ORGANIZATION OF CANADA
DOCUMENTARISTES
DU CANADA



CENTER FOR
SOCIAL MEDIA
School of Communication
American University

WWW.DOCAGORA.ORG

Congratulations



At E3, **Critter Crunch**, from Toronto's **Capybara Games** was nominated for a whopping three IGN "Best of E3 Awards" – **Best Overall Puzzle Game**, **Best PS3 Puzzle Game** and **Best PS3 Downloadable Game**. When the dust settled, they took home Best PS3 Puzzle game! The entire awards section can be viewed here: <http://games.ign.com/articles/987/987759p1.html>

Critter Crunch also got a lot of great coverage, including ultra-positive previews from three of the world's most popular sites, IGN, Kotaku and Joystiq.

Congratulations to the following Ontario publishers and their authors who were honoured at the recent **CBA Libris Awards** in Toronto:

Small Press Publisher of the Year
Cormorant Books

Publisher of the Year
House of Anansi Press

Editor of the Year
Marc Côté, Cormorant Books

Non-fiction Book of the Year
House of Anansi Press: Payback: Debt and the Shadow Side of Wealth, by Margaret Atwood

Book Design of the Year
Groundwood Books: Skim, designed by Jillian Tamaki

Children's Author of the Year / Children's Illustrator of the Year
Kids Can Press: Melanie Watt

Upcoming Awards, Markets and Festivals

- | | |
|------------------------|--|
| July 9-12 | Tokyo International Book Fair , Tokyo, Japan. web.reedexpo.co.jp/tibf/english |
| July 21-23 | Casual Connect , Seattle, Washington. http://seattle.casualconnect.org |
| Aug. 21-23 | Ottawa Folk Festival , Ottawa, ON. http://www.ottawafolk.org/ |
| Aug. 27-Sept. 7 | The World Film Festival/Festival des films du monde , Montreal, QC. http://www ffm-montreal.org/en_index.html |
| Sept. 10-19 | Toronto International Film Festival , Toronto, ON. http://tiff.net/default.aspx |
| Sept. 17-26 | Atlantic Film Festival , Halifax, NS. www.atlanticfilm.com |
| Sept. 19-27 | Cinéfest Sudbury International Film Festival , Sudbury, ON. www.cinefest.com |
| Sept. 27 | The Word On The Street , Toronto, ON. www.thewordonthestreet.ca/toronto/ |
| Sept. 30-Oct.4 | Pop Montreal , Montreal, QC. www.popmontreal.com |
| Oct. 8 & 10 | Abilities Arts Festival , Toronto, ON. www.abilitiesartsfestival.org/schedule/2009filmcall.html |

E-mail your news and events by the third Thursday of each month to newsletter@omdc.on.ca. To add or remove yourself from this newsletter list, e-mail Reception@omdc.on.ca

The contents of this newsletter do not necessarily reflect the views of OMDC

T 416-314-6858

F 416-314-6876

www.omdc.on.ca