



### In Newfoundland & Labrador ...

- Cultural tourism and the arts contribute more than \$200 million to the economy each year.
- More than 300 communities throughout the province celebrated Canada Day in 2005, with the support of Canadian Heritage.
- The number of students enrolling in French immersion continues to grow: 6,068 in 2003/04 compared to 4,956 in 2000/01.
- Information on 139 Newfoundland & Labrador museums, including virtual exhibits, is available online at [www.virtualmuseum.ca](http://www.virtualmuseum.ca).
- 289 youth experienced another community, language or culture in 2003/04 through our Youth Exchanges Canada program.
- The Canada Council for the Arts granted \$1.4 million to 38 arts organizations and 26 artists in 2003/04.
- 5 amateur athletes were funded through our Athlete Assistance Program in 2004.



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

#### *Sharing our Cultures*

More than 2,000 students attended the annual “Sharing Our Cultures” educational fair in St. John’s in March 2005. The fair highlighted the cultures of 25 countries represented by 70 St. John’s students.

*Coast of Bays Arts and Exploration Centre*  
Residents in the south-central region of the province now have greater access to arts and heritage activities, thanks to the new Coast of Bays Arts and Exploration Centre. Supported by Canadian Heritage, the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, the centre features heritage displays, an art gallery, performing arts space and archives.

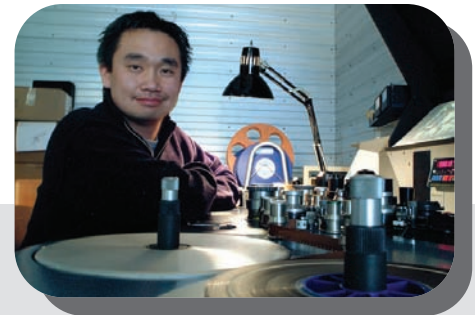
#### *Aboriginal Women Working Together*

Canadian Heritage coordinated a workshop in Goose Bay that enabled 25 Aboriginal women to explore ways of making their communities better places to live. The three-day session entitled “Resources for Aboriginal Women” brought together Innu, Inuit, Métis and Mi’kmaq women to work on solutions to issues they identified in their own communities.

## Canadian Heritage in Newfoundland & Labrador

### Creating Canada Together

Our services are available from offices all over the country, including St. John’s.



#### *Extreme Musical Makeover*

After nearly two decades of performances, recitals and recordings, D.F. Cook Recital Hall at Memorial University has received a major facelift with Cultural Spaces Canada funding. The Hall now has renovated stage doors, new hall seating and specialized equipment to ensure quality acoustics.

#### *Making Movies*

The provincial film industry has embarked on an exciting new direction, establishing a motion picture sound studio and purchasing mobile production equipment. Canadian Heritage and ACOA helped the Atlantic Studios Cooperative with this initiative.

#### *The winds of progress: le centre des Grand-Vents*

The Francophone community of St. John’s celebrated the official opening of the city’s new school and community centre, *des Grands-Vents*, in April 2005. Co-funded by Canadian Heritage and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, *le centre des Grands-Vents* is a major milestone in the development of the province’s Francophone community.

*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)*

