

## PRESS RELEASE

### Six Projects Chosen for the Fredericton Community Arts Project

(Fredericton, March 8, 2010) – Six projects were chosen by jury for funding under the Fredericton Community Arts Project. Proposals submitted by local artists will bring a wide range of arts to members of the City of Fredericton in a partnership between the New Brunswick Arts Board (artsnb), the Department of Wellness Culture and Sport and the City of Fredericton through Canadian Heritage’s Cultural Capitals of Canada program.

The projects chosen included: **Greg Charlton** (\$15,000) for a sculptural “Camera Obscura” structure designed for Fredericton’s downtown that will be part Garden Folly, Martello Tower, Lighthouse, Archimedean Ramp and Carousel – a Jules Verne “time machine” in which the ceiling oculus is formed by camera aperture blades. **Pamela Nelson** (\$7,500) for the “Where I Am From” art project that will see youth and elders working together on a multidisciplinary art project using poetry and images. **Jonathan Collicott** (\$14,500) for an experimental short film entitled “Heavenly Gifts: A Silent Musical” that will combine classical and modern elements to examine how art reacts to modern technology. **Paula Keppie** (\$5,000) whose “Story Mantles” will use art making as a life tool with the residents of Liberty Lane as these residents make life transitions from abusive situations. **Jillian Acreman** (\$5,000) will use her film “The Editor” to tell the story of a retired film editor who tries to physically edit out the bad parts of his life to die with a clean slate. **Joel LeBlanc** (\$15,000) will be putting together an improvisational community choir using both professional artists and amateur singers to blend tonal and non-tonal improvisation, textural soundscapes, movement, prepared spoken word in a constantly evolving sonic environment in his project “Improvising Community Choir and Hockey Game.”

This one year program see its partners contributing funding that is intended to increase the sources of revenue available to professional artists and artists’ collectives in the City of Fredericton and to encourage creative projects that will reinforce partnerships and cooperative action in the community, by enabling professional artists at all levels of their career to make a recognized contribution, increase their visibility, and develop their particular talents. The Fredericton Community Arts Project is part of artnb’s New Brunswick Regional Arts Funding agreement in partnership with the Department of Wellness, Culture and Sport which is part of artsnb’s orientation towards a greater democratization of culture, and a confirmation of the New Brunswick Arts Board’s commitment to recognize regional differences.

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