



### In Nova Scotia ...

- The film industry ranks as the fourth largest in the country, employing 2,000 people and annually generating more than \$100 million in production activity.
- The Canada Council for the Arts granted \$4.2 million to 79 arts organizations and 67 artists in 2003/04.
- Information on 176 Nova Scotia museums, including virtual exhibits, is available online at [www.virtualmuseum.ca](http://www.virtualmuseum.ca).
- 41 amateur athletes were funded through our Athlete Assistance Program in 2004.
- 277 youth experienced another community, language or culture in 2003/04 through our Youth Exchanges Canada program.
- 11,776 students enrolled in French immersion in 2002/03, up from 127 in the late 1970s.
- 177 heritage institutions proved to be popular destinations in 2002/03, attracting nearly three million visitors.



The Canadian Heritage family, which includes the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Canada Council for the Arts, the CBC and other major national cultural institutions, plays a key role in the cultural and civic life of Canadians.

We work together to promote culture, arts, heritage, official languages, citizenship and participation, multiculturalism, Aboriginal, youth, and sport initiatives. Canadian Heritage fosters creativity, innovation, linguistic duality and cultural diversity with a view to connecting Canadians to each other and the world.

### Highlights

#### *Cultural Capitals of Canada*

Annapolis Royal has been named one of Canada's cultural capitals in 2005 for its "Port-Royal 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations" project. In 1605, French explorers Pierre de Mons and Samuel de Champlain founded North America's first permanent European settlement at Port-Royal. A city of less than 50,000 inhabitants, Annapolis Royal is a model for Nova Scotia as a cultural centre devoted to sharing Canada's history and culture.

#### *Canadian Culture Online*

Recognizing the important place that maritime heritage occupies in Canadian history, Canadian Heritage has approved a project to digitize some 500 paintings that depict sailing vessels built in Atlantic Canada from the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century to the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. A Web site created by the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia and its partners to showcase the works online will be launched in May 2005.

#### *Great Upheaval*

The Government of Canada has proclaimed the historical importance of the Acadian deportation by designating July 28, 2005 as "A Day of Commemoration of the Great Upheaval." The deportation

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that began on September 5, 1755 and continued until 1763 had a tragic impact on the lives of thousands of Acadians. To commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Upheaval, special events are being organized for July 28, 2005.

#### *The Cape Bretoner*

Since 1992, The Cape Bretoner magazine has kept readers informed about news and issues affecting the region, with support from our Canada Magazine Fund.

#### *Université Sainte-Anne*

Université Sainte-Anne opened its new College and University Distance Learning Centre in Halifax in 2004. The centre offers young people a quality French-language education and the opportunity to contribute to the vitality of Nova Scotia's Acadian and francophone culture. The initiative is an equal partnership between the Governments of Canada and Nova Scotia.

#### *African-Canadian Firefighters*

Thanks in part to our Multiculturalism Program, 10 African-Canadians from Nova Scotia who wish to pursue careers as firefighters were able to take part in a Halifax training session.

*Statistics are from various federal and provincial sources, and are the most recent available at time of publication. For more information, visit our Web site at [www.canadianheritage.gc.ca](http://www.canadianheritage.gc.ca)*

