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Update on CCA's 2006 Federal Election Advocacy

From the Desk of Alain Pineau, National Director

Sixty years strong, the Canadian Conference of the Arts is the national forum for the arts and cultural community in Canada. It serves as a leader, authority, and catalyst to ensure that artists can contribute freely and fully to a creative, dynamic, and civil Canadian society.

For more information on the CCA's current advocacy work, please visit our website at www.ccarts.ca

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Ottawa, December 8, 2005 – The federal election campaign is now in full swing and the CCA is on the case. If you are interested in the promotion and protection of the arts and cultural sector in Canada, keep an eye on your email and take action!! In the course of the next several weeks, this is what you can expect to see from the CCA election desk:

- a profile of how each federal party fared in the last Parliament, what was achieved, what wasn't and what is promised for the future,
- key issues for the cultural sector from the vantage point of the CCA,
- an analysis of the culture platforms of each federal party,
- a "door-step" tool to help you when a candidate comes calling to your door, or when attending an all candidates meeting,
- a full disclosure of the federal parties answers to questions on culture developed by the CCA,
- a post-campaign analysis of what the returns may mean for the arts and cultural industries.

Of course, you can also expect to receive bulletins and updates on issues as they present themselves throughout the federal election campaign. Personally delivered to our members, our coverage will be available to all on our website at www.ccarts.ca/en/2005ElectionNews1.htm, so spread the word! If you are not currently a member of the CCA, do consider adding your voice to ours and support our ongoing efforts! www.ccarts.ca/en/members/join/

The CCA is a non-partisan organization and we will honour this status while providing our members and the cultural sector with the most information we can garner on issues that affect artists, creators, arts organizations and the cultural industries. We will present party platforms in their full unedited form, and we will also share any feedback we receive from political parties on the coverage of the campaign by the CCA.

The CCA also encourages its members to send potential questions for the televised leaders' debates. Any questions that you or your organization would like the party leaders to answer during the debates should be forwarded to question@electiondebate.ca; it would be appreciated if you could share your questions with us info@ccarts.ca. The CCA will endeavour to seek answers from the parties directly and we will share such responses with you once we receive them.

The CCA believes that an election is an important moment in our national life. It is our intention to provide you with the most information we can gather to help you make an informed and responsible choice on January 23, 2006. If you have any suggestions about other information that you would like to receive from the CCA, please let me know at alain.pineau@ccarts.ca.

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