

## Summary of the Canadian Arts Coalition Town Hall meeting, 11 December 2012

A teleconference meeting gathering representatives from over twenty organisations across Canada and leaders from the Canadian Arts Coalition was held today in order to discuss the Coalition's agenda for the year 2013-2014. A similar meeting took place earlier in the day with francophone organisations. The steering committee is examining three areas of activities for the future of the Coalition that include conveying, policy analysis & research and advocacy. The meeting included a brief report of last year's activities including the Day on the Hill event, the brief to the standing committee on Finance, a response to the Federal budget and pre 2013-2014 budget consultations.

The Coalition wishes to play a more active role in **conveying** organisations by holding monthly conference calls to discuss arts advocacy and policy and foster the development of a network of policy thinkers that can engage, share, and inform the message to be refined by the steering committee. As for **policy analysis & research**, the Coalition will try to find the funds to keep working with the same analyst from the University of Ottawa who used to produce the analysis of the federal budget for the now defunct Canadian Conference of the Arts. On that note, the CCA board is keeping the CCA shell active until March 2014 in the event that another group wants to carry on their work. The Coalition was also approached by the Canadian Centre for Political Alternatives to produce a chapter on arts and culture for the *[Alternative Federal Budget 2012](#)*. As for **advocacy**, the Coalition has already set the date for the next Day on the Hill which will take place on October 22, 2013. After leading the Day on the Hill process for the last 3 years, Katherine Carleton of Orchestras Canada was ready to pass the leadership on to the FCCF (Fédération culturelle canadienne française) who will coordinate the next edition. You can still send the Coalition form [letter](#) to your local MPs until January as part of this year's campaign, and in anticipation of the March 2013 budget.

Looking forward, the Coalition needs to increase its financial capacity and would like to raise \$20,000 in membership fees up from the current \$12,000. Organisations are asked to inform the Coalition of the amount of their contribution by March 1<sup>st</sup>. There are presently 26 paying members with contributions ranging from \$100 (13 orgs) to \$4,000. An important part of the budget is spent on obtaining government relations advice, with some money going to organising the celebration at the end of the Day on the Hill activity. The Canadian Art Summit maintains its contribution at \$21,000. In order to carry out its upcoming activities, including transforming the annual National Arts Service Organisations meeting with Canada Council, the Coalition will send a more detailed call-out for volunteers this coming January. Interested individuals can contact either Éric Dubeau, [edubeau\(at\)fccf\(dot\)ca](mailto:edubeau(at)fccf(dot)ca) or Katherine Carleton, [katherine\(at\)oc\(dot\)ca](mailto:katherine(at)oc(dot)ca);