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Canadian Arts Coalition Gearing Up for Lobby Day on the Hill

Ottawa, October 24, 2005 – The Canadian Arts Coalition is gearing up for an active day of lobbying on Parliament Hill on October 25. The goal is a \$5 per capita increase in federal funding for the arts, with new funds to go to the Canada Council for the Arts.

Coalescing around a core group of national arts and culture organizations, the Coalition has been active since May of this year. The Canadian Conference of the Arts was a founding member of the Coalition, which now includes 26 national, provincial, and local organizations. A complete list of current members can be found below.

The rapidly expanding activities of the Coalition have already borne fruit. The Minister of Canadian Heritage, the Hon. Liza Frulla, has stated publicly, on several occasions, that she supports an increase for the Canada Council, which celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2006. Her position received unanimous endorsement from the provincial and territorial ministers of culture who met with her in Banff in September. A number of Canadian cities have passed resolutions in support of the increase, with more in the works.

While the signs so far are positive, there is still much work to be done to convince cabinet and MPs that a \$5 per capita increase is both desirable and affordable. That's why, on October 25, a group of about 80 Coalition activists from across the country will visit with parliamentarians and their staff. Representing the widest possible range of organizations, institutions, and artistic disciplines, this deeply committed group will make the case for a substantial additional investment in the creative life of Canada.

The CCA will be there, represented by President Robert Spickler, Board member Bastien Gilbert, and Interim National Director Andrew David Terris. Watch for a CCA Bulletin later this week on what happened on the Hill.

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