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PRESS RELEASE

Region of Waterloo Arts Fund awards \$106,650 in grants to assist:

Knit Cambridge, coordinated by Sue Sturdy, fibre artist, the Main Street Bridge in Cambridge will be encased in a multi-coloured and textured layer of knitting. The work will engage knitters of all levels from the Region and will be installed during the early fall of 2010.

Our World Festival of Music, produced by Lawrence McNaught, will form part of the Tapestry Celebrations being held in Kitchener in June. Reflecting the region's rich cultural diversity, the Festival will feature world musicians as well as workshops, music video presentations and much more.

JamCycle will happen on some of the Region's trails and in Waterloo and Victoria Parks between March and June. The project will include an interactive theatre adventure with support from the Pat the Dog Playwrights' collective, inviting cycling participants to reflect on experiencing their environment.

Kitchener – (January 5, 2010) The Region of Waterloo Arts Fund has awarded grants totaling \$106,650 to artists and arts organizations in response to proposals submitted from throughout Waterloo Region.

A total of 23 grants are being made in the Arts Fund's fall 2009 grants cycle providing support to projects in the visual arts, music, theatre, literature, cinema, recording and interdisciplinary concepts. The Arts Fund has awarded some \$1,054,000 since its inception in 2002. The funds are generously made available through Regional Council's allocation of 40 cents per capita.

Grants approved in this round were:

- ◆ \$4,000 to the Multicultural Cinema Club for the *Local Focus 3 Film Festival*, a

- ◆ celebration of the work of regional filmmakers in Kitchener in March
- ◆ \$3,000 to Rufus John of Kitchener to produce a CD recording, *Growing Pains*, for release in the fall/winter
- ◆ \$6,000 to Kathryn Ladano of Cambridge to produce and distribute a CD recording of bass clarinet music for release in the fall
- ◆ \$6,500 to Mary Catherine Newcombe to produce an outdoor sculpture/garden entitled *Product of Eden* at the K-W Art Gallery this summer
- ◆ \$4,500 for the *Latitudes Storytelling Festival*, a multimedia project being produced in several schools for presentation as part of the K-W Multicultural Festival in Kitchener's Victoria Park in June
- ◆ \$10,000 to Sue Sturdy for involving regional knitters in enrobing the Main Street Bridge in Cambridge in the fall in a project entitled *Knit CamBridge*
- ◆ \$700 to the Rain Dance Theatre to produce *Rooted*, a new musical production to be produced in the Maureen Forrester theatre at WLU in January
- ◆ \$3,000 to Jane Hook of Cambridge to produce an exhibition of sculpture, *Mother Earth*, for the Cambridge Arts Centre in March-April
- ◆ \$4,000 to Neruda Productions of Waterloo to produce the *Arpillera Book*, a new Canadians' showcase of artwork and stories of immigrant women to be completed by December
- ◆ \$6,000 to Larry Larson and Lori Gemmell of Waterloo to produce and distribute a CD recording of music for trumpet and harp for release in the summer
- ◆ \$4,000 to the Lost & Found Theatre to remount the production of *Falling: a wake* in the new K-W Little Theatre in Waterloo in June
- ◆ \$5,700 to The New Quarterly magazine for assistance in their *Word and Image* series which explores the intersections of visual and literary arts through text and pictures
- ◆ \$2,000 to Irina Likholet toward producing an exhibition of paintings and drawings, *Light & Life* at the Homer Watson Gallery in March-April
- ◆ \$2,800 to Paradise Productions of Waterloo in collaboration with BraVurA, a group of rock musicians to produce a music video, *Born in Prison* for release later in the year
- ◆ \$450 to The Waterloo Chamber Players to assist with the performance of a concerto with local guitarist, Kevin Ramessar, in February
- ◆ \$6,000 to The Children's Museum to assist with the exhibition, *Our Body: The Universe Within*, including classes in life drawing for young adults, opening in January
- ◆ \$5,000 to the Multicultural Theatre Space to assist in mounting its production of *The Last 15 Seconds* at the Magnetic North Theatre Festival being held in Kitchener-Waterloo in June
- ◆ \$5,000 to Krzysztof Pietroszek to assist in the production of a short film, *Highway of Angels*
- ◆ \$2,000 to Ryan Leandres to assist in the production of a short film, *The Quest for a Quest*
- ◆ \$8,000 to Klaus Engel of Waterloo to produce *From Page to Stage*, a film documenting the production of a new play by Douglas Campbell to be completed next January
- ◆ \$7,000 to Wellington Winds, an inter-regional group, for production of a video dramatizing the lives of members of the ensemble in preparation for concerts, scheduled for release in September
- ◆ \$5,000 to *Our World Festival of Music*, a celebration of diversity through live music, as part of Kitchener's Tapestry Festival being held in June
- ◆ \$6,000 to the *Warmer Project*, to produce *JamCycle*, an interactive theatre experience being held in regional parks and trails from March to June

Created in 2002, the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund is a not-for-profit corporation which provides funding for the performing, visual and literary arts in the Region of Waterloo. The Arts Fund invites applications in the spring and fall of each year. Applicants are initially asked to submit a brief letter of intent (maximum two pages) outlining their project. Based on review of those letters, a short list of applicants is then asked to submit more detailed proposals.

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

Applicants are encouraged to create new work, to bring art to the public, to benefit the Region of Waterloo and to create projects that might not happen without Arts Fund support. Applications in all arts disciplines are welcomed from individual artists and arts organizations in the Region of Waterloo (comprising the cities of Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo; and the townships of North Dumfries, Wellesley, Wilmot and Woolwich). Adjudication of applications is done by the Arts Fund’s broadly based 14-member board.

The next deadline for applications to the Arts Fund is 4:00 pm on Friday, March 5, 2010; information is available on the website: www.artsfund.ca

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