

Gathering Futures: New Thinking about the Development of Arts and Culture in Manitoba

The Arts and Cultural Industries Association of Manitoba (ACI Manitoba), the provincial sector council for arts and culture, is hosting a colloquium - *Gathering Futures: New Thinking about the Development of the Arts and Culture in Manitoba*. The Colloquium is one of a number of events designed to provide a forum to explore relevant issues, foster discussion and inspire action.

On March 15th, 2010, **Kelly Hill** (an expert in Canadian arts and cultural sector research) will set the stage with a presentation on the profile and economic significance of the Manitoba arts and cultural sector within a regional and national context. Following Kelly's presentation, **Simon Brault** - Vice Chair of the Canada Council, CEO of the National Theatre School and author of the highly-anticipated book *No Culture, No Future*, will speak to the necessity of establishing a coherent approach to the development of the arts and culture if we are to realize our potential for competitiveness, innovation and community well-being in Manitoba. In addition, **Carol Phillips**, Executive Director of the Winnipeg Arts Council, and **Greg Mason** of Prairie Research Associates will speak about the substantial work being done at the municipal level to chart a course for Winnipeg's arts and cultural community over the next decade.

Gathering Futures: New Thinking about the Development of the Arts and Culture in Manitoba brings together leaders from the arts and culture sector, from government and from the private sector to open a conversation about where we are today, where we are currently headed and where we want to be tomorrow. ACI Manitoba envisions the colloquium as a springboard for further research and planning, and as a means of encouraging forward-thinking development strategies for arts and culture in Manitoba.

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