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artsnb Announces Revisions to its Program Guidelines

Fredericton, May 9, 2023 – The New Brunswick Arts Board (**artsnb**) has published revised program guidelines on its website. Effective immediately, applicants must read and follow the new revised guidelines before applying to artsnb programs.

In harmony with its <u>2022-2027 Strategic Plan</u>, the New Brunswick Arts Board has begun a multi-phase revision of its funding programs with the goal of better serving the broader arts community.

"The artsnb team is looking closely at our programs and application systems so that we might identify and remove systemic barriers. We hope our program revisions will aid in providing fair access for all people to the tools and resources they need to bring to light their creative vision", declares Victoria Hutt artsnb Chair.

artsnb is happy to announce the completion of the first phase of its ongoing program revisions. The goal of this first phase was to improve the clarity of the program guidelines and better organize the information contained in them, to make program guidelines consistent from one program to another, to include additional information regarding collaborative practices, project eligibility and expenses, and to correct inconsistencies between disciplines.

In the revised program guidelines, now published on our website, you will find:

- A new appendix titled Appendix 3 Guidelines for Collaborative Projects;
- Revised maximum lengths for required application documents (samples of work and project descriptions), and;
- Clarifications on project eligibility and expenses.

artsnb Program Officer Rebecca Salazar shares: "Phase 1 of revising artsnb's programs is about making the application process easier and more accessible. As we continue to revise our funding programs, we hope to demystify arts funding and respond to the changing needs of artists and their communities."

In its next phase of program revisions, planned over the course of the current year, artsnb will consult with artists and arts and culture stakeholders for further long-term improvements to our guidelines and programs.

The New Brunswick Arts Board is an arm's length arts funding agency with a legislated mandate to facilitate and promote the creation of art as well as administering funding programs for professional artists in the province.

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