



Culture pour tous newsletter  
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## WHAT'S NEW?



### A cultural buffet all year long!

As this new year begins, the Culture pour tous team wishes you peace, joy, health, prosperity—and, of course, a generous helping of culture! [>> cont'd](#)



### Culture Days/Fête de la culture Project Attracting Interest Coast to Coast!

Initiated by the Canadian Arts Summit based on the model of Les Journées de la culture held in Quebec since 1997, the Culture Days/Fête de la culture project is picking up steam. [>> cont'd](#)



### Citizens, to the arts! (Re)Connecting citizens, artists and the arts

On the occasion of the 2010 Governor General's Performing Arts Awards, Rideau Hall is organizing an Art Matters in conjunction with Culture pour tous, on February 23 in Montreal. [>> cont'd](#)



### Seminar on Cultural Mediation

Culture pour tous and the Cultural Mediation Research Group are organizing a new seminar for the cultural and community sectors on Friday, March 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Maison des Conservatoires (4750 Henri-Julien Avenue, Montreal). [>> cont'd](#)



### Art and culture—at work!

Culture pour tous invites you to be daring and try something different this year: invite an artist into your factory, store, studio or lab. [>> cont'd](#)



### What are the territories for cultural mediation workers?—An important question at an important forum.

Culture pour tous and its French partners Espace Pandora and Médiation culturelle worked in close collaboration on organizing the important international forum on cultural mediation held on November 30 and December 1, 2009, as part of the Entretiens du Centre Jacques Cartier. [>> cont'd](#)

## SPECIAL FEATURES

### Social Solidarity in the Heart of the Appalachians Saint-Venant-de-Paquette's poetry walk breathes new life into the region



For close to 15 years, the hundred or so inhabitants of the tiny village of Saint-Venant-de-Paquette have worked together to create a poetry walk and save their historic church. The poetry walk is a trail

connecting some ten sites featuring works by local artist Roger Nadeau, writings by Quebec poets and interpretative elements about the surrounding forest and horticultural environment. Local residents and visitors gather at the poetry walk's tree house or church-museum for performances, lectures, plays or creative workshops or come to lend a hand during work bees. [>> Read the article](#)

## TO READ

### CULTURE ET VOUS?



### The right to cultural development

In 2009, to mark the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inclusion of the right to cultural development in the Belgian Constitution, the organization Culture et Démocratie is encouraging people to think about the meaning and application of this basic right. As part of this campaign, it has published [Culture et vous?](#), a comprehensive information kit on this crucial issue with relevance far beyond the borders of Belgium.

## Agir par l'imaginaire

### Artistic expression helping women in the justice system



In a joint project undertaken by the Société Elizabeth Fry du Québec and Engrenage Noir / LEVIER, two women's prisons, a psychiatric hospital and a halfway house invited artists to lead multidisciplinary creative workshops to reveal the inner world of female inmates. >> [Read the article](#)



### Art & the Public Purpose: A New Framework Launches

An American Working Group on Cultural Policy was created in May 2009, following a White House Briefing on Art, Community, Social Justice, National Recovery. This stellar group of founding endorsers has released a proposal calling for "a bold new investment in culture, a policy recognizing that culture holds the key to a future we can believe in." The new Framework proposes five key concepts to support art's public purpose. ([Visit the website](#))

## LINKS



### Culture and sustainable development go hand in hand

France's Observatoire des politiques culturelles (Observatory for Cultural Policies) has created a website to fuel discussion and help promote [Agenda 21](#) for culture and the emergence of measures linking culture with sustainable development. The site also contains a resource centre, interviews with culture professionals and cultural news.

[www.reseauculture21.fr](http://www.reseauculture21.fr)



### Launch of a broad consultation on land occupancy

The organization Solidarité rurale du Québec is undertaking a broad consultation on land occupancy, which will continue until **March 8, 2010**. The consultation document stems from a reflection process that included representatives of some twenty economic, municipal, cultural, cooperative, agricultural, social and environmental organizations in Quebec. The results of the consultation will be discussed at a Quebec conference on future land occupancy, on April 21 and 22, 2010, in Shawinigan.

[www.territoires.qc.ca](http://www.territoires.qc.ca)



### Expose your roots onscreen

Radio Canada International (RCI) invites you to dig into your past and reveal your roots. **The Roots Challenge** is open to all Canadian citizens and permanent residents age 18 or over. You have until **March 7, 2010**, to submit a 3- to 8-minute film or multimedia production—drama, doc, animation, photo essay, etc.—on this theme.

Details, contest rules and entry form: [roots.rcinet.ca](http://roots.rcinet.ca)

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We are always eager to hear about initiatives from here and about your projects in progress.

Do you have subjects to propose for an article? Send us your ideas! [Click here.](#)

You have comments or suggestions? Do not hesitate to contact us.

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