

PRESS RELEASE

Four Projects Chosen for the Saint John Regional Arts Funding Program

(Saint John, March 8, 2010) – Four projects have been chosen for funding under the Saint John Regional Arts Funding Program. Proposals submitted by local artists will bring a wide range of arts to members of the greater Saint John community.

The projects, chosen by jury, include: **Darren Emenau** whose project will see him working with children between the ages of 3 and 17 using local materials to build collaborative artworks that will subsequently go on display in schools and libraries around the city (\$13,500.00). **David Adams**, who proposed a partnership between classical music, the visual arts and the community health center. After the seven day event, the final visual art pieces will be put up for auction (\$15,000.00). **Jason Ogden** whose CD project entitled “Harbour” incorporates a range of Saint John musicians and will be recorded in Saint John with artwork for the CD created by a local artist and whose release will coincide with the festivities of Saint John’s 225th anniversary (\$5000.00). **Gretchen Kelbaugh**’s short Saint John themed historical film that ties together the history and future of the city as seen through the eyes of her son Alex (\$9,000.00).

In collaboration with partners, the New Brunswick Arts Board (NBAB) launched the New Brunswick Regional Arts Funding Program in Saint John in 2007. This pilot project is intended to increase the sources of revenue available to professional artists and artists’ collectives in the Saint John region 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 funding agreement sees the New Brunswick Arts Board; the Department of Wellness, Culture and Sport; Enterprise Saint John; and the City of Saint John contributing to the Regional Arts Funding Program. The New Brunswick Regional Arts Funding agreement is part of the NBAB’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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