



# BULLETIN

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## **THE DEPARTMENT OF CANADIAN HERITAGE RESPONDS TO THE FEDERAL BUDGET**

**Ottawa, February 24, 2005** - Officials in the Department of Canadian Heritage, including Minister of Canadian Heritage Liza Fulla, have further clarified some of the figures stated in yesterday's budget for the five-year extension of the Tomorrow Starts Today funding program. (See Bulletin 09/05 - TOMORROW IS ANOTHER DAY FOR THE ARTS AND CULTURE IN CANADA).

"The Government has confirmed and stabilized funding for the arts and culture programs under the Tomorrow Starts Today initiative in the amount of \$860 million over the next five years, from 2005-06 to 2009-10," stated Cynthia White-Thornley, Director General of DCH's Arts Policy Branch in an email sent to the CCA this morning. "This represents \$172M annually in new funding. The December 2004 pre-budget announcement of \$192 million announced in December 2004 for fiscal year 2005-06 included \$20 million in internal reallocation which will continue to be allocated internally in the next five years."

CCA appreciates the department's explanation, and restates its intention to examine the Main Estimates as soon as they are released to identify how funding from within the departmental budget will be redistributed on an annual basis to reallocate these funds.

## **FINAL TWO DAYS TO VOTE IN THE CCA BOARD OF GOVERNORS ELECTIONS**

The board of governors elections are about to wrap up online at the CCA's election website ([www.ccarts.ca/vote](http://www.ccarts.ca/vote)). Voting is open to CCA members, and the polls will stay open until Midnight Eastern time on Friday February 25, 2005.

Biographies and statements of intent from the 16 candidates appear in the current issue of Blizzart, as well as on the election website. An instruction sheet with your username and password that allow you to log into the election site was also sent along with your copy of Blizzart. If you require any additional assistance with the voting process, please contact Julie Cayouette at the CCA by email at [julie.cayouette@ccarts.ca](mailto:julie.cayouette@ccarts.ca) or by phone at (613) 238-3561 ext. 20.

If you are not a CCA member but would like to vote in the board of governors elections, we encourage you to join the CCA. For more information on CCA membership please visit the membership page at the CCA website (<http://www.ccarts.ca/en/members/join/>), or contact Jessica Pancoe, CCA Membership Coordinator by email at [jessica.pancoe@ccarts.ca](mailto:jessica.pancoe@ccarts.ca) or by phone at (613) 238-3561 ext. 10.

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