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des groupes en arts visuels
francophones

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Canadian Theatres (PACT)

Le Théâtre du Nouvel-
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The Honourable Pablo Rodriguez, PC
Minister of Canadian Heritage

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Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of ArtsBuild Ontario, we would like to welcome you to your new role as the Minister of Canadian Heritage.

ArtsBuild Ontario is the only non-profit charitable organization in Canada mandated to support arts and cultural infrastructure; that is, the creation and sustainability of healthy creative hubs. Our programs and resources serve organizations from all arts disciplines including Aboriginal Peoples, cultural groups and people of all abilities. Cultural spaces and activities are an integral part of vibrant life in any community, and we are working to better understand the needs of Indigenous cultural facilities. We are excited to have a minister who will be a dynamic advocate for positive growth and development on behalf of the cultural sector.

We welcome the opportunity to share with your Ministry the sector-wide data we are collecting on the state of arts facilities in Ontario, what type of support is needed to bring our facilities to a state of good repair, and how to make them accessible to those with special needs. Ontario's cultural spaces are aging and require significant upgrades or renovations to become accessible for audiences and users of all abilities. We have received strong support from the Department of Canadian Heritage for initiatives allowing us to better support our clients, and look forward to strengthening this relationship under your leadership.

Again, on behalf of our Board of Directors of ArtsBuild Ontario, we welcome you to this new role and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss these and other projects of benefit to all Canadians.

Best regards,



Chris Loreto
Board President



Patricia McKinna
Executive Director