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**CKCA AND CBT ANNOUNCE 2010/11
ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE GRANTING PROGRAMS**
Applications currently being accepted

Columbia Basin – The Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance (CKCA) is inviting individuals of all artistic disciplines - as well as arts, culture and heritage organizations - to apply for funding provided by Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) under its Arts, Culture and Heritage granting program, which was recently awarded \$550,000 for the 2010/11 fiscal year.

The Arts, Culture and Heritage program streams include: project funding for individuals and groups through community arts councils; minor capital project funding; funding support to touring; arts and heritage mentoring/master classes; organizational development; major project funding; artists in education; major exhibition funding; major heritage capital funding; and funding for new heritage projects. Funding applications are adjudicated once a year by local arts councils and the CKCA Steering Committee.

“The CKCA administers and manages arts, culture and heritage program funding on behalf of CBT,” explained Jacquie Hamilton, CKCA Chair. “These programs support projects in all arts disciplines and give artists a chance to broaden their abilities, while also ensuring residents in the Basin have an opportunity to be exposed to great local talent.”

Following up on last year’s success, CKCA is also coordinating the *Columbia Basin Culture Tour*, a project that celebrates the rich culture, heritage and artistic talent in the Columbia Basin. It is a two day, free self guided tour taking place August 14-15, 2010 from 10am to 5pm. Any artist or cultural venue interested in participating in the culture tour must register before March 19, 2010. For more information on the tour visit www.cbculturetour.com. two day free self guided tour taking place August 14-15, 2010 from 10 am to 5 pm. The call for entry for artists and cultural venues interested in participating in the culture tour is available at www.cbculturetour.com.

“The goal of this program is to support those in the arts and heritage community to build long-term sustainability and to create a greater awareness of the wonderful talent, projects and resources within the Basin,” said Lynda Lafleur, CBT Community Liaison.

More information, funding policies and funding application forms are available online at www.basinculture.com, from local community arts councils, or by phoning the CKCA at 1-250-505-5505 or toll free at 1-877-505-7355.

Funding applications must be received by March 19 or April 1, 2010, depending on the program.

Columbia Basin Trust delivers economic, social, and environmental benefits to the residents of the Columbia Basin. For more information about the Columbia Basin Trust visit www.cbt.org or call 1-800-505-8998.

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