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Manitoba Showcase Contact 2007

A summary of evaluations is on our website as well as pictures of this event held in Thompson October 19-21.

New this year was a **Silent Auction** table with donations from the following:

- **Calm Air International** for two tickets anywhere they fly was won by Audrey Lute of Gypsumville.
- **Giant Tiger** \$100 gift certificate was won by Jennifer Borean of Hamiota.
- **CBC** gift package of merchandise was won by Shannon Sprowl of Leaf Rapids.
- **Royal Winnipeg Ballet** for two tickets to their 'Nutcracker' production was won by Jennifer Borean of Hamiota.
- **Winnipeg Art Gallery** for two tickets to see 'Warhol: Larger Than Life' exhibition and an exhibition catalogue 'Early Masters Inuit Sculpture' was won by a Thompson volunteer with a phone number but illegible name.
- **Manitoba Theatre Centre** for two tickets to "The Importance of Being Earnest" was won by Jim Chliboyko of Manitoba Writers Guild.
- **Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra** for two tickets to any concert in their 07/08 season was won by Margie Gibson of Flin Flon.
- **Manito Ahbee Festival** Music Award tickets were won by Larry Kiska of SOCAN (1 pair) and Marilyn Hunt of Lynn Lake (2 pairs).
- Manitoba Arts Network **Courtney Milne** framed print was won by Barbara Shaw-Ing of The Pas.

Give-Aways – Town of Leaf Rapids Shopping Bags from their world-renown project to reduce use of plastic bags.

AND

Manitoba Aboriginal Artists Vol. 3 – compilation CD from MARIA.

Special thanks to the incredible **Thompson volunteers** who provided shuttle service to and from the airport, to hotels after evening events and whenever needed. They were there for set-up, take-down and were just great hosts!

Thanks to **funders and sponsors** who made this event possible:

- **Canadian Heritage**, APC Program
- **Manitoba Arts Council**
- **Arts Branch, CHT** (Manitoba Culture Heritage Tourism)
- **Calm Air International**
- **City of Thompson**

Manitoba Showcase Contact 2008 will be held October 17-19 in Portage la Prairie hosted by the William Glesby Centre (Portage Community Centre Inc.) and the Portage & District Arts Council.

Interested in hosting Manitoba Showcase Contact 2009?

If your organization is interested in hosting our 2009 event, please contact me or any member of the Board. The decision would be announced at the 2008 Manitoba Showcase Contact in Portage la Prairie, October 17-19.

2007-08 Directories NOW on-line

The Visual Artists Directory has grown with a considerable increase of artists willing to do workshops and/or with work for an exhibition in your gallery

The Performing Arts Touring Directory is huge – almost too big to go on-line (10.2MB). Note that the Table of Contents is linked to each page so you don't have to scroll through the entire directory. We do have extra print copies in the office and will send to members for \$15; \$25 for non-members.

Go to: info@communityarts.mb.ca

Season Programs of Members

Also on our website you will find the exhibitions that community galleries have booked for the season; and the concerts that community presenters have booked for their season. If your information is not shown or not correct, please let us know.

Initially this information was added to our website because our members wanted easy access to what other members were planning. However we find that this information is also accessed by a range of others - funders, artists, performers, researchers, interested public, etc.

Membership Survey

Draw for completing this summer's survey was won by P.W. Enns Centennial Concert Hall. All who responded to our membership survey received a free print copy of our 2007/08 Directories.

Membership News

Our newest member, the Gypsumville Arts Club has put out an excellent "Art of Cooking" book with over 200 recipes. I've successfully tried a couple of recipes already. There is a "Dill Pickle Soup" recipe that intrigues me. I am told it's great! Cost is \$10. Contact Muriel at 659-5811 or Audrey at 659-5271 or email gypsumvilleartclub@yahoo.ca

Rave Reviews of recent concerts:

Virden Community Arts Council had **The Wilkinsons** in September for the 1st show of their season. "It was a sell out. This is such a talented family. The audience was very enthusiastic and appreciative of their great talent. They are a wonderful family to work with. This was an acoustic show."

Eastern Manitoba Concerts in Pinawa had **Free Ride** as their season opener in September. "We had a near sold out show. This group delivered everything they promised and more."

Tiger Hills Arts Association has been working with HomeRoutes to deliver performances in their arts centre in the format of a house concert. This has been a positive experience for them. Check out the www.homeroutes.ca website for more information about the concept. They seem to have a touring circuit already set up in rural Manitoba, as well as other provinces, but that info is not on their website.

Steinbach Arts Council offered a tour of beautifully decorated homes this Sunday as a fundraiser. I went with a friend and picked up some renovation ideas and really enjoyed the tea at the Steinbach Arts Centre after with great cheesecake donated by Sobies.

OTHER

Workshop in Virden

Encouraging Community Involvement – Addressing challenges faced in smaller rural communities

When: January 9 from 9:00am-4:00pm.

Cost: \$40, includes manual.

For registration info, contact:

Volunteer Manitoba

Call toll free: 1.888.922.4545

That's it for now.

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Fostering arts and culture in rural and northern Manitoba