



We, the [Canadian Arts Coalition](#), applaud the Government of Canada for taking steps to support the arts sector in Canada through Budget 2024, *Fairness for Every Generation*. While not all of the sector's urgent and desperately needed budget requests were provided, the arts sector in Canada is grateful that the Government took action in Budget 2024.

Specifically, we applaud the Government of Canada for investing:

- \$31 million over two years in the Canada Arts Presentation Fund;
- \$100 million over two years in Telefilm Canada;
- \$32 million over two years in the Canada Music Fund;
- \$40 million over two years in the Canada Media Fund;
- \$10 million over three years in the Canada Book Fund;
- \$20 million over three years in PrairiesCan for performing arts organisations in the Prairies;
- \$500 million over five years to Infrastructure Canada for the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program;
- \$50 million over four years to support workers who may be impacted by artificial intelligence; and
- \$351.2 million for the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy.

It is worth noting that many of these investments are committed for a period of two to five years, and the Canadian arts and culture sector looks forward to working with officials to ensure that these integral supports are maintained from 2025 onward.

The Canadian Arts Coalition is also grateful to the Government for proposing amendments to the previously announced Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) that would ensure that the tax treatment of charitable donations be revised to allow individuals to claim 80 per cent (instead of the previously proposed 50 per cent) of the Charitable Donation Tax Credit when calculating AMT. However, we maintain that incentives, rather than restrictions, on donations to not-for-profits is preferable and essential during this period for Canadian arts and culture recovery.

We remain concerned that the Government of Canada did not provide any increase to the largest public funder of arts in Canada, the Canada Council for the Arts. Instead, there are plans for cuts. After clear calls across the arts sector, and with the looming cycle of core funding renewals and the ongoing plight of independent artists, this proposed action requires immediate correction.

There remain other areas of concern for the arts sector, which require immediate attention from the Government of Canada, including:

- Overdue and needed increases to the Museums Assistance Program;



- Investment in the Indigenous Heritage Circle;
- Changes to support Canadian creators and rights-holders, including those related to visual arts with Artist Resale Right, and fair dealing in the book publishing sector within the Copyright regime; and,
- A reversal to the harmful proposed cuts to the Department of Canadian Heritage, including those related to the Strategic Initiatives and Endowment Incentives components of the Canada Cultural Investment Fund.

Further, the Government of Canada has not taken sufficient action to provide sorely needed investments in cultural infrastructure, especially given the planned cut to the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund. We will work to ensure that the announced increase in the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program includes investments in cultural infrastructure.

The arts sector in Canada remains in a state of extraordinary precarity. While the Government's actions in Budget 2024 reflect first steps in support of our industry, the work cannot stop here. The Canadian Arts Coalition remains prepared to work collaboratively and across party lines to ensure a sustainable, equitable future for arts in Canada.

For more information, please contact:

Karla Etienne
Member of the Coalition Steering Committee
karla@cda-acd.ca