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**MP PIERRE LEMIEUX ANNOUNCES \$10 000 IN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR MAISON
DES ARTS DE RUSSELL**

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OTTAWA — Pierre Lemieux, Member of Parliament for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell (GPR), is pleased to announce financial support for the local cultural centre, Maison des arts de Russell. “I am delighted to announce \$10 000 in support of the programs offered by Maison des arts de Russell,” said Mr. Lemieux. “The Maison plays the critical role in nourishing the arts in our community and I am extremely happy that they have been accorded this funding.” This funding is in addition to the more than \$75,000 in federal investment that the Maison des arts de Russell has received over the past year.

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. Other recipients of federal funding include:

- 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

“Cultural groups across the riding who receive grants from our federal government continue to prove that arts programs are vital to the cultural growth of our area. The grants awarded by the Department of Canadian Heritage provide funding for the staging of festivals, theatre performances and many other arts-related activities,” said Mr. Lemieux “Communities across Glengarry-Prescott-Russell are also learning the positive affect the arts have on the education of their children.”

The funding will assist the Maison des arts de Russell in presenting a series of five shows, along with the Festival du castor, occurring between April 2010 and March 2011. The presentations



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showcase artists originating from Ontario and Quebec. These shows will take place at the Maison des arts' theatre and the Festival du castor will take place at the recreation center in Embrun. "Having a family that is active in the Arts, I recognize the importance of advocating for federal funding, not just to improve the quality of life in GPR, but also to assist local arts and cultural venues, as they play a tremendous role in shaping the social fabric of our community," said Mr. Lemieux. He added, "This grant is an investment in our unique local culture, and I'm proud to say that the return on that investment is netting valued benefits to area residents."

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