

Questions to our political leaders on their position on key issues for arts and culture in Canada

Federal Government's Investment in the Arts and Culture Sector

- 1) Under a government formed by your Party, what priority would be given to the funding of the arts and culture sector? Does your Party have a strategy to replace expiring or cancelled programs and services? If so what is it? Please be as specific as you can.
- 2) Will your Party commit to engaging the arts and culture sector in the creation or review of programs and services provided by the federal government as is done in other sectors of activity?
- 3) Three years ago, a broad consensus was reached with all political parties on the need for a new museum policy supported by an increased budget to museums. Does your Party intend to follow-up on this consensus and invest in our heritage institutions?

Advancing the Socio-economic Status of Artists, Creators and Arts Professionals

- 4) Much discussion is taking place by governments around the world about the emergence of a creative economy and what is needed to ensure its continued growth and expansion. Does your Party have any policies regarding the creative economy? If so, what are they? If not, why not?
- 5) Is your Party prepared to proceed with revisions to the Copyright Act as a priority in the next Parliament? What would be the approach of your Party regarding this important issue?
- 6) Does your party support the notion that the federal government has a responsibility to contribute to the training of creators, particularly in the audio-visual sector?

Enhancing Support for the Production and Distribution of Canadian Cultural Products at Home and Around the World

- 7) Under a government formed by your Party, would foreign policy include a public diplomacy strategy where arts and culture have a role to play? Would you ensure that the staff in our embassies and missions abroad has the resources (human and financial) necessary to promote Canadian culture?
- 8) Is your party prepared to raise the question of cultural diversity in all international trade negotiations?
- 9) Recommendations have been made to the outgoing government that the Broadcasting Act and the Telecommunications Act be merged into a single legislative and regulatory framework. How would a government led by your Party address these recommendations and what priority would they be given?

- 10) Will your party commit to maintain the current level of 53% Canadian ownership rules in our media broadcasting and telecommunications systems? Will you party affirm the cultural objectives within the Broadcasting Act and ensure that they are respected and fostered in all program distribution platforms?
- 11) Does your party support the CRTC recommendation to the Minister of Canadian Heritage that the Canadian Television Fund be split in two streams?
- 12) Does your Party support the notion of increased and stable funding in the context of a long-term Memorandum of Agreement with the public broadcaster as put forward by the CBC?