



## PRESS RELEASE

### Projects Chosen for the New Brunswick / Maine Residency

(Fredericton, May, 2012) – Two projects were chosen for funding under the New Brunswick / Maine Residency program. Proposals submitted by artists **Mathieu Léger**, Moncton, New Brunswick and **Shoshannah White**, Portland, Maine were chosen for this inaugural year of this exchange. Léger will be working with the Bakery Photographic Collective in Westbrook Maine on a three month photography project while White will be undertaking a three month photography project on the island of Grand Manan in New Brunswick.

This is the inaugural year where the New Brunswick Arts Board (**artsnb**) and the Maine Arts Commission have partnered on an artist residency program. Artists from either New Brunswick or Maine 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.