



## Press Release

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### REGION OF WATERLOO ARTS FUND PASSES MILESTONE: \$250,000 IN GRANTS

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### *13 artists and arts organizations receive \$58,000 in current round*

**Kitchener** (December 10, 2004) – The Region of Waterloo Arts Fund today announced its grants for fall, 2004, awarding \$57,687 to 13 individual artists and arts organizations.

Among the grants announced were \$8,000 to the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery for its Mosaic Live Art series, \$4,557 to the Cambridge Sculpture Garden for the creation of customized bollards to mark the garden entrance and \$1,500 to the Fresh Ayr Festival to support its Young Artists program.

**Since welcoming its first applications just two years ago, the Arts Fund has made grants totaling more than \$250,000 to the Regional arts community.**

The awards announced today were:

- \$8,000 to the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery of Waterloo, in support of its Mosaic Live Art series;
- \$6,040 to Theatre & Company to support its Nu2u New Play Development Program;
- \$1,200 to Marcela Elizondo of Waterloo to assist in a photographic project focusing on immigrants to the Region;
- \$4,250 to Erina Harris of Waterloo in support of *Soiree des Femmes: A literary salon* with readings by 10 women authors in conjunction with International Women's Day;
- \$1,500 to Bob MacLean, of Guelph, in support of the projected Waterloo Guitar Summit;
- \$7,000 to Gamut Moving Pictures of Waterloo, to support "Look!", a short film project;

- \$7,000 to musician Mark Perak of Kitchener towards production of a CD recording;
- \$3,340 to sculptor Linda Perez of Kitchener towards creation and installation of a series of seven sculptures called “Existere”;
- \$1,500 to the Fresh Ayr Festival to support its Young Artists program;
- \$7,500 to Rob Waldeck of Kitchener to assist with a documentary video project entitled *A Growing Season*, following one family farm from spring planting to fall harvest;
- \$4,000 to Marshall Ward of Waterloo to assist with production of the documentary *Wanderlust: A Canadian Hitchhiking Adventure*;
- \$4,557 to the Cambridge Sculpture Garden for creation by blacksmith Sandra Dunn of two customized bollards, both functional and decorative, to define and protect the entrances to the garden;
- \$1,800 to Stephen Zurakowsky of Waterloo to assist in production of the CD *The Journey from Dark to Light*.

The Region of Waterloo Arts Fund is a not-for-profit corporation created in 2002 to provide arm’s length funding for the performing, visual and literary arts in the Region of Waterloo. It receives its funding from the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo. Twice a year (spring and fall) applicants are asked to first submit a brief (maximum two pages) letters of intent. Based on those letters, a shortlist of applicants is asked to submit detailed proposals.

The Arts Fund’s aim is to “make art happen” (i.e. stimulate arts activity), both in the next 12 months and with projects that will enhance an organization’s ability to make even more art happen in the future.

Applicants are encouraged to create new works, to bring art to the public, to benefit the Region of Waterloo and create works that might not happen or might not happen as well without such support. All disciplines are welcomed and applications are encouraged from both individuals and arts organizations throughout the Region, made up of the cities of Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo and the four townships of Wilmot, Woolwich, Wellesley and North Dumfries. Adjudication of applications is done by the broadly based 14-member board of the Fund.

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**Note: Applications may be made at any time.  
The deadline for the spring, 2005 letters of intent (maximum 2 pages) is Friday, March 18.**