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## News from the PACT Board

The PACT Board took an extraordinary risk this winter, meeting in Winnipeg on February 29 and March 1. Not only was it one of the coldest winters on record, it was also the weekend before Canada Council multi-year and many provincial operating grants were due. Nevertheless, 21 stalwarts were warmly welcomed by the Manitoba Theatre Centre on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

To read the Executive Director's report, [click here](#)

## HEADS UP: T4As AND CRA AGAIN

PACT has learned that at least three theatres in south-western Ontario were contacted recently by Canada Revenue Agency about the issuance of T4A slips to actors. PACT and CAEA have advocated strenuously to ensure that our companies can continue to treat actors as independent contractors - a long-standing practice and one enshrined in the CTA.

PACT is investigating this matter further but in the meantime, **if you are contacted by a CRA auditor regarding T4A slips or independent contractors, please call Lucy White immediately** at 416-595-6455 x 11.

## PACT'S ON FIRST...

Not to exhaust the sports metaphor thing, but the PACT determination to secure much-needed resources **to support our professional development programming has paid off** with a base hit after only one strike.

To read more [click here](#).

## FEDERAL DO-NOT-CALL UPDATE

As previously reported by PACT and other organizations, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) plans to launch a Federal Do-Not-Call List in 2008.

To read more [click here](#).

## PACT ONLY INFORMATION

To access the documents presented below, Members and Affiliates please log on to

[www.pact.ca](http://www.pact.ca) and look Under Members' Documents.

Forgotten your login and password? Simply contact [cleliaf@pact.ca](mailto:cleliaf@pact.ca).

## PACT CONFERENCE 2008

### REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

For the past year, the PACT staff has been busy planning a one-of-a-kind event. Some said that it couldn't be done, but staff and volunteers have persevered, and we are pleased to announce *PACT & Magnetic North - Together at last!*

On-line registration is now open. [Click here and register now.](#)

Not a PACT company? You can register for the PACT Conference and jointly programmed PD sessions, through the Magnetic North website. **Let PACT know** that you're attending the conference, and we'll send you an invite to our Opening Reception and the chance to purchase a ticket to our closing Night Party at Grouse Mountain.

## PACT CONFERENCE HOTEL SPONSOR

PACT Conference hotel sponsor, the **Sandman Hotel** on Davie Street, is offering a great rate for Conference delegates only until **Sunday April 6, 2008**.

To book your room, call [Melanie](tel:604-694-6249) at 604-694-6249



QUICK NEWS

## ARTISTIC CREATION CLAUSE

The door is Ajar...  
... let us squeeze through.

As you are putting together your next production, or even your next season, think about how you might make **better use of your engaged artists' time** to achieve the results you are looking for. Read our article in the Members' Documents Labour Relations section.

BETTER BE WELL INSURED...  
with PACT's two advantageous  
group plans

Learn more about our **new Group Property and Casualty Plan** and about our **Group Health Benefits Plan**, both for all of our Members and Affiliates. Read our article in our Members' Documents Communications and Publications section.

## OUR FUNDERS

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## SUPPORT US

Make a donation to the PACT Communications Centre. PCC promotes the recognition and development of theatre in Canada. For more information on PCC, please go to [www.pact.ca](http://www.pact.ca).



## PACT's 2006-2007 Annual Report now available.

PACT's annual review is now available, including financial information and committee reports. To read the report [click here](#).

It's Official! PACT has become the latest **entry in The Canadian Encyclopedia (TCE)** - the on-line directory of all things Canadian. [Click here](#) to look up PACT's entry, or other Canadiana, in TCE.

**News from the Diversity Committee:** PGC has informed us that their playwrights database is now searchable by gender! This is a first step to make plays by women more accessible. You can check out the database at [www.playwrightsguild.ca](http://www.playwrightsguild.ca)

WELCOME TO OUR  
NEW AFFILIATE  
MEMBER

[Newworld Theatre](#)

LABOUR RELATIONS  
practical info

For the convenience of PACT members needing to contact Labour Relations staff in Toronto **Sandy Crawley will be at his desk until 6 p.m. (3 p.m. BC time) each Tuesday and Thursday.** He can be reached at 416-595-6455 ext. 13.

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Members - a reminder:  
**please file one copy of all fully executed contracts with PACT** (ADC, APASQ, CTA and PGC). Filing contracts is essential to our Labour Relations service to you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

### OUR GENEROUS DONORS

The PACT Communications Centre (PCC) would like to thank the following individuals and theatres for their generous contributions to PCC.

*Donations made between December 1st, 2007 and April 1st, 2008.*

David Abel, Emmy Alcorn, Zaz Bajon, Ardith Boxall, Gaylene Buckle, Nan Carson, Mary Desprez, Jerry Doiron, Tim Fort, Samantha Fox, Jane Gardner, Mallory Gilbert, Suzanne Haines, Deb Harvey, Cherry Karpyschin, Sara Lee Lewis, Norma Lock, Jenny Munday, David Nairn, Roy Reeves, Peter Roberts, Penny Ritco, David Ross, Robert Snelgrove, Bob White, Lucy White, Anonymous

### EXPANDING OUR CONTACTS

Working for a PACT Member company and not receiving *impact!* yet? Let us know at [cleliaf@pact.ca](mailto:cleliaf@pact.ca) and we will add you to our mailing list.

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### US House Approves Artist Visa Act

On April 1, 2008, the U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation to improve the artist visa process. The "Arts Require Timely Service (ARTS) Act" would improve the reliability, efficiency and affordability of the artist visa process.

The legislation would require the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to treat as a Premium Processing case, free of any additional charge, any arts-related O and P visa petition that it fails to process within 30 days.

The next step is for the legislation to be approved by the U.S. Senate.

*From the newsletter of the American Arts Alliance.*

**Book your accommodation now!!**

**2008 PACT Conference June 9-12, in Vancouver, BC. in conjunction with Magnetic North!**

***Rooms have been held for PACT Conference delegates at two hotels, the SANDMAN HOTEL on Davie Street ONLY until Sunday April 6, and the PARK INN AND SUITES on Broadway ONLY until Saturday April 26. Check [www.pact.ca](http://www.pact.ca) for more info.***

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