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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.

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## IMPORTANT REMINDER REGISTER NOW FOR CHALMERS TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

As the country settles down, post-election, to the realities of a Conservative minority government, the next CCA conference provides a particularly timely opportunity for the cultural community to come together for a sector-wide consultation around cultural policy: what exists, what is still needed, and how best to get it.

As you already know, CCA's National Policy Conference, Mapping Canada's Cultural Policy: Where do we go from here?, is scheduled for March 3 and 4 in Ottawa. This note is to remind you that the Chalmers Conference for arts service and other cultural organizations is taking place immediately before and after the policy conference, and to reiterate how important it is for the voice of your organization to be heard at this forum.

This year's Chalmers Conference gives you an unparalleled opportunity to provide input into the priorities and resulting action plan of the CCA, to ensure the new government knows, understands, and acts on the priorities of the cultural sector. If you are a CCA organizational member, there is no additional registration fee to attend the two-part Chalmers Conference; organizations which are not members pay \$150 on top of the policy conference fee. Any organization wishing to bring more than one representative is encouraged to do so; an additional fee per person applies. Details can be found at [www.ccarts.ca](http://www.ccarts.ca).

Besides being part of the dialogue, we urge you to ensure your organization's issues are on the agenda for discussion. CCA is asking arts service and other cultural organizations to send in their top three cultural policy issues; these will form part of the Chalmers forum on Thursday afternoon (March 2). It is also important that your organization be part of the Saturday afternoon (March 4) discussions on strategies for action and how best to move the issues forward. Please forward your shortlist of issues to the CCA by Wednesday February 1.

It is imperative that the sector speak loudly, and with one voice! We urge you to register NOW for both the Chalmers Conference and the National Policy Conference in order to avoid disappointment. Registration forms are available online at [www.ccarts.ca](http://www.ccarts.ca).



Mapping Canada's Cultural Policy  
Tracer la politique culturelle du Canada

### The Canadian Conference of the Arts presents:

Mapping Canada's Cultural Policy: Where do we go from here?  
March 2-4, 2006  
Sheraton Hotel, Ottawa

REMINDER: Early bird registration to the conference ends February 10, 2006!

**Register NOW at:**  
[www.ccarts.ca/en/events/NPCChalmers2006registration.htm](http://www.ccarts.ca/en/events/NPCChalmers2006registration.htm)

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