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\$1M TO CREATE CULTURAL LEGACIES FOR B.C. AND BEYOND

Vancouver, B.C. (July 25, 2007): Eight B.C. organizations will share \$1 million in the first round of funding from Arts Partners in Creative Development (APCD), a new investment program launched in March to support the creation and development of original work that will represent the artistic excellence and diverse cultures of British Columbia. APCD is a strategic partnership of the Province of B.C., City of Vancouver, Canada Council for the Arts, Vancouver Foundation, Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games and 2010 Legacies Now.

The B.C. organizations receiving funding are:

- Dance Victoria Society, Victoria
- Lulu Performing Arts Society, Gabriola Island
- Magnetic North Festival Theatre Society, Vancouver
- Only Animal Theatre Society, Vancouver
- Presentation House Theatre, North Vancouver
- Bill Reid Foundation, Vancouver
- Geist Foundation, Vancouver
- Okanagan Artists Alternative, Kelowna

These eight organizations will work with artists on innovative projects in the performing, visual, media and literary arts. The projects aim to reach audiences throughout British Columbia – from the Queen Charlotte Islands, Terrace and Prince George to Kelowna, Whistler and the Gulf Islands. Some projects are national and international in scope.

With an initial investment of \$6.5 million over three years, Arts Partners in Creative Development was established to contribute to the creation and development of original artistic works that will create extraordinary legacies for B.C. arts and cultural communities nationally and internationally. Eligible arts and cultural organizations can apply for up to 90 per cent of a proposed project's development and/or commissioning costs, to a maximum of \$300,000. A second round of applications will be adjudicated by the end of this year.

For more information on Arts Partners in Creative Development, including details on the funded projects, a list of advisory panel members and program guidelines, please visit www.ArtsPartners.ca.



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Arts Partners in Creative Development Partner organizations

Province of B.C.

The Province of British Columbia supports arts and culture through the funding of a variety of programs and organizations, including the British Columbia Arts Council, the Spirit of British Columbia Arts Fund and 2010 Legacies Now. Through the British Columbia Arts Council, the Province has provided over \$130 million in funding to assist artists and arts and cultural organizations throughout British Columbia. For more information, please visit www.gov.bc.ca.

City of Vancouver

The City works to ensure Vancouver's future as a creative city, open and accessible to artists, to the broadest range of artistic expression, and to the widest participation. The City of Vancouver's cultural goals include promoting a high level of creativity, diversity and excellence in the cultural life of Vancouver.

Canada Council for the Arts/Conseil des Arts du Canada

The Canada Council for the Arts is a national arm's-length agency 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 and services to professional Canadian artists and arts organizations in dance, interdisciplinary and performance art, media arts, music, theatre, visual arts, and writing and publishing. It also promotes public awareness of the arts through its communications, research and arts promotion activities. 2007 marks the Canada Council's 50th anniversary.

Vancouver Foundation

As Canada's largest community foundation, Vancouver Foundation is committed to linking donors with opportunities to strengthen B.C. communities, responding to the changing needs of charitable organizations and providing leadership on critical community issues. Through the growth and stewardship of more than 1,000 endowment funds, each year Vancouver Foundation distributes \$40 million to hundreds of non-profit organizations across the province. For more information, please visit www.vancouverfoundation.bc.ca.

VANOC

VANOC is responsible for the planning, organizing, financing and staging of the XXI Olympic Winter Games and the X Paralympic Winter Games in 2010. The 2010 Olympic Winter Games will be staged in Vancouver and Whistler from February 12 to 28, 2010. Vancouver and Whistler will host the Paralympic Winter Games from March 12 to 21, 2010.

2010 Legacies Now

2010 Legacies Now is a not-for-profit society that works in partnership with community organizations, non-government organizations, the private sector and all levels of government to develop sustainable legacies in sport and recreation, arts, literacy and volunteerism. 2010 Legacies Now actively assists communities to discover and create unique and inclusive social and economic opportunities leading up to and beyond the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. For more information, please visit www.2010LegaciesNow.com.