



**Canada Council
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The Canada Council is a founding member and major contributor to the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards Foundation. The Council contributes \$150,000 annually to enable the Foundation to give six \$25,000 Governor General's Performing Arts Awards in recognition of the recipients' contribution to the cultural life of Canada. Since 2000, the Council has contributed a total of \$1,020,000 for the awards.

The Council funds or administers a wide variety of performing arts awards, including the Walter Carsen Prize for Excellence in the Performing Arts, the Jules Léger Prize for New Chamber Music, the Virginia Parker Prize, the Jacqueline Lemieux Prize and the John Hirsch Prize. It also administers the Musical Instrument Bank which acquires quality instruments to be used by established or gifted young musicians who are about to embark on an international solo or chamber music career.

In 2008-09, the Council awarded more than \$158 million to professional artists and arts organizations. This included more than \$18 million in grants to dancers, choreographers and dance companies; more than \$29 million to musicians, composers, orchestras and ensembles; over \$26 million to actors, directors, playwrights and theatre companies; and just over \$14 million to filmmakers, video and new media artists, and media arts organizations.

General information

The Canada Council for the Arts is a federal Crown Corporation created by an Act of Parliament in 1957. According to the Canada Council Act, the role of the Council is "to foster and promote the study and enjoyment of, and the production of works in, the arts." The Council offers a broad range of grants, services and awards to professional Canadian artists and arts organizations in dance, media arts, music, theatre, visual arts, writing and publishing and integrated (multidisciplinary) arts. It also seeks to raise public awareness of the arts through its communications, research and arts promotion activities.

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