

WHO WE ARE...

SaskCulture Inc. is a community-based, volunteer-driven organization, which works with its membership and other community partners to build a culturally vibrant province, where all citizens can celebrate, value and participate in a rich, cultural life.

WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS...

- A province with a strong, thriving, cohesive cultural community;
- A province where people value and support culture; and
- A province where people's lives are strengthened and enriched through participation in diverse cultural activities.

CULTURE IS...

Culture often refers to the particular values, beliefs, knowledge and traditions of a group of people. SaskCulture defines culture as 'a dynamic system of acquired elements, with values, assumptions, conventions, beliefs and rules through which members of a group relate to each other and the world'.

CULTURE INCLUDES...

ARTS

Art is the expression of inspiration and imagination, from individual to collective, from grassroots to professional and institutional. Art reflects our culture, embraces our past, provides a window to our future to examine ourselves and our experiences, and transmits humanity's knowledge of the world. The arts engage people as audience, creators or interpreters through access and education, and foster traditional to emerging art forms.

HERITAGE

Heritage is what we have received from the past. It shapes our present identity and provides insight for our future. Heritage includes a range of activities in the areas of stewardship, preservation, research, education and engagement. These activities exhibit a sensitivity to the indigenous natural environment; the impact of the interaction between human activity and natural environments; and differing perspectives regarding objects, ideas, places and traditions.

MULTICULTURALISM

Multiculturalism represents the openness to experiencing and celebrating cultural differences within the Canadian context. It is inclusive of all peoples and respectful of the rights of individuals and groups to maintain and practice their cultural heritage, distinctiveness, growth and evolution. Multiculturalism recognizes the richness and strength of ethnocultural diversity. It recognizes diversity and builds community by encouraging people to share, learn, appreciate, respect and accept.

CULTURAL INDUSTRIES

Cultural Industries constitutes the economy of the cultural sector, defined by a final product for consumption, derived from the creative sectors (consisting of individual creative and/or organizational creative), which is either non-reproducible and aimed at being consumed on the spot (a concert, art fair, exhibition) or aimed at reproduction, dissemination or export (book, film, sound recording, artwork), whether en masse or to a targeted niche, to achieve a value for a shared product or experience that results in, or involves, a financial or business transaction.

OUR MEMBERS...

SaskCulture and its over 140 member organizations, as well as individual members, represent the diversity of culture in Saskatchewan, coming from the areas of arts, heritage, multiculturalism and cultural industries.

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS range from provincial cultural organizations and professional associations to locally-based cultural organizations. These organizations, along with their own memberships, help to nurture and support cultural development in Saskatchewan. Membership is open to organizations that have primarily cultural objectives, support the mandate of SaskCulture and want to have a voice in its direction.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS are Saskatchewan citizens who support the work of SaskCulture and stay connected to cultural issues through the cultural network.

OUR VOLUNTEERS...

SaskCulture is governed by a 14-member, elected Board of Directors, who oversees the direction of the organization. Elections are held each year at SaskCulture's Annual General Meeting to fill vacant positions.

Volunteers also hold important roles on SaskCulture's Funding Adjudication Juries, Creative Kids and other committees.

For more information on Membership and Volunteer Opportunities, call 306-780-9284 or visit www.saskculture.ca.

OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES...

SaskCulture, through funding from Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation, supports a network of cultural organizations, programs and services that work to engage the people of Saskatchewan in a variety of cultural activities. Besides offering a range of funding programs and supporting organizational development in the culture sector, SaskCulture has a leadership role in Creative Kids, Culture Days in Saskatchewan, and supporting inclusiveness in cultural programming.



CREATIVE KIDS aims to reduce the financial and social barriers faced by children and youth who want to participate in quality arts and cultural programs. For more information, call 306-780-9361 and Toll-free: 1-855-477-9469 or visit creativekidssask.ca.



CULTURE DAYS is part of a collaborative, pan-Canadian movement designed to increase the awareness, accessibility, participation and engagement of all Canadians in the cultural life of their communities. In Saskatchewan, visit iheartculture.ca or call 306-780-9284.

MULTICULTURAL INCLUSIVENESS is important to SaskCulture. It has embarked on a strategy to help ensure that cultural programs and services are meeting the needs of the increasingly diverse Saskatchewan population. Visit saskculture.ca for more information.



FUNDING

Thanks to funding from Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust for Sport, Culture and Recreation, SaskCulture is able to provide funding to support cultural activities throughout the province.

PROGRAMS THAT ARE ADMINISTERED BY SASKCULTURE:

Visit www.saskculture.ca, call 306-780-9284 or toll-free 1-866-476-6830, or email saskculture.info@saskculture.ca for more information on the following programs and most current deadlines:

ABORIGINAL ARTS AND CULTURE LEADERSHIP FUND

Aims to increase capacity in Aboriginal communities through development of arts and cultural leadership opportunities.

Deadlines: April 15, October 15

CULTURE DAYS FUNDING ASSISTANCE

Designed to support Culture Days initiatives (activities, events and projects) that engage public participation and inspire future involvement in the cultural life of Saskatchewan communities.

Deadline: April 15

MÉTIS CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Supports community-based cultural activities and initiatives that preserve and pass on the Métis culture and traditions.

Deadlines: April 30, October 31

MULTICULTURAL INITIATIVES FUND

Supports multicultural and ethno-cultural initiatives and activities that contribute to the advancement of multiculturalism in Saskatchewan.

Annual Funding Deadline: January 31.

Project Funding Deadline: March 31, September 30

MUNICIPAL CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT & PLANNING FUND

Supports municipalities' work towards cultural engagement and planning initiatives, such as cultural planning projects that explore and plan for the creative and cultural potential of a community.

Deadline: February 15

MUSEUM GRANT PROGRAM

Supports and promotes the advancement of operational excellence in Saskatchewan museums.

Deadline: November 30

ANNUAL GLOBAL FUNDING PROGRAM

Provides funding to support provincial cultural organizations that serve as a central resource for information, referrals and networking opportunities in a specific cultural discipline. Some organizations provide member funding programs.

* Capacity Building Grant is under review for 2015-16.

PROGRAMS THAT ARE ADMINISTERED BY SASKATCHEWAN ARTS BOARD:

Visit www.artsboard.sk.ca, call 306-787-4056 or toll-free: 1-800-667-7526, or email: saskartsboard@artsboard.sk.ca for more information on the following programs:

ARTSMARTS SASKATCHEWAN

Offers schools and their communities a chance to enhance arts-related activities that are linked to educational outcomes through partnerships with professional artists. There are now three components: ArtsSmarts, TreatySmarts and Artist in Residence.

CREATIVE PARTNERSHIPS - EXPLORE & CONNECT

Funds short-term projects that allow eligible applicants to engage in the arts through performances, workshops, exhibitions, commissions, etc., led by professional Saskatchewan artists or arts professionals.

CREATIVE PARTNERSHIPS - EXPLORE & DEVELOP

Funding assists eligible applicants to research, plan and develop an artist residency that may lead to an application for a Creative Partnerships - Artist in Residence project.

CREATIVE PARTNERSHIPS - ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Funding to support an artist collaboration with a community, business or other institution.

PROFESSIONAL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS PROGRAM

Provides funding to support programs and services, governance, administration and operations costs of arts organizations in the province. Lottery funding goes to support the operations of art galleries and media arts programs.

SASKFESTIVALS GRANT PROGRAM

Provides funding towards administrative and artistic costs of Saskatchewan cultural festivals.

OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Supported through the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation, this fund provides dollars to communities, on a per capita basis, to support sport, culture and recreation programming throughout Saskatchewan. Visit www.sasklotteries.ca.

CULTURAL NETWORKING

SaskCulture nurtures a growing network of individuals and organizations interested in sharing, discussing and obtaining information on cultural development in Saskatchewan and beyond. SaskCulture helps to keep cultural organizations connected with:

SASKCULTURE E-UPDATE

A weekly e-mail newsletter featuring events and activities designed to link cultural workers to key resources available to build organizational capacity and cultural engagement in Saskatchewan.

ENGAGE

A biannual publication designed to highlight the work of cultural leaders, volunteers and diversity of cultural activity in the province supported by the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund.

SASKCULTURE.CA

A comprehensive website that provides useful information and additional links to online resources such as: organizational resources, a grant finder, jobs and opportunities, and cultural success stories.

COMMUNITY OF INTEREST (COI) MECHANISMS

Forums for continued dialogue and discussion in the area of arts (Saskatchewan Arts Alliance), heritage (Heritage Saskatchewan), multiculturalism, First Nations and Métis cultural engagement and cultural/creative industries.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SaskCulture is committed to strengthening the cultural community by providing cultural organizations and cultural workers with opportunities to learn and grow. Opportunities include: workshops, consultations and online resources.

ADVOCACY & PUBLIC AWARENESS

A voice for culture in the province, SaskCulture works to bring issues of concern in the cultural community to the attention of government and other key decision-makers, as well as responding to emerging issues on behalf of the cultural community as a whole.

PARTNERSHIPS

SaskCulture works with a variety of community partners to develop programs that support community-based cultural activity in Saskatchewan. Some of our key partners include: Sask Sport Inc., Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Inc., Saskatchewan Arts Board, Gabriel Dumont Institute and the provincial government. These different or combined partnerships have resulted in: RespectEd for Sport, Culture and Recreation; Districts for Sport, Culture and Recreation; saskaboriginalresources.ca; Métis Cultural Development Fund; Creative Partnerships; ArtsSmarts/TreatySmarts; SaskFestivals; Dreambrokers; ArtsVest; Creative Kids; and Culture Days, to name a few.

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