



PRESS RELEASE

Projects Chosen for the New Brunswick / Manitoba Residency

(Fredericton, May, 2012) – Two projects were chosen for funding under the New Brunswick / Manitoba Residency program. Proposals submitted by artists **Mathieu Léger**, Moncton, New Brunswick and **Christine Fellows**, Manitoba were chosen by a jury of professional peers for this exchange. Léger will be working with La Maison des artistes visuels francophone in Saint-Boniface Manitoba on a three month photography project while Fellows will undertake a nine-week residency during which time she will participate as songwriter-in-residence at Charlotte Street Arts Centre in Fredericton, New Brunswick. During the residency, she will collaborate with New Brunswick choreographer Lesandra Dodson on a new work of experimental musical theatre.

This is the third year where the New Brunswick Arts Board (**artsnb**) and the Manitoba Arts Council have partnered on an artist residency program. Artists from either New Brunswick or Manitoba can apply for up to \$10,000 to cover a one-to-three month residency for a creation-based or professional development project in the province or state that isn't their own.

The agreement establishes a pilot exchange program that provides professional artists and writers with opportunities for creation and professional development residencies in the participating province or state. Artists and writers participating in this program enjoy complete autonomy and define the objectives of their period of residence and elaborate the parameters and conditions governing its realization in collaboration with an arts or community organization in the territory where the period of residence is to take place.

The agreement reflects the desire of **artsnb** to offer New Brunswick writers and artists a new career development opportunity and to continue its productive collaboration with the arts councils of neighbouring provinces and states.