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This brief is submitted by:

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Topic: Arts and culture

*Recommendation 1: Please provide a short summary of your recommendation.

Culture Montréal recommends that the Government of Canada increase its investments in the arts and culture sector in order to ensure the sector's growth and to maximize economic and social impacts, by continuing to provide adequate, stable funding for the for the country's major backers and cultural institutions, such as the Canada Council for the Arts, to ensure the continuity of programs supporting creation, production, broadcasting and training funded by these organizations.

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Impacts of the arts and culture on the well-being of the community, investments in culture provide intangible benefits. A growing number of studies have shown a correlation between community vitality and the various criteria that impact quality of life: good neighbourhoods, greater urban security, vitality, social cohesion and a greater understanding of other cultures.

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Recommendation 2: Please provide a short summary of your recommendation.

That the Government of Canada

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The arts community and cultural institutions and companies in Montreal play a key role in promoting Canada on the international scene. Culture is an important factor in ensuring that Canada society is recognized abroad.

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Recommendation 3: Please provide a short summary of your recommendation.

That the Government of Canada contribute in a more sustained manner to the development and maintenance of cultural infrastructures, by continuing to be a major partner in the implementation of projects under the “2007-2017 Action Plan — Montréal, Cultural Metropolis,” and by becoming a partner in the celebrations marking the 375th anniversary of the founding Montreal by making ongoing donations. The Société des célébrations du 375e anniversaire de Montréal is currently working on its blueprint and will be making recommendations. We hope the federal government will be listening.

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The changes that are taking place in our community are part of a temporal landscape that transcends the immediate goals of urban projects. The city and its spaces must first be a dynamic environment that encourages personal expression, creativity and artistic endeavours. It promotes values. The heritage that is develop is an invaluable testament to the country's history; its preservation and promotion must take priority and concrete actions must be taken.

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Canada must pursue its strategic efforts to encourage investment, create jobs and enhance the competitiveness of its economy. The culture sector could play a key role in this recovery strategy and make a decisive and lasting contribution to the country's health and the well-being of Canadians. In closing, Culture Montréal would like to reiterate the critical role that citizens play in the social and cultural economy. Over and above consumerism and economic vitality, values such as cohesion and participation and a growing sense of belonging are permeating social dialogue. We must not only acknowledge the vitality of our city, but also draw on the vitality that within our community and desire to enhance the collective well-being.

*Please note that at least one recommendation must be provided