

# Nurture the Cultural Life in your Community!

Inspiring creativity can be a unique and innovative way to bring people together, build social capital and ultimately, community! Holding a craft fair, community theatre performance, ethno-cultural marketplace, beading workshop, museum open house, talent show, dance demonstration, artist studio tour, film screening, or heritage walk are just a few cultural activities known to bring people in communities together...and build a vibrant future for Saskatchewan!

## 5 Ways to Inspire Creativity in your Community!

### Cultural life in communities...

- Ignites expression, innovation and creative thinking;
- Enables lifelong learning opportunities;
- Provides opportunities for all age groups to connect;
- Inspires community identity and pride;
- Contributes to quality of life for all.



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### 1 Start a new cultural program

If you have an idea, or you are exploring opportunities available, check out the **SaskCulture Membership Directory** to find contacts for many of the key cultural organizations in Saskatchewan. Many of these organizations are experts in their particular cultural disciplines – whether it's visual arts, theatre, music, heritage, or cultural diversity to name a few- and have the resources to help you revitalize local cultural programming. Check out [www.saskculture.sk.ca](http://www.saskculture.sk.ca) for information on the cultural network in Saskatchewan, as well as to find funding programs that are available to support your cultural endeavours.

### 2 Ensure all children and youth have access to cultural programs



Many children and youth are not able to participate in cultural activity due to financial or social barriers. The Creative Kids Program raises funds to help remove these barriers by providing grants of up to \$750 per year to children wishing to participate in cultural or creative programs. SaskCulture, thanks to support from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund, covers all the program's administrative costs.

To date, **Creative Kids** has raised over \$600,000 and helped over 2,000 children and youth in more than 100 communities across the province. For more information, visit [www.CreativeKidsSask.ca](http://www.CreativeKidsSask.ca).



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### 3 Plan cultural activities for Culture Days

Going into its 5<sup>th</sup> year, Culture Days has once again shown that Saskatchewan loves its culture! On the last weekend in September, Saskatchewan will join the rest of the country in celebrating cultural life in communities. This past year, over 20,000 people participated in over 200 registered Culture Days activities taking place in over 50 communities throughout the province. SaskCulture, along with various community partners, continues to provide leadership, resources and promotion for this provincial initiative. **Culture Days takes place September 27-29, 2013.** Visit [www.skculturedays.ca](http://www.skculturedays.ca) for more information.

### 4 Partner with a Saskatchewan Artist

The Saskatchewan Arts Board, thanks to funding from SaskCulture and Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund, offers communities (of all sizes), schools and institutions the opportunity to work with an artist to inspire community engagement and creativity through the **Creative Partnerships Innovations and Explorations programs**. Each year, artists take up residencies with businesses, in schools, with First Nations bands, and other innovative partnerships, which result in many exciting projects that build on community vibrancy and community pride. To learn more, visit [www.artsboard.sk.ca](http://www.artsboard.sk.ca).

### 5 Build a Municipal Cultural Plan

Municipal Cultural Planning is the process of thinking strategically about the cultural resources in a community, and how they can be used toward achieving civic goals. It involves looking at cultural resources, such as community landmarks, cultural organizations and facilities, and local folklore and stories, as community assets. Planning around a municipality's cultural amenities and authentic heritage opens the door to attracting new employers and residents, increasing tourism and trade, as well as building social capital and overall community well-being.

SaskCulture offers a **Municipal Cultural Engagement and Planning Grant** that can help municipalities get started towards building cultural plans in their communities. For more information, visit [www.saskculture.sk.ca](http://www.saskculture.sk.ca) or call 306-780-9284/toll-free 1-866-476-6830.



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SaskCulture Inc. is a **community-based, non-profit, cultural organization** that works with over 130 member organizations and other community partners to build a culturally vibrant Saskatchewan!

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**Your Community Grant Program can support cultural activity!**

The Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation—administered in partnership by SaskCulture, Sask Sport and Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association—provides over 1,200 different communities with the Community Grant Program (CGP) each year to nurture sport, culture and recreation throughout the province.

**Please consider how you can enhance cultural activity in your community!**