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1. From the Office
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Greetings!

Just a reminder that the next NSDCC Standards Jury Committee Meetings are scheduled for September 11th and October 16th, 2009.

All the best!

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2. New & Renewing Members
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Please see next week.

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3. Members' News and For Your Interest
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Survey reveals most arts groups will ride out economic crisis

Buoyed by pre-recession subscription sales and the stabilizing effect of government funding, performing arts organizations are preparing to ride out this economic crisis, according to a recent survey by Canada's Performing Arts Alliance. Our Fiscal Performance, which covered the period from Sept. 1, 2008 to the most recent winter holiday season, examined the financial impact of the current economic downturn on orchestras, operas, theatres and dance companies.

But it's not all good news. While 51 per cent of performing arts organizations were

forecasting that they would break even or have a surplus this year, 47 per cent report that the forecast is worse than they originally budgeted. As a result the organizations were taking such steps as reducing or freezing salaries (52 per cent) reducing travel (37 per cent) and, perhaps most importantly, reducing their number of productions/programs (27 per cent).

"Reducing the number of productions or performances will have a negative impact on Canadians" says Jim Smith, President of the Canadian Dance Assembly. Ann Lewis-Luppino, Chair of Orchestras Canada adds "The arts sector is a major contributor to the Canadian economy. Less artistic activity will directly affect the livelihoods and the reach of Canadian artists".

One area where performing arts organizations were projecting a dramatic reduction is in the area of fundraising, specifically from corporate contributions.

Eric Coates, President of the Professional Association of Canadian Theatres notes "Arts organizations have been diversifying their revenue sources, and building on relationships with corporate sponsors. So losses in the private sector have an immediate impact on the arts".

Individual donations and support from foundations were also down over the period. "Even with the downturn in contributed income, earned revenues through ticket sales mainly held their ground, sending a clear message that even in this economic climate, Canadians value the arts." says James W. Wright, Chair of Opera.ca.

The next installment of survey results will be released in the fall.

89 performing arts organizations from across Canada participated in the survey. The survey was conducted by Prairie Research Associates, based in Winnipeg.

Canada's Performing Arts Alliance represents over 850 performing artists and arts organizations across the country. It is committed to being at the forefront of arts advocacy in Canada, working with the Canadian Arts Coalition, the Canadian Conference for the Arts, Imagine Canada and others.

For more information, or to obtain a copy of Our Fiscal Performance:

Canadian Dance Assembly
Jim Smith, President
Shannon Litzenger, Executive Director
416.515.8444
shannon@dancecanada.net

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4. Exhibitions, Lectures & Gatherings
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SUPER SIZE
august 15 - september 13, 2009

Ten works by ten artists working in a larger format.

Including the work of Jeanne Aisthorpe-Smith, Suzanne Allen-Bastow, Geoff Butler, Holly Carr, Terry Havlis Drahos, Jennifer Marlow, Deborah Nicholson, Sanna Rahola, Lynda Shalagan, and George Walford.

Harvest Gallery
462 Main St.
Wolfville, NS
(902) 542-7093
www.harvestgallery.ca

Studio 21 - Focus on Ron Shuebrook

Aug. 27 - Sept. 9

Reception: Thursday, Aug. 27, 5-7pm

This special exhibition coincides with Dalhousie University Art Gallery's exhibit of Ron Shuebrook and Carol Wainio's work, entitled Black and White with Storylines.

Studio 21
1223 Lower Water Street
Halifax, NS B3J 3S8
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5. Markets and Events

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Great news for quilters in the Maritimes!

The First Annual Quilt Market
CHRISTMAS CRAFT VILLAGE
@ Exhibition Park, Halifax
November 13, 14, 15 - 2009

Calling all Quilters

Here is a wonderful opportunity for Maritime quilters to sell their handmade quilts to a large audience - three days, over 12,000 visitors last year. Christmas Craft Village is creating Quilt Market for Maritime quilt artisans who would otherwise not have a venue to sell their beautiful creations at a time when people are shopping for gifts. The vendors at Christmas Craft Village (CCV) are known for offering the finest quality made-by-hand art and craft with over 160 booths of Canadian talent. The CCV Quilt Market is looking for a high standard of quilting both traditional & contemporary bed quilts from crib to queen size and everything in between. Art quilts to hang on a wall are also welcome. Only quilts for sale will be accepted. We are looking for quality and variety with no limit to the number of pieces you enter. All quilts must have a four inch sleeve attached for hanging. The widest width accepted for hanging is 120 inches. Small art quilts will be accepted with a minimum width of 18 inches. The quilts may have both hand and machine stitching. There is no entry fee but the commission for sold items will be 30%. CCV Quilt Market staff will handle the hanging and the sales. You only need deliver your work to the Halifax Exhibition Park (dates to be confirmed). The application deadline for submissions is October 30th.

If you are interested in submitting your quilt work for sale to the CCV Quilt Market and would like further information or an application form, please email

info@darwineventgroup.com

and put in the subject 'Quilt Market'. Please also indicate a rough idea of the number and type of quilts you would submit.

www.darwineventgroup.com

Toll Free: 1.877.679.7177

Halifax Crafters Art Harvest
11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sept. 12 and 13

A cornucopia of freshly picked, locally produced craft! Saturday, Sept. 12 and Sunday, Sept. 13 Open from 11a.m. to 5 p.m. at the North Street Church, 5657 North St., Halifax, NS Expect a bumper crop at the Halifax Crafters Art Harvest, a handmade market put together by more than 40 of the region's favourite artists.

Experience Cape Breton's Finest at the Cape Breton Centre for Craft and Design's Open House

Sydney, NS - On Thursday, September 10, the Cape Breton Centre for Craft and Design and the Keltic Lodge are partnering to present a relaxing after work social event showcasing the best of art, craft and cuisine on Cape Breton. Visitors will experience the best of the Centre with an exhibition opening and live demonstrations of artisans at work. The Keltic Lodge will offer a taste of what to expect this fall with hors d'oeuvres by award winning chef, Todd MacIntyre.

Nurturing the Creative Spark, an exhibition of work by the Centre's students and instructors, will open that night and features a broad range of work from jewellery and ceramics to oil and watercolour painting. The Open House takes place from 4-8pm, with opening remarks for the exhibition at 6:30pm on September 10th.

For further information, please contact the Cape Breton Centre for Craft and Design on 902 539 7491.

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FINE CRAFT HITS FREDERICTON

September 4, 5 & 6, 2009

Fine craft, live craft demonstrations, great food and prizes. All of this and much more are available at Officer's Square over the Labour Day Weekend (September 4th to September 6th). The New Brunswick Crafts Council is hosting its annual New Brunswick Fine Craft Festival, an event filled with craft from the province's finest and most acclaimed craftspeople.

For more information, contact the
New Brunswick Crafts Council office
(506) 450-8989

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6. Call for Proposals & Submissions
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TORONTO SCULPTURE GARDEN Call for Proposals
Deadline: Sept. 15

TORONTO SCULPTURE GARDEN
115 King Street East, Toronto

The Toronto Sculpture Garden has been a leader in Canada in the commissioning of contemporary sculpture since it opened in 1981. Located in an urban park in the downtown core, it serves as a testing ground for artists to explore public space and to address issues of urban context, materials and scale.

For complete proposal information, including fee structure and site map:
<http://www.torontosculpturegarden.com>

New Gallery Call for Submissions & Resumes
Deadline: Sept. 30 Toronto

Call for Submissions & Resumes: Fine art photographers, Co-Director & Associate needed for New Gallery

An established Toronto gallery is building a new stable of fine art photographers. Artists should be professional working artists of emerging, mid-career, or late-career status.

Artist Submission Guidelines:

Please send submissions in confidence via email only:
newphotogallery@gmail.com

Please indicate in subject line as : Photography submission

You may provide a link to your website which contains images, contact information, CV, and artist statement

Alternatively, please email jpeg images. Please attach 4 to 6 jpeg images, under 100 kilobytes each. Please include image details, contact information, artist statement and CV. This email should not exceed 1 MB. Artists of interest will be contacted by the gallery to discuss the possibility of representation.

Gallery Co-Director Position:

Open call for resumes

This is a full time position available in new photography-based commercial gallery in downtown Toronto. This co-director position begins mid-fall 2009. This position offers 37.5 hours per week, including weekends. Salary level will be determined according to experience. The ideal candidate will have extensive experience in the field of fine art photography, and experience in one of the following: curating, gallery management or art sales & service.

The Co-Director will manage staff and be responsible for gallery and artist promotion, sales and marketing, strategic development of gallery artist's careers, exhibition scheduling, show installation, gallery maintenance, daily operations and client liaison on and off site.

Requirements:

- Extensive knowledge and experience in the field of fine art photography
- Superior oral and written communication skills
- High level of professionalism
- Working weekend hours
- Logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Heavy lifting ability (25 lbs)
- Comfortable working on ladders

Experience with the following is considered an asset:

- Commercial gallery sales or service
- Adobe Photoshop, and digital photography skills
- Sale of luxury consumer goods
- Staff management
- Curating
- Accounting/Business
- Fine art framing/handling

Please send a cover letter and CV by September 30th, 2009. Interviews will be conducted in October 2009. Preferred communication is via email at newphotogallery@gmail.com

Gallery Associate Position:

Open call for resumes

This is a full time position available in new photography-based commercial gallery in downtown Toronto. This associate position will begin mid-August, 2009. This position

offers 37.5 hours per week, including weekends. Salary level will be determined according to experience. The ideal candidate will have experience related to art galleries or museums, and interest or expertise in the field of photography. The Associate will work with the Co-Director on gallery and artist promotion, sales and marketing, exhibition installation, gallery maintenance, daily operations and client liaison on and off site.

Requirements:

- Knowledge and experience in the field of fine art photography
- Superior oral and written communication skills
- High level of professionalism
- Working weekend hours
- Logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Heavy lifting ability (25 lbs)
- Comfortable working on ladders

Experience with the following is considered an asset:

- Commercial gallery sales or service
- Adobe Photoshop, and digital photography skills
- Sale of luxury consumer goods
- Curating
- Accounting/Business
- Fine art framing/handling

Please send a cover letter and CV by August 5th, 2009. Candidates will be contacted for interviews. Preferred communication is via email at newphotogallery@gmail.com

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7. Funding & Opportunities

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Canada Council Purchase of Works for Art Bank Collection
Deadline Oct. 15

The Canada Council of the Arts announces that is now receiving applications from artists who have works they would like to be considered for purchase for the Canada Council Art Bank Collection.

The deadline for submissions is Oct. 15, 2009 (postmarked).

Guidelines and application form can be found at www.artbank.ca

Creative N.S. seeking nominations

The fourth annual Creative Nova Scotia Conference and Awards Gala will be held on Oct. 24 in Yarmouth.

Nominations are being accepted for:

Community Arts and Recognition Award, deadline Tuesday, Sept. 15, presented annually by the Nova Scotia Arts and Culture Partnership Council to a community that demonstrates the value it places on arts and culture in community life. Funded from the Nova Scotia Arts Endowment Fund, the award has a cash value of \$10,000.

Established Artists Recognition Award, deadline Tuesday, Sept. 15, presented annually by the Nova Scotia Arts and Culture Partnership Council to five artists considered to be in mid-career. Funded from the Nova Scotia Arts Endowment Fund, each award has a cash value of \$5,000.

For more information, or to obtain a nomination form, visit www.gov.ns.ca/tch or contact Peter Kirby at 424-3422 or kirbypc@gov.ns.ca.

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8. Education & Learning
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Garden Spirit Sculpture Workshop
With Rita Wildschut, BFA (gardenspirit.blogspot.com)
from Brooks, Alberta

September 19, 2009 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

A fun and fabulous day of artistic endeavor. Rita Wildschut, BFA is a well loved art teacher in Alberta and Saskatchewan and her influence is felt far and wide. Rita's art enhances and beautifies the entire countryside. Rita's art is commissioned by governments and is collected worldwide. The Garden Spirit Workshop costs \$150.00 and includes supplies to make one sculpture with Rita and another one at home. Lunch and coffee breaks are included.

Digital Photography & Editing with Len Wagg

October 16, 17 and 18th, 2009

Explore the undiscovered Eastern Shore with your camera and the guidance of Nova Scotia photographer and author, Len Wagg. Take photographs of autumn colours, rocky coastal areas, the sunrise and sunset or the people who make their living from the sea, their boats, and their communities or wildlife. Len will talk about finding and getting the pictures, as well as good composition, lighting, subject and night photography. After you have the great photographs, learn about filing storing, editing and printing the final image. Each participant will get a CD with their images.

For more info:

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9. Classifieds
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For Sale - Wood Lathe

I am in the process of trying to sell a RYOBI 12"x37" spindle-type wood lathe approximately 15-20 years old. It includes some 43 various woodturning tools, many of which were handcrafted by my father. Pictures can be provided if you wish. We are asking \$800.00. (negotiable).

My e-mail at home is: sdrich@eastlink.ca
Home Phone: (902) 457-3160
Work Phone: (902) 426-2124

Thanks
Steve Richardson

For Sale

King Size quilt frames and several smaller lap frames
Contact Sharon Powell 564-9748

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