



***Pierre Lemieux,  
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Glengarry-Prescott-Russell***

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**MP PIERRE LEMIEUX REAFFIRMS THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO  
ARTS AND CULTURE**

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**OTTAWA** — Pierre Lemieux, Member of Parliament, is pleased to announce financial commitments made by the federal government to strengthen communities and to support arts, culture and heritage in Glengarry-Prescott-Russell. “Our riding celebrates a wonderfully unique blending of Francophone and Anglophone cultures,” stated Mr. Lemieux. “I am proud that federal funding is helping to showcase the shared cooperative history between these two cultures and is working to preserve our unique sense of unity and history.”

The federal government is partnering with communities to support activities that celebrate Canada’s shared history and cultural diversity. Since January of this year, Mr. Lemieux has worked to secure federal funding of over \$300,000 for local cultural and heritage groups across Glengarry-Prescott-Russell. Recipients of federal funding include:

- Maison des arts de Russell
- Le centre culturel – La Ste-famille de Rockland
- Le centre culturel – Les trois p’tits points...d’Alexandria
- Le centre culturel – Le Chenail de Hawkesbury
- St-Albert Curd festival

“Organizations such as these make an exceptional and valued contribution to our region’s arts, culture and heritage,” said Mr. Lemieux. “And they are definite assets for the local economies and provide for an enhanced quality of life in our communities.”

The Conservative government created the Building Communities through Arts and Heritage program in September 2007. This program provides Canadians with more opportunities to take part in local activities that present arts and culture and celebrate local history and heritage. This program benefits many community events and celebrations throughout Canada every year.



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“Having a family that is active in the Arts, I am delighted that our government continues to commit federal funding towards arts and culture, and that it will benefit both local events and professional arts festivals. With financial support available for activities and events, organizers and volunteers who are dedicated to celebrating and preserving local culture through arts and heritage activities will be able to further enrich community life and increase community participation,” said Mr. Lemieux. He added “Our government is committed to building stronger communities and to providing opportunities for communities to celebrate local arts and heritage.”

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