



UPCOMING EVENTS

For more details on upcoming events please check www.ocaf.on.ca

Ontario Association of Art Galleries – *The Group of Seven Project* - March 1 - December 31, 2005

Textile Museum of Canada - *The 30th Anniversary Celebration* - April 1, 2005 - April 30, 2006

Visual Arts Ontario - *Triple X: VAO 30th Anniversary Exhibition Series* - April 7, 2005 - November 11, 2006

Art Gallery of Hamilton - *Heaven and Earth Unveiled* - May 28, 2005 - May 28, 2006

London Regional Children's Museum - *The Big 3-0!* - July 1 - December 31, 2005

Ottawa International Jazz Festival - *25th Anniversary Concert Series* - July 1, 2005 - May 31, 2006

Bruce County Museum and Archives - *50th Anniversary Celebration in New Museum* - July 1, 2005 - July 1, 2006

Muskoka Steamship & Historical Society - *Muskoka Wharf Heritage Centre* - July 1, 2005 - November 30, 2006

Soulpepper Theatre Company - *Soulpepper – The Best is Yet to Come* - Sept. 1, 2005 - Dec. 31, 2006

Bata Shoe Museum - *Ten Best Shoe Designers - 10th anniversary* – Sept. 15, 2005 - Sept. 15, 2006

Ontario Science Centre – *'Body Worlds 2' (Part of Agents of Change Transitional Programming)* – September 30, 2005 - February 26, 2006

Art Gallery of Ontario – *Catherine The Great (part of Audience Stabilization – Transformation AGO)* – October 1, 2005 - January 1, 2006

Conseil des arts de Hearst - *Coup de Coeur Francophone à Hearst* - October 29 - November 30, 2005

Canadian Opera Company – *Götterdämmerung (part of the Wagner's Ring Cycle)* – January 30 - Feb. 12, 2006

2004-2005 ACHIEVEMENTS

- 41 investments approved by OCAF board for a total committed investment of \$5,542,500;
- 91.5% return on total maximum repayments to date;
- Revised program guide available and distributed widely;
- Research and development for the 2nd stage of marketing workshops; pilots given at two major conferences: Festivals & events Ontario and the Ontario BIAs Conference

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Martha J. Durdin has joined the OCAF board as representative of the Ontario Arts Council. Her interest in the arts has led her to serve as a volunteer with a number of arts organizations, including her former advisory board position with the Women's Musical Club and board member of Opera Atelier as well as her current board position with the Council for Business and the Arts in Canada. Ms. Durdin was also the Treasurer of Factory Theatre. Other community activities include her former membership on the Fundraising Committee at Casey House and her current board position with the Homes First Foundation.

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NEXT OCAF DEADLINES

2006

Board Meetings	Stage 2 Deadlines
February 3	January 6
March 31	March 3
June 1	May 4
July 27*	June 29*
October 5	September 8
December 1	November 3

* if required; meetings may be rescheduled from time to time without altering stage 2 deadlines

FUND FACTS

- \$24,639,274 approved toward 194 projects across Ontario since 1999
- approx. \$35 million approved over the life of the Fund – almost double the original provincial investment
- To date 79 communities reached across the Province
- Average of 40-45 investments a year

COMING IN 2006

- 2nd series of marketing workshops in the winter/spring. Potential locations include: Thunder Bay; Kenora; Timmins; Huntsville/Haliburton; London area; Kingston/Gananoque; and Southeast/Ottawa Valley
- Release of *Destination Culture 2*, OCAF's second tri-annual report (2002-05)
- Outreach: Series of information sessions across the Province throughout 2006

Watch this space for more information

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Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games - 60th Anniversary Celebrations / Closing Pan