

# Communiqué

MANITOBA ARTS COUNCIL

## Announces New Residency Program and Upcoming Deadlines

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Dr. Judith Flynn, Chair of the Manitoba Arts Council (MAC) is pleased to announce a new artist residency program in partnership with the New Brunswick Arts Board (NBAB). Artists from either New Brunswick or Manitoba can apply for up to \$10,000 to cover a one-to-three month residency for a creation-based or professional development project in the province that isn't their own. "In accordance with our ongoing commitment to fostering the extremely strong and vibrant artistic and cultural Francophone community in Manitoba, we are very pleased to announce that during the first two years of this program, preference will be given to applications from Franco-Manitoban artists," says Dr. Flynn.

The agreement establishes an annual exchange program that provides professional artists with opportunities for creation and professional development residencies in the participating province. The program is for professional artists in the following disciplines: visual arts, arts and crafts, media arts, multidisciplinary arts, literature and storytelling, music, theatre and dance. Groups of artists are not eligible for this program. The deadline for this residency is January 15, 2009.

Watch for these upcoming deadlines:

### **December 15, 2008: Deep Bay Artists' Residency in Riding Mountain National Park of Canada.**

The Deep Bay Artists' Residency at Riding Mountain National Park of Canada offers professional artists in all disciplines time, space and a facility in which to work on a creative project in the natural setting of Riding Mountain National Park of Canada. It also offers professional artistic directors and arts administrators the opportunity to undertake visioning, planning and research work.

**December 15, 2008: Manitoba Arts Award of Distinction.** The Manitoba Arts Council is calling for nominations for the sixth annual Manitoba Arts Award of Distinction. This \$30,000 prize is awarded annually to recognize the highest level of artistic excellence and distinguished career achievements by a professional Manitoba artist.

**December 15, 2008: Departures (formerly Multi-Arts).** Departures is a creation/production grant program intended to support artists in experimentation within and between disciplines and to encourage new directions in artistic practice.

### **January 15, 2009: Special Opportunities.**

The Special Opportunities Grant supports professional Manitoba artists and arts organizations to undertake unique initiatives or take advantage of extraordinary opportunities. It is intended to fund special projects and artistic endeavours that are not served by other programs at the Manitoba Arts Council. Grant levels will be based on the scope of the project and the availability of funds. The maximum grant will normally not exceed \$10,000 for organizations and \$5,000 for individuals.

**January 15, 2009: Major Arts Grants.** The Major Arts Grant is available to support personal creative projects of six-to ten-months in duration. It allows artists whose work shows exceptional quality or accomplishment to concentrate on a specific project relating to their creative artistic work. The Major Arts Grant covers living expenses, project costs and travel expenses and is worth up to \$25,000. Artists in all artistic disciplines are eligible to apply. A maximum of two Major Arts Grants may be held in five years.

For complete program guidelines please visit the website at [www.artscouncil.mb.ca](http://www.artscouncil.mb.ca).

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