



ORGANIZATION OF SASKATCHEWAN ARTS COUNCILS

"Making the Arts an integral part of the lives of Saskatchewan people"

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Welcome to the latest edition of the OSAC e-update! Included you will find fresh news from OSAC, timely reminders and the occasional important schedule change. You can add or forward this mailing to other interested parties, or if you do not wish to be on our distribution list, simply e-mail us at OSAC. Be sure to check out our website for more information including past issues of the e-update, www.osac.sk.ca.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Regional Meeting - Melfort

On behalf of the Board thank you to everyone from Melfort, Tisdale and Canora Arts Councils who spent a few hours with the OSAC Board as well as Marianne Woods and myself on Saturday January 30. We always enjoy the opportunity to spend time with the membership and these weekends are a valuable learning tool for the Board and staff. A special thanks to Leah Terry and the staff of the Kerry Vickar Centre. This brand new facility is a jewel for that part of the province and I encourage you to drop by if you are in the Melfort area.

Family Day – February 15

To celebrate Family Day, the OSAC office will be closed on Monday, February 15th.

Free Online Courses in Volunteer Training

Cultural volunteers are encouraged to check out the Online Volunteer Training Centre setup by Sask Sport, with funding from the Canada Games Building Dreams and Champions Legacy Program. This web-based training program is offered free to all Saskatchewan residents. It delivers key education and training opportunities throughout the volunteer system with courses in volunteer management and motivation, recruitment and retention, fundraising, board governance and more. Registrants can access the training at their convenience and complete it at their own pace. Register today at <http://www.ovtc.sk.ca>

Saskatchewan Arts Board Seeking Nominations

A reminder that the Saskatchewan Arts Board is seeking nominations for vacancies on its Board of Directors and is encouraging people to send in their nominations. There are currently four vacancies on the board, two of which will come from the arts community.

The Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations from arts organizations and individuals in order to compile a recommended list for the government-of-the-day. Nomination criteria is available on the Arts Board website at <http://artsboard.sk.ca/pdf/Board%20Nomination%20Ad.pdf>, and the nomination form is available at <http://artsboard.sk.ca/pdf/Board%20Nomination%20Form.pdf>.

The deadline for nominations is February 8, 2010.

Miscellaneous

The Latest SASKCULTURE Member E Update can be [found here](#).

OPERATIONS

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Showcase 2010 – Bringing the Arts to You

The annual conference is scheduled for October 22 – 24, 2010 in North Battleford. Information regarding accommodations will be forthcoming soon.

PERFORMING ARTS

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2010/2011 Season

I am well into doing the routing and getting dates from the artists so if you have not submitted your season yet please do so immediately as it may not be possible to accommodate your request once the season is put together.

It is very important that the local Performing Arts Contact be vigilant about checking emails at this time of year as the proposed dates will be sent out via email.

Also, please get those publicity request forms in. **Every Arts Council** needs to submit the information **every year**, even if there are no changes.

Brochure Order forms were in last month's mail – due to a paper price increase we have had to slightly increase the cost of the brochures. Please return them prior to the March 1 deadline.

Logos

It is VERY important that all of the required logos are on everything that your arts council generates as far as promotional or advertising material for performances in your community. All of the required logos can be found on the OSAC website in the Members section. If an artist has received Canada Council funding they may also request that you add the CC logo. If you have not already printed your material this is fine to do and that logo can be found on the Canada Council website.

Evaluations

Just a reminder to submit the Performance Evaluations that are included with the contract you receive shortly after the performance in your community.

Saskatchewan Performers at the Vancouver Olympics

Please visit www.saskpavilion.ca to see the artists that have been invited to play the Saskatchewan Pavilion during the Olympics. They include OSAC favourites True Jive Pluckers, Jack Semple, Jason Plumb and Andrea Menard among many others.

Miscellaneous.

When watching the 2010 Olympics from Vancouver next month be sure to save an extra cheer for Skeleton slider [Jon Montgomery](#). Originally from Russell, Manitoba he is the nephew of Prairie Debut Executive Director Lynne Bailey. Lynne and the entire family will be heading to Whistler to cheer Jon on – you may be able to hear them as Jon crosses the finish line!

The SASKATCHEWAN BAND ASSOCIATION E News can be [found here](#)

The SASKMUSIC E RELEASE can be [found here](#) .

The SASK CHORAL FEDERATION newsletter can be [found here](#).

VISUAL and MEDIA ARTS

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OSAC Call to Visual Artists and Curators

Professional artists and curators are invited to submit exhibition proposals for a touring exhibition with OSAC's *Arts on the Move* program. OSAC tours normally run up to 2 years, reaching between 18 to 24 communities in the province. Works must be suitable for touring, specifically regarding dimensions, fragility and installation concerns. Juried by a Selection Committee, the exhibitions chosen will be presented at OSAC's annual conference, *Showcase*, in October 2010 and will begin touring the province in the winter/spring of 2011. **Deadline for submissions: April 1, 2010.**

Please include:

- 1) Cover letter
- 2) Artist/ Curator Statement
- 3) Artist CV
- 4) Digital images on CD-R
- 5) Image list
- 6) Stamped, self-addressed envelope, if you would like your materials returned to you.

Please send your submission to OSAC at 1102 – 8th Avenue, Regina, SK., S4R 1C9. For more information, contact Jennifer Schell McRorie at (306) 586-1252 or email jennifer@osac.sk.ca

Education Packages Now on DVD

OSAC's education packages that accompany touring exhibitions are now included on DVD as well as being posted on our website at www.osac.sk.ca. The DVD versions of the education package will allow gallery programmers and teachers to use the educational materials in an interactive way on Smart Boards, wherever they are available. Accordingly, activities in response to the exhibition have been designed to be more interactive for this usage. We hope that this will encourage students and audiences to engage with exhibitions in broader ways.

Local Adjudications

Please check out the current [listing](#) of arts councils hosting adjudications in their communities on our website.

Entrepreneurial Training Program for Self-Employed Artists

The Saskatchewan Arts Board is pleased to announce the Entrepreneurial Training Program, a new pilot program based on the Cultural Human Resources Council curriculum, The Art of Managing Your Career. The program provides self-employed artists with skills, tools, self-awareness, and networking resources to help them turn their art practices into sustainable, revenue-generating businesses. This project is funded by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour. The deadline for applications is February 19, 2010, at 4:30 p.m. For applications and information, visit: http://www.artsboard.sk.ca/creative_industries/creative_industries_intro.htm

CARFAC Saskatchewan Winter & Spring Workshops

Check out the professional development workshops for artists being offered through CARFAC SK throughout the province at this [link](#).

Moose Jaw Museum & Art Gallery Winter/ Spring 2010 Classes

The MJM&AG is offering a variety of children's and adult art courses. Check it out at this [link](#).

Art Gallery of Regina: Upcoming Workshop

The Art Gallery of Regina is pleased to announce the upcoming workshop, Conceptual & Structural Elements of Acrylic Painting With Frances Werry. For information, please check out this [link](#).

Shows

Check out what's on display this month at the various galleries throughout the province on OSAC's website [here](#)

JUNIOR CONCERTS

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Tours for Winter and Spring 2010

Green Thumb's WIRED finishes up their tour on February 5. Here's more feedback about WIRED:

"Excellent performance." – Whitewood School

"Extremely important to have these excellent quality performances for our students." Fort Qu'Appelle Elementary School.

By now all schools booking Simon Moccasin and Boris Sichon should have received their confirmations. I will be sending out school packages for both shows next week.

February School Conferences

February is School Conference month for OSAC. From February 3-5, I will be attending an annual training event for the Northern Community & School Recreation Coordinators, held in Prince Albert. This event attracts representatives from approximately 24 Northern Saskatchewan communities. It is an event in which Northerners who work or volunteer to provide sport, culture and recreation programs and services have the opportunity to share their challenges and successes. It is also a good opportunity for provincial sport, culture and recreation organizations like OSAC to learn about northern communities and to connect with representatives of Northern Saskatchewan. As a representative of OSAC, I will have an opportunity to promote the organization and provide information on our programming.

I will also be attending the Prairie Valley School Division Conference on February 18-19 and the Regina Teachers' Convention on February 26, both to be held in Regina. If you are attending either of these conferences, please stop by the OSAC Display.

Tours for Fall 2010

The Brochures for Fall 2010 will be sent out electronically in mid-February and will be posted on the website shortly.

The OSAC e-update is electronically distributed every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. We encourage members and other recipients to share or forward these mailings to interested parties in our greater cultural community. For back issues of the e-update on our website, click [here](#).

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