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COLUMBIA KOOTENAY CULTURAL ALLIANCE ANNOUNCES 2011–2012 FUNDED PROJECTS

(Columbia Basin) – One hundred and thirty-three arts, culture and heritage projects—including the Columbia Basin Culture Tour—have received a total of \$555,000 in funding support for the 2011–2012 season through the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance (CKCA), in partnership with Columbia Basin Trust (CBT).

"This year the choices were the toughest we have ever made, as the number of applications continues to grow. The committee is excited to see the quality of the ideas being proposed from all over the Basin" said Jacquie Hamilton, Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance Chair.

CKCA administers and manages arts, culture and heritage program funding on behalf of CBT. Funding applications were adjudicated in May by the CKCA Steering Committee, with input from community arts councils. Support will go toward a wide range of projects, including individual and group projects, master classes, major exhibitions and heritage capital projects.

"CBT exists to promote well-being in the Basin, which includes providing funding through CKCA in order to build long-term sustainability for artists and to strengthen and support arts, culture and heritage organizations," said Neil Muth, CBT President and CEO.

CKCA funding helps individuals and organizations realize heritage projects and projects in all arts disciplines, including visual art, theatre, music, dance, media, literature and inter-arts. For a list of funded projects, visit the CKCA website at www.basinculture.com or call 1-877-505-7355.

CBT delivers social, economic and environmental benefits to residents of the Columbia Basin. To learn more about CBT programs and initiatives, visit www.cbt.org or call 1-800-505-8998.