

Friday, February 9th, 2007

Mr. Charlie Angus
Member of Parliament for Timmins-James Bay
Member of the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage
House of commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

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Should you or your New Democratic Party caucus colleagues be interested in discussing this or any other matter of interest to the arts and culture sector, please do not hesitate to contact us at your earliest convenience. The CCA will do its best to provide you with the information you require to better understand and reflect the contributions that Canadian artists, arts professionals, cultural institutions and industries make to our collective quality of life at home and our national image around the world.

On behalf of the President and the Board of Governors of the CCA, I hope you will accept our offer and I look forward to working with you and your colleagues on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

Alain Pineau
National Director

cc. Hon. Jack Layton, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada

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MsTina Keeper
Member of Parliament for Churchill
Member of the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage
House of commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

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cc.Hon Stéphane Dion, Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada

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Mr. Jim Abbott
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Canadian Heritage
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

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cc. Hon. Bev Oda, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Status of Women
Prime Minister Harper

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Mrs. Elizabeth May
Leader of the Green Party of Canada
PO Box 997, Station B
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5R1

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