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2009 MANITOBA SHOWCASE CONTACT – NEEPAWA
October 16-18, 2009

The Manitoba Arts Network's annual Showcase Contact event takes place in Neepawa this year with Networking as its theme, hosted by the Viscount Cultural Council. Representatives and presenters from rural and northern Manitoba will be participating in workshops and attending both the Friday Night Live concert which will include country artist Tracey Bone and more, and the two Showcase concerts which will include family entertainers such as Jake Chenier, Jorge Miguel Flamenco Ensemble and many more, Manitoban and Canadian artists interested in touring in Manitoba. After each of the Showcases, the presenters have the opportunity to meet the performing artists and agents in the Contact Room. The Manitoba Arts Council will be hosting a reception at the Viscount Cultural Centre the evening of Thursday, October 15th.

The event will also feature the Craft Council Exhibit and an exhibit by local visual artists.

The workshops for this year will be:

- "Shaken not stirred" by Lew Bayer, provided by Work Place Education Manitoba and ACI MB: an entertaining and informative business communication session touching on networking skills.
- "Networking – finding the right mix of internet and plain old peer to peer" by Greg Klassen (RWB): an interactive session discussing new ways to network and refining some more traditional ones.
- "Basics of written communications" by Bev Phillips (Proofreader): everyday communication in writing: letters, memos, fax, email and other modern media and addressing common mistakes and effectiveness.
- "Mentorship 101" by Shauna Dempsey (MAWA): a how-to for anyone considering setting up a mentorship program, anyone who will be mentoring, or anyone who works in peer-based arts education.

The Manitoba Arts Network will also be celebrating its 25th anniversary at the Friday Dinner on October 16th and hold a Saturday Dinner on October 17th with Mr. Terry Welsch as its guest speaker.

For more information as to the 2009 Showcase Contact Schedule and Workshops, go to the Manitoba Arts Network website www.communityarts.mb.ca or call (204)943-0036.

Celebrating 25 years of fostering Arts and Culture in Rural & Northern Manitoba

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