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A BIG THANK YOU TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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On June 26, Minister of Canadian Heritage James Moore announced that **the government would renew the Canada Cultural Investment Fund, Canada Cultural Spaces Fund and Canada Arts Presentation Fund for five years, as well as the Department's annual commitment of \$25 million in funding for the Canada Council for the Arts.**

You can find a copy of PACT's news release from June 26, as well as more details on the renewed and renamed programs on [PACT's website](#).

PACT President Eric Coates has written to Minister Moore on behalf of the PACT membership to thank him for the five year funding commitment which is unprecedented for this government. **Please help show your appreciation** by writing to Minister Moore to tell him how this renewed funding will help your theatre and your community. For inspiration you can read a copy of Eric's letter on the [PACT website](#). Don't forget to CC your letter to your MP.

CTA EXTENSION TILL AUGUST 23RD

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PACT has agreed to extend the 2006-2009 Canadian Theatre Agreement (CTA) to August 23rd in order for the Canadian Actors' Equity Association (CAEA) to hold their ratification vote. Assuming the 2009-2012 agreement is ratified by CAEA members the 2009-2012 agreement will come in to effect on August 24th. As of that date there will be adjustments to ancillary fees such as per diems, additional duties, rest period infringement, etc.. The minimum fees remain the same for the first year of the 2009-2012 CTA.

PACT Member theatres have been advised on how to adjust to

2010 CONFERENCE & AGM ANNOUNCED....

Next year' PACT Conference & AGM will take place at **Cow Head, Newfoundland, in the heart of beautiful [Gros Morne National Park](#)**, and hosted by our Member company [Theatre Newfoundland Labrador](#), organiser of the [Gros Morne Theatre Festival](#).

Exact dates are not set yet but will **include the week-end of Saturday, May 29 & Sunday, May 30.**

We hope to see you there!

And read this [article about the Gros Morne Theatre Festival](#) published in The Western Star on July 15.

NEW DEADLINES TO APPLY FOR 2010 TRAVEL SUBSIDIES

Each year, thanks to the generosity of fellow PACT theatres, a limited number of travel subsidies are available to assist with the travel costs of attending PACT's Conference & AGM.

Click here for the

the new agreement through attaching appropriate riders to artists engaged on contracts that span the period between now and the application of the new agreement.

If you have any questions regarding the 2009-2012 CTA please [contact us](#).

TAKING PRIDE IN CANADIAN FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

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Throughout our 33 year history, **PACT has always opposed government measures that we perceive as censorship**. From defending Robert Maplethorpe's right to display his photographs to successfully fending off Bill C-10 last summer (which would have allowed financing to be revoked if a film was deemed to be "contrary to the public interest") PACT has always been a champion of freedom of expression.

So we were dismayed to learn that the federal government is considering revoking financial support for Toronto's Pride Week in the future.

To read the full article [click here](#).

CRA'S NEW FUNDRAISING GUIDELINES

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On June 11, 2009 the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) introduced its new Guidelines on Fundraising by Registered Charities ("Guidelines"). The Guidelines are part of the CRA's strategy to crackdown on unscrupulous fundraising practices and offer better protections for donors. Most theatres rely on donations for part of our operating revenues, so it is important to all of us that donors feel confident about the entire charitable sector.

Over the next few months, PACT will be hi-lighting certain portions of the new Guidelines in this newsletter. However, it is important that the person(s) responsible for fundraising and financial administration at your theatre read over the Guidelines in their entirety at <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/chrts/plcy/cps/cps-028-eng.html#h10>

To read the full article [click here](#).

PACT ONLY INFORMATION

PACT 2009 CONFERENCE & AGM MATERIALS

RETRIEVE THE REPORTS, PHOTOS, SPEAKERS' PRESENTATIONS AND KEY LABOUR RELATIONS

application guidelines and request form.

TESTIMONIALS...

"Pi Theatre is very grateful to PACT for the support of their travel subsidy, which enabled Artistic Director Richard Wolfe and General Manager Emma Luna Davis to travel to Montreal and participate in the 2009 AGM and Conference. Participation in this event is invaluable for an organization of Pi's size, giving us the chance to reconnect with our peers and make new contacts in regions across the country."

Emma Luna Davis, General Manger, Pi Theatre, Vancouver, BC.

Welcome to our new Associate Member

[Red Barn Theatre,](#)
Jackson's Point, ON

Congratulations

... to the **Manitoba Theatre Centre** in Winnipeg who announced its recent designation as a **National Historic Site of Canada**.

Read more on [MTC's web site](#).

JOIN OUR MEMBERS' MAILING LIST

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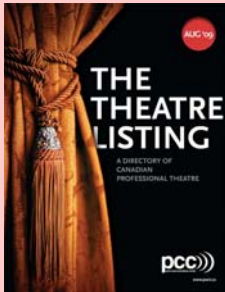
DOCUMENTS.

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The Theatre Listing

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A directory of Canadian Professional Theatre

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