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Cowichan Theatre Awarded Canadian Heritage Grant

Duncan, BC – A Canadian Heritage Grant of \$79,195 from the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund has been awarded to the Cowichan Theatre.

This is the first time the Cowichan Theatre has submitted an application for this grant and there was no way of gauging its chances for success. A highly competitive national program, the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund fields requests from theatres across the country, plus non-profit arts and heritage organizations, provincial/territorial governments, municipal and regional governments, as well as First Nations and Inuit equivalent governments.

“I am so pleased the application was approved, especially considering the intense competition for these funds,” says Kirsten Schrader, Manager of Arts and Culture Division, and Manager of the Cowichan Theatre. “Even if eligibility requirements are met, there is never any guarantee of support. Receiving this grant saves the local tax payers this substantial amount of money for much needed equipment and building repairs, and as taxpayers ourselves, that really matters to all of us.”

The projects covered by the grant include the safety renovations to the loading dock of the Island Savings Centre, completion of the Theatre fly system, and a stage-level washroom. The program will finance 50% of eligible project expenses for construction and/or renovations. As the average approved contribution level is 37%, this grant was awarded at the highest level possible.

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Purpose of the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund

The Canada Cultural Spaces Fund seeks to improve physical conditions for artistic creativity and innovation. It is also designed to increase access for Canadians to performing arts, visual arts, media arts, and to museum collections and heritage displays. The Fund supports the improvement, renovation and construction of arts and heritage facilities, and the acquisition of specialized equipment.



Monies awarded from the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund will be in used in part to offset costs of building a stage-level washroom at the Cowichan Theatre.

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