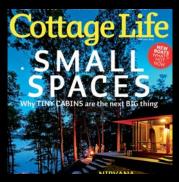
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Annual Report 2013-2014













Ontario's Creative Industries: LEADING THROUGH INNOVATION









































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# **Our Mission**

The Ontario Media Development Corporation is the central catalyst for Ontario's cultural media cluster. It promotes, enhances and leverages investment, jobs and original content creation in the province's book and magazine publishing, film and television, music and interactive digital media industries.



Ontario Media Development Corporation



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#### What We Do

The Ontario Media Development Corporation stimulates investment and employment in six creative media industries in Ontario: book and magazine publishing, film and television, music and interactive digital media.



Altman



The Walrus



Splatalot!

#### How We Do It

- Tax credits the Ontario Film & Television Tax Credit (OFTTC), the Ontario Production Services Tax Credit (OPSTC), the Ontario Computer Animation and Special Effects Tax Credit (OCASE), the Ontario Interactive Digital Media Tax Credit (OIDMTC), the Ontario Book Publishing Tax Credit (OBPTC), and the Ontario Sound Recording Tax Credit (OSRTC)
- Funding the Film Fund, the Book Fund, the Magazine Fund, the Ontario Music Fund, the Interactive Digital Media Fund, and the Export Fund
- Industry development support to a range of trade organizations, initiatives and markets, including the International Financing Forum during the Toronto International Film Festival
- International business development support for strategic initiatives abroad
- Ontario's Film Commission to attract and facilitate film and television production
- Support and sponsorship of a wide range of marketing, outreach, education and research activities



# Message from the Chair

The Hon. Michael Coteau Minister of Tourism, Culture & Sport

Dear Minister Coteau,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Ontario Media Development Corporation (OMDC), I am pleased to submit the 2013-14 Annual Report.

2013-14 was another banner year as Ontario's creative industries continued to lead through innovation. The creative companies OMDC supports are flourishing and are leading real economic growth in the province. Through facilitating the creation and sales of globally-recognized creative media content, OMDC is helping Ontario's creative industries drive growth and productivity, foster innovation and expand their international market reach.

A number of milestones occurred in 2013-14, including the launch of the Ontario Music Fund and the third year in a row that Ontario's film and television industry contributed over a billion dollars to Ontario's GDP.

Reading through these pages, you will see numerous examples of how OMDC's programs and services have helped our stakeholders to achieve business success. Our sincere thanks to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport for its continuing support, and to OMDC's dedicated Board, management and staff, for their commitment to ensuring that Ontario continues to be a leader in encouraging the creation of globally-recognized creative media content.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Shea

Chair



# Message from the President and Chief Executive Officer

Ontario's winning combination of competitive financial incentives, world class infrastructure, superb educational institutions, talent and skills has helped make the province's creative media companies leaders in the creation of innovative content that the whole world enjoys.

To encourage growth and innovation, OMDC provides a range of programs and funding to foster our homegrown talent and the province's creative economy, including the book and magazine publishing, interactive digital media, music, film and television industries.

In the past year, OMDC programs and services have:

- helped Ontario book publishers to create new content, strengthen their revenues, increase their market share, and expand their digital publishing capacity;
- contributed to magazine publishers' capacity to remain competitive and increase revenues by an estimated three times the amount awarded through OMDC's Magazine Fund;
- supported the creation of more than 1,000 high quality, original, interactive digital media content projects garnering domestic and international commercial success and critical acclaim – including Digi-Awards, Canadian Screen Awards and an International Emmy;
- initiated over 54,000 new business leads for Ontario companies at OMDC-supported trade organization events;
- assisted more than 200 Ontario companies across five sectors to develop a strong presence in 21 global markets, building on last year's reported sales of \$380 million;
- delivered unprecedented support to more than 100 music companies across Ontario's music ecosystem to develop emerging companies, drive tourism through live music, and create jobs and revenue growth; and
- certified 2,689 book, film, interactive digital media, television, and sound recording projects for tax credits

Film and television production contributed \$1.15 billion to the provincial economy in 2013 – the third year in a row over the one billion dollar mark and a 71 per cent increase over the \$671.23 million the industry generated in 2008 (the lowest figure in the last 15 years). Led by domestic television, that production activity accounted for more than 25,000 full-time direct and spin-off jobs.

Ontario is a key musical hub in Canada and the world. In addition to our talented artists, many others contribute to help keep the music industry flourishing in our province: record companies, music publishers, artist management firms, presenters, promoters and booking agents. Ontario's thriving music industry is supported by the Ontario Music Fund (OMF) which launched in October, replacing the former OMDC Music Fund and Music Export Fund. This three-year \$45 million initiative is aimed at strengthening Ontario's music companies and stimulating growth and employment.

Ontario's burgeoning Interactive Digital Media (IDM) sector generates annual gross revenue of \$1.4 billion and employs 16,000 people in the province. OMDC supports the IDM industry with a variety of programs and services aimed at helping Ontario companies to maintain vital intellectual property and to compete successfully in the global market.

The book and magazine publishing industries also flourished in 2013-14. More than half of Canada's books and magazines are published in Ontario.

Our sincere thanks to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture & Sport for its continuing support, and to OMDC's dedicated Board and staff for helping Ontario's innovative creative industries to forge a stronger economy.

Sincerely,

Karen Thorne-Stone
President & CEO



In 2013-14, the OMDC Film Fund provided \$4 million for 42 feature films, stimulating \$93.6 million in additional financing and creating nearly 11,000 weeks of work - and OMDC-supported films and television series continued to gain appreciative worldwide audiences.

#### **Highlights Reel**

- Domestic film and television projects accounted for 56% of total production activity, generating revenues of \$775.2 million.
- The province attracted a 28% production. Ontario's talent pool, technical expertise, state-of-thereliable funding combined to addition to highly-rated domestic *Next Generation* (13th season); Murdoch Mysteries (season seven); Orphan Black (second season);

#### Six Thriving Sectors:

- Book publishers in Ontario bring in \$1.2 billion in annual revenues and pay \$256 million in wages and benefits.
- Ontario's \$1.2 billion magazine industry supports an average of 9,000 jobs annually, with salaries of more than \$360 million a year.
- The province's music industry is the largest in Canada, producing over 80% of the country's music recording and publishing revenues and providing more than threequarters of Canadian music industry jobs.
- More than 1,000 digital media companies in Ontario produce revenues of \$1.4 billion and high-value employment for 16,000 skilled workers.
- The stature of Ontario's film and television industry has helped to make the province the third-largest entertainment and creative jurisdiction in North America, after California and New York.

Government support for the OMDC is a sound investment in a sector that has proven its ability to strengthen and stimulate the economy, and provide jobs as much of the media world goes digital.

# Another billion dollar year for film and TV

The film and television industry continues to be robust. The sector's total contribution to the provincial GDP was \$1.15 billion in 2013, the third year in a row to top \$1billion. Domestic production accounted for more than two-thirds of the total results.

It was a busy year for Ontario feature production, with 14 OMDC Film Funded features going to camera: David Cronenberg's Maps to the Stars, 88, A Fighting Man, The Calling, Dr. Cabbie, Fall, The Girl King, Happily Ever After, Hellions, The Intruders, Man Vs., Midnight Sun, and documentaries Altman and Watermark.



Filming Murdoch Mysteries

"Feature filmmaking takes passion, love and devotion but it also takes a sincere desire to find stories that amaze and intrigue audiences.

Canada and Ontario, in particular, are in a golden era of feature filmmaking. The best filmmakers in the world live and shoot here. That's great, because we have a lot of stories to tell."

-Jennifer Jonas, Principal, New Real Films

Films shooting in Northern Ontario, including A Limousine, Coconut Hero, and House on the Hill 2, continued to keep production levels high in the region.

Ontario is home to innovative post-production, visual effects, digital animation and 3D facilities that are in demand globally. Hit movies like *The Amazing Spider-Man* and richly-produced TV series such as Game of Thrones and Vikings shoot on location around the world, then come here for some of the best post-production available. Animated children's series, including: The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That!, Justin Time and Thomas the Tank Engine are produced in Ontario for an international market.







Justin Time

The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That!



Vikings

When TIFF announced its Canada's Top 10 selections in December, a number of OMDCfunded films were on the list, including: Enemy, The F Word (aka What If), and Watermark, an OMDC-supported documentary feature film that won the \$100,000 Rogers Best Canadian Feature Film prize and best documentary at the 2014 Canadian Screen Awards.



Enemy

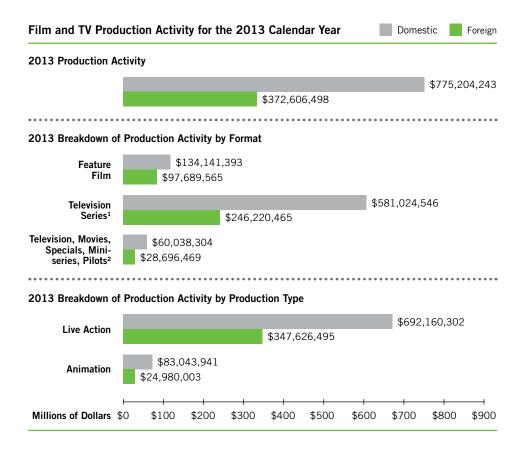




The F Word Watermark

The Creative Industries

On location in Ontario in 2013: 44 feature films for theatrical release, 80 feature films for TV or cable, 140 episodic series for TV.



Data represent expenditures of all productions using OMDC-administered incentives and services. Data do not include television commercial, corporate video, music video, or broadcaster in-house production. Figures include live action and animated production. Data reflect the production expenditures in Ontario during the year and do not always reflect the total budgets of the projects. There may be productions that were shot in Ontario that are not included in these totals due to the timing of project applications.

All dollar figures are in millions of Canadian dollars. Dollar figures have not been adjusted for inflation.

Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The number of television series does not include cycles which began production in the previous year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Productions with fewer than six episodes.

# **Building New Platforms for Success**

As we continue to be inexorably drawn into the digital future, media companies are bursting with innovative platforms, hardware and software for this brave new world of interconnection.

"When we go to shows and talk to other developers in the US and elsewhere, and hear that they don't have the same level of government support as we do living in Ontario, it really makes us feel grateful. I don't think our games would have been quite the same without the support we've received."

—**Graham Smith**, Co-Founder, *DrinkBox Studios*  The province's \$1.4 billion interactive digital media sector is growing by leaps and bounds, and continues to feed the appetite across all media for ground-breaking digital content. Ontario is already an established hub for indie game and mobile app development across a variety of platforms, and our digital capacity is expanding across all creative media sectors to meet consumer demand and boost Ontario's competitiveness globally.

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Clive Thompson, author, *Smarter Than You Think: How Technology is Changing our Minds for the Better*, delivers keynote address at 2014 Digital Dialogue Conference

#### 2014 Digital Dialogue Conference:

OMDC hosted its fourth annual Digital Dialogue Conference in January. More than 200 stakeholders attended from Ontario's creative industries, including: financiers, venture capitalists, content creators and technology experts. Among this year's topics were the changing broadcast landscape, leveraging investment, new pathways to monetization, and audience and community building.

#### The Digital Dialogue Breakfast Series - A Continuing Success

OMDC introduced a series of breakfast sessions in 2012-13 to continue the conversation and build upon the cross-sector networking and knowledge sharing throughout the year. These forums for discussion among decision-makers in the cultural media industries continued through 2013-14.

Digital Dialogue Breakfast Series March 2014 Panel — *Beyond the Shelf: Reaching your Audience in the Digital Marketplace.* 

Innovate by Day's Deb Day moderated the panel of industry leaders, including: Erin Creasey, James Trauzzi and Nathan Laurie





"It's a time of huge change.
Technology is having an impact
on our industry, there's no doubt.
But one thing that's still true is
that great stories and great books,
whether print form or digital, still
have a place. They always will."

—**Karen Boersma**, Publisher, *Owlkids Books*  OMDC supports Interactive Ontario's GameON: Finance, a two-day conference exploring the business of games with a particular focus on new and evolving business models, and access to capital for business growth, project financing and product distribution.

Ontario's content creators can fully embrace new technologies and opportunities by virtue of their access to first-class educational institutions, leading-edge research and development, and government support through innovative programs and initiatives.



Guacamelee!, an OMDC-supported project by DrinkBox Studios, was selected Best Vita Game of 2013

Since 2005, the IDM Fund has awarded \$13.9 million, creating more than 950 highly-skilled jobs, translating to well over \$56 million in revenues from completed projects.

OMDC funding supports Ontario's creative industries as they develop, produce and roll out their products onto digital platforms.

Ontario publishers are leading adopters of digital technologies and the OMDC Book Fund has made it possible for them to bring digital production capacity in-house, introduce efficient new digital workflows and increase productivity by 10%. More than 3,500 e-books have been released with OMDC support.

In 2013-14, two magazine publishers received support through OMDC's pilot initiative to support digital-only magazines. Maple Media launched a mobile-optimized version of their online magazine *29 Secrets* as well as five new e-newsletters. These projects have grown Maple Media's audience by over 10,000. *2life*, a free app published by 2 for Life Media, is available worldwide in 14 languages and has been downloaded over 100,000 times.



2life

# **Collaboration and Cross-Sector Partnerships**

One of OMDC's primary roles is to promote collaboration among companies, across media sectors and in the broader business community.

While delivery platforms are changing and converging at breakneck speed, Ontario's content creators continue to adapt and strengthen by exchanging expertise, sharing resources and forging strategic partnerships. The stimulus of cross-sector co-operation and collaboration keeps our creative cluster on its toes, and its skills sharpened, to ensure success in the global marketplace.

#### Francophone Book Publishing Initiative

OMDC secured federal funding of \$40,000 for the next five years towards a new Francophone Book Publishing Initiative and will match the funding from its Book Fund.

#### From Page to Screen

In February, for the seventh year, OMDC's one-day B2B event, From Page to Screen (FPTS), brought together Ontario publishing and screen-based producers to discuss partnerships and content optioning. Publishers and producers alike were kept busy with more than 400 back-to-back meetings. Designed to promote the adaptation of stories and characters from books to the big and small screens, FPTS has brokered 30 option deals since it began.



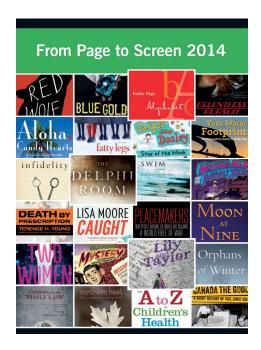
Jennifer Paul and Suzanne Ritzau, *Strada Films* at *From Page to Screen* 



Gayna Theophilus, Annick Press

#### Live Music Alive and Well at NXNE

Marking its 19th year in 2013, the North by Northeast Festival (NXNE) and Conference has become one of the most highly anticipated music events in Canada, drawing more than 350,000 attendees. OMDC supported roundtables for Ontario companies to connect with promoters and bookers from the northeastern U.S. Based on the popular South by Southwest Festival (SXSW) in Austin, Texas, NXNE has grown into a major showcase for local indie musicians and a cross-sector celebration of talent. Apart from live music, the event now also features a film festival, as well as an interactive digital conference (NXNEi) supported by OMDC.



# Ontario's Creative Media in the Global Marketplace

Through its programs and initiatives, OMDC cultivates and nourishes international partnerships to help expand the industry and its revenue base.

In 2013-14, the Export Fund provided \$1.8 million to 213 book publishing, film and television, music and IDM companies for more than 865 business-building trips to international markets and strategic destinations. In the previous year, 204 companies reported sales of over \$380 million at international markets attended with OMDC Export Fund support. Marché International du Disque et de l'Edition Musicale (MIDEM) is one of the key international trade fairs for the music industry and provides a forum for artists, producers, managers and investors from all over the world to talk business, promote labels and generate new revenue streams.

At the 2014 MIDEM conference in Cannes, OMDC hosted the Ontario reception with 28 Ontario music stakeholders and 250 international VIP guests. It also supported both Ontario's presence at the Canada Stand, and the Canadian Independent Music Association's (CIMA) Ontario Showcase with four acts from the province: *Lindsay Broughton, D.O., Ghost Town Orchestra*, and *The Little Black Dress*.



Wilderness of Manitoba

OMDC also supported CIMA's Canadian Blast at SXSW in Austin, Texas, with an Ontario Showcase, featuring four Ontario artists: *The Beaches, Lowell, Weaves* and *The Wilderness of Manitoba*.

Each February, creators of children's content gather in New York City for the Kidscreen Summit, a four-day conference and market event showcasing children's youth entertainment products from around the world. For the second year, OMDC partnered with the Youth Media Alliance (a national non-profit organization dedicated to the support of high quality screen-based content for children and teens) by providing meeting tables at the



Kidscreen Summit

summit for Ontario producers to network and do business at the Summit. OMDC was also pleased to be a sponsor of Computer Animation Studios of Ontario's (CASO) booth, showcasing the incredible talent and quality of Ontario's animated productions.

New this year, OMDC presented a networking breakfast, bringing together Ontario and Irish delegates. At the breakfast, Ontario's Conor Holler from Xenophile Media, presented a case study of their transmedia project, *Time Tremors*, that went on to win the iKids Award as Best Learning App for Smartphone.



Time Tremors

In March, with support from OMDC, 35 Ontario game companies attended the Game Developers Conference in San Francisco – the largest annual learning and networking event for professional video game developers. OMDC provided networking opportunities and a kiosk for exhibiting.

OMDC supported the International Visitors Program during the Harbourfront International Authors Festival.



#### U.K. TV Drama Co-Production Mission

OMDC organized the U.K. TV Drama Co-production Mission from February 24 to 28 to explore new opportunities for big-budget television drama production. In partnership with Film London and MIDAS (Manchester's economic development agency), 10 Ontario producers spent five days in London and Manchester meeting British colleagues, exchanging project ideas and touring key production and post-production facilities to build relationships and establish new partnerships.

The OMDC UK TV Co-production Mission on location in Manchester. (L to R) Anthony Leo, *Aircraft Pictures*; Tecca Crosby, *Entertainment One*; Melissa Williamson, *Pier 21*; James Weyman, *OMDC*; Peter Raymont, *White Pine Pictures*; Fred Fuchs, *Riverside Entertainment*; Alphons Adetuyi, *Inner City Films*; David Cormican, *Don Carmody Productions*; Karen Thorne-Stone, *OMDC*; Nicholas Tabarrok, *Darius Films*; Michael McGowan, *Mulmur Feed Co.*; Gina Vanni, *Take 5 Productions* 



#### **IFF at TIFF**

During OMDC's 8th International Financing Forum (IFF) at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) in September, 39 Canadian and international producers met with more than 30 industry executives from 15 countries in more than 500 one-on-one meetings.

IFF has been a market launching pad for over 300 feature films, including OMDC-supported *Midnight's Children*, which was selected for screening at TIFF in 2012. More than 50 projects presented at IFF have been financed.

"IFF goes from strength to strength. This fantastically run OMDC event at TIFF needs to be counted among the best international co-pro programs on offer — a veritable one-stop shop for producers and industry veterans alike."

—Paul Scherzer, Six Island Productions,
Toronto



OMDC's IFF 2013 Panel: "In Conversation With" series: *Producing – Gettin' It Done*. (L to R) Jan Nathanson, *IFF producer*; Wendy Mitchell, *editor*, *Screen Daily*; Oscar-winning producers: Iain Canning, Jay Van Hoy, Roman Paul, Emile Sherman and Celine Rattray; James Weyman, *OMDC* 

# Ontario's Creative Media in the Global Marketplace con

"This gathering was fantastic, primarily due to the quality of the chosen participants. There was a level of experience and talent which provides a platform to really determine what the potential of a project might be, and provides fresh ideas to realize it."

—Julia Sereny, Sienna Films

Also during TIFF in September, Producers Lab Toronto (PLT) was back with co-sponsors OMDC and European Film Promotion Agency bringing together 20 Canadian and European producers to discuss co-production opportunities. Four producers from New Zealand and Australia attended for the first time. This highly effective platform has led to the development of 27 projects.

The producers of *Stay*, which had its world premiere at TIFF 2013, were participants in the Producers Lab Toronto in 2010.

In October in Japan, OMDC provided support for two Ontario Film Fund supported productions screened at the Perspectives Canada Showcase at TIFFCOM, the festival's international co-production market.





PLT offers a platform for producers from around the globe to put together their creative, technical and financial capabilities



# Ontario Film Commission

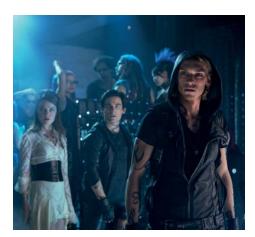
As part of its continuing successful efforts to market Ontario to the international film and television production industry, the OMDC's Ontario Film Commission provides location scouting and facilitation services, at no charge, to producers considering shooting here.

With a permanent marketing presence in Los Angeles (in partnership with the City of Toronto and FilmOntario), direct links to all regional film contacts in the province, and a digital locations database with more than 260,000 high-quality images representing more than 12,000 locations, the Film Commission provides a seamless location experience for both domestic and foreign projects, assisting 160 productions in 2013-14.



The Film Commission, in partnership with the City of Toronto, hosted a three-day familiarization tour of Ontario for 12 senior Hollywood and New York production executives from major independent production companies, ending their visit with a trip to Niagara Falls.

The group also toured Toronto's major studios Pinewood, Showline, Cinespace, and Revival 629, and post-production facilities Deluxe, Mr X., and Technicolor, as well as surveyed popular filming sites such as The Distillery District (Gooderham and Worts), Chinatown, Metro Square, the University of Toronto, St. Lawrence Market, the Fairmont Royal York Hotel and the financial district



The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones won the 2014 Cineplex Golden Reel Award

Scouting levels were also high in Northern Ontario to support a number of films being shot there. The continued increase in film activity in the north prompted OMDC's digital library team to accelerate location shooting and train location scouts in key northern

film centres of Sudbury, Parry Sound, North Bay and Sault Ste. Marie.

del Toro's Crimson Peak prepped for shooting in 2014.

New feature productions got underway in Ontario in 2013-14, including *Mortal Instruments: City of Ashes* and MGM's remake of the classic horror film, *Poltergeist*. Director Guillermo

OMDC hosted the fourth consecutive Toronto/Ontario on Location in L.A. Day, an initiative designed to showcase the province's advantages as a world-class destination for film, TV, VFX, animation and post-production. More than 90 members of the Toronto/Ontario film and TV community participated in the networking event, which included a mini trade show.

The Film Commission added 1,187 locations to the Digital Location Library in 2013-14.

Over the past year, the L.A. office helped bring 19 productions with a value of \$282 million to Ontario.



Panel (L to R): David Zitzerman, *Goodmans LLP* (Moderator); Panelists: Rebekah Rudd, *MGM*; John Weber, *Take 5 Productions* and Debra Curtis, *Entertainment One* 

"Every facet of the film and television industry was represented at the event, so all I had to do was drive from Hollywood to Universal City to feel like I was in Toronto, Ontario!"

—Justin Levine, Executive Producer, Stardust Pictures

# **Celebrating Ontario's Achievements**

#### 2013 Trillium Book Awards

Once again, the talent was stellar and public and media interest was high in June for the celebrations of the 2013 Trillium Book Award/Prix Trillium. The Trillium Book Award, created to recognize the quality and diversity of Ontario writing, is highly regarded both nationally and internationally.

The English and French-language book winners each received \$20,000 and their publishers got \$2,500 to promote the winning titles. The recipients of the awards for poetry in English and for children's literature in French each won \$10,000. A \$500 honorarium went to all finalists.

The Trillium Book Award for children's literature in the French language alternates each year with the book award for poetry in French.

The Trillium Award celebrations included a private authors' dinner and a public event where the finalists read from their nominated works.

OMDC-supported writers and publishers were also honoured at several other literary competitions in 2013-14, including the Governor General's Literary Awards, Rogers Writers' Trust, Scotiabank Giller Prize, Griffin Poetry Prize and TD Canadian Children's Literature Award and the Prix du livre d'Ottawa.



The 2013 Trillium Book Award Winners – Claude Forand, Alice Munro, Paul Savoie and Matthew Tierney

#### The 2013 Trillium Book Awards were presented to:

#### **English-Language**



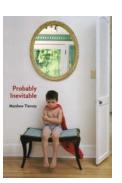
Alice Munro, *Dear Life: Stories* (McClelland & Stewart)

#### French-Language



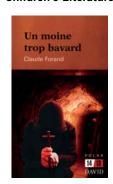
Paul Savoie, *Bleu bémol* (Éditions David)

#### **English-Language Poetry**



Matthew Tierney, *Probably Inevitable* (Coach House Books)

#### French-Language Children's Literature



Claude Forand, Un moine trop bavard (Éditions David)



Ontario's First Nobel Laureate for Literature — Alice Munro!



Jennifer Baichwal and Edward Burtynsky's feature documentary *Watermark* (an OMDC Film Fund recipient) won the Toronto Film Critics' Association's 2014 Rogers Best Canadian Film Award



Sound Shapes



Guidestones



Leonard Farlinger and Jenn Jonas at OMDC's Celebrate Ontario event. Ontario Producer, Jen Jonas was the recipient of the CMPA's Producer's Award at TIFF 2013!

#### 2013-14 Superstars

The venerated Alice Munro, this year's winner of the Trillium Book Award in English, also won the 2013 Nobel Prize for Literature and the International Festival of Authors Harbourfront Festival Prize to add to her collection of many awards. She is the author of 15 collections of short stories and one novel, and even has a festival named after her in southwestern Ontario, near her home.

OMDC Film Fund recipient, *Watermark*, won Best Documentary at the Canadian Screen Awards and Best Canadian Film Award from the Toronto Film Critics' Association.

OMDC-supported Ontario game developer, Queasy Games, received eight nominations and took home two awards for the game *Sound Shapes* at the 2013 Canadian Video Games Awards.

OMDC-Supported web series *Guidestones*, from ithentic/Smiley Guy Studios, won Best Digital Program at the International Emmys.

Ruby Skye, P.I. was the Grand Prize Winner at the L.A. Webfest and won four other awards.

Ontario magazines led the nominations at the 36th National Magazine Awards in June, *Corporate Knights* won Magazine of the Year. *The Walrus* picked up four Gold awards. *Hazlitt*, *Report on Business*, *Maclean's* and *Corduroy* were among publications that received more than one Gold award.

Ontario talent and content were honoured at the 2014 Canadian Screen Awards (CSAs), broadcast nationally from Toronto in March. The Gemini and Genie awards merged in 2012 to create these honours that recognize Canadian achievements in film, television and digital media. OMDC sponsored receptions both for nominees and for the CSAs' Digital Media Event.

Ontario producers took home several awards at the Canadian Youth Media Alliance Awards in May. The OMDC-supported project *Kratt Brothers* won the Outstanding Achievement Award.

Ontario producer, Jennifer Jonas, won the Canadian Media Production Association's Producer's Award at TIFF, where her film, *Gerontophilia*, was an official selection. It also had its world premiere at Venice Days at the Venice Film Festival.

#### TIFF

OMDC's annual salute to Ontario films and filmmakers, Celebrate Ontario, was held again during the Toronto International Film Festival. More than 700 cultural industry, government, media and academic leaders attended and PwC was the sponsor for the fifth year.

Five OMDC-funded feature films were screened at TIFF 2013-14: The Art Husband and Watermark.



The Art of the Steal



Jonathan Sobol, director of The Art of the Steal at Celebrate Ontario



Serena Ryder



Tribe Called Red



Ron Sexsmith

#### 2014 JUNO Award Winners

Again in 2014, Ontario artists raked in the honours. At the 2014 JUNO Awards, there were 12 Ontario winners, including co-host Serena Ryder for both Artist and Songwriter of the Year, A Tribe Called Red for Breakthrough Group of the Year, Ron Sexsmith for Adult Alternative Album and, once again, Justin Bieber for the Fan Choice Award. Hamilton, Ontario, will host the 2015 JUNO Awards.

Other music awards went to Ontario artists and companies at the SiriusXM Indie Awards, the Canadian Radio Music Awards (13 winners including Arts & Crafts for Management Company of the Year), Canadian Music Broadcast Industry Awards (winners included The Agency Group for Booking Agency of the Year and Dine Alone Records for Independent Label of the Year), and the SOCAN Awards.

"The OMDC Magazine Fund has been essential in supporting our transition from print to digital. We have had to make strategic choices in order to position our business for the future and stay relevant with consumers and advertisers alike."

—Gerry Brown, 2 for Life

Through its Industry Development Program (IDP), OMDC supports Ontario's content creators and producers by partnering with established trade organizations and business events that stimulate the growth of the province's book, magazine, film, television, music and interactive digital media industries.

Business-building initiatives supported by the Industry Development Program include: MagNet, Canada's leading magazine publishing conference, the Ottawa International Animation Festival, Interactive Ontario's Inplay and iLunch cross-sector business-building sessions, Canadian Independent Music Association's Ontario Showcases at MIDEM, the International Visitors Programme during the International Festival of Authors, and The Word on the Street.

The focus of the IDP-supported Book Summit conference in June was on promoting sales and the discoverability of online content and audience engagement.

In 2013-14, the Industry Development Program invested \$1.4 million in 58 projects, initiating over 54,000 business leads for participants.

OMDC's Magazine Best Practices Panel, a business development forum for Ontario's magazine publishing professionals drew 40 publishers in May. The theme was "Digital Issues" and panels discussed topics such as business development in digital publishing. Digital consultant Marty White led the audience through a strategic exercise designed to identify their current digital presence and where they want to be. Held throughout the year, Best Practices events are a catalyst for new strategies, new partnerships and new business models.



Digital consultant Marty White at OMDC's Magazine Best Practices Panel









OMDC-supported CIMA's Canadian Blast at MIDEM with an Ontario Showcase, featuring four Ontario Artists (clockwise): *Lindsay Broughton, Ghost Town Orchestra, D.O.,* and *Little Black Dress* 

#### **Noteworthy Fund Facts**

In October 2013, the province hit a high note with the launch of the Ontario Music Fund (OMF). The OMF replaced OMDC's former Music Fund and Export Fund. The new three-year, \$45 million grant program is aimed at strengthening Ontario's music companies, stimulating growth, and supporting the sector through four streams:

- Music Company Development helps Ontario-based music companies increase recording, production and marketing to boost music sales and support job creation.
- Music Industry Development provides support for initiatives, such as digital innovation, music industry training, and new approaches to increase home-grown music exports.
- Music Futures helps leverage Ontario's diverse and emerging music industry by supporting small music companies and artist entrepreneurs, for example, those who create music and also handle the business and promotion of their music.
- Live Music helps to increase the number and calibre of live music events in the province, generating more opportunities for new and emerging local artists to help grow local economies, and positioning Ontario as a leading destination for live music and music tourism.

In its transitional first year, the Ontario Music Fund provided 108 grants to support music companies and organizations that produce, distribute and promote Canadian music and artists. The OMF is administered by the new Ontario Music Office located within the Ontario Media Development Corporation.

In 2013, the Book Fund awarded more than \$2.2 million to 33 Ontario publishers, with project budgets totalling \$3.6 million. Since 2005, the fund has increased publishers' revenues by over \$44.3 million, their market share by an average of 20% and their profits by 15%, while creating more than 166 new high-value jobs.

In 2013, the Magazine Fund provided over \$1.9 million to Ontario magazine publishers. Since 2005, the fund has awarded \$8 million, created 170 full-time jobs and generated revenues of three times the amount invested.

The 2013 IDM Fund investment of \$3.0 million leveraged an additional \$3.8 million for 23 interactive projects, resulting in more than 2,800 weeks of work for Ontario creators. The Canadian video game sector is anticipated to grow at an annual rate of 5.1% to US \$1.4 billion by 2017, outpacing most other entertainment and media categories.

With an investment of \$33 million since 2005, the Film Fund has supported 255 feature film projects, creating more than 7,120 jobs and over \$423.5 million of GDP for the Province of Ontario.

#### Tax Credits

OMDC issued its 1,000th Ontario Interactive Digital Media Tax Credit Certificate in March. Announced in 1998, it has supported the development of 4,800 IDM products in the province.

#### **Boosting Vital Tax Programs**

OMDC manages six tax credits in co-operation with the Canada Revenue Agency, providing a stable and reliable source of financial support that is crucial to the cultural media sectors.

#### **Ontario Book Publishing Tax Credit (OBPTC)**

A 30% refundable tax credit on eligible expenditures to publish and market books by Canadian authors, available to Ontario-based Canadian corporations.

#### **Ontario Sound Recording Tax Credit (OSRTC)**

A 20% refundable tax credit on eligible expenditures to produce and market sound recordings by Canadian artists, available to Ontario-based Canadian corporations.

#### Ontario Film and Television Tax Credit (OFTTC)

A 35% refundable tax credit on Ontario labour expenditures for film and television productions produced by Ontario-based Canadian corporations.

#### Ontario Production Services Tax Credit (OPSTC)

A 25% refundable tax credit on Ontario production expenditures (both labour and non-labour costs as well as all post-production) for film and television productions by Canadian or foreign-controlled corporations.

#### Ontario Computer Animation and Special Effects Tax Credit (OCASE)

A 20% refundable tax credit on Ontario labour expenditures for digital animation and visual effects created in Ontario for film and television productions.

#### Ontario Interactive Digital Media Tax Credit (OIDMTC)

A 40% refundable tax credit (35% for development under feefor-service) on eligible expenditures to develop IDM products in Ontario, available to Canadian and foreign-controlled corporations.

In 2013-14, OMDC delivered an estimated \$518 million in tax credits to Ontario's book publishing, film, television, music and interactive digital media sectors to support 2,689 projects with budgets totalling \$4.8 billion.

#### Tax Credit Statistics 2013-2014

	Applications Received	Products/Productions Received	Number of Certificates Issued	Number of Projects	Total Value of Estimated Tax Credits	Project Value
ОВРТС	647	647	611	611	\$3,450,009	\$12,269,605
OSRTC	61	61	159	78	\$614,955	\$3,376,081
OFTTC	299	299	368	368	\$177,101,164	\$1,045,060,035
OPSTC	167	167	174	174	\$224,715,382	\$3,157,797,546
OCASE	83	247	110	301	\$44,236,553	\$420,084,598
OIDMTC	278	1,759	202	1,157	\$68,260,040	\$233,101,176
TOTAL	1,535	3,180	1,624	2,689	\$518,378,103	\$4,871,689,040

Notes: OCASE and OIDMTC applications are based on the applicant's fiscal year of activity and may include multiple productions. Up to three OSRTC certificates, for each fiscal year, are issued for each recording. Total value of estimated tax credits reflects certificates issued in the fiscal year, NOT production activity in that period.

OMDC conducts and supports research that advances knowledge, fosters growth and drives innovation in all six creative sectors. This research is crucial to keeping Ontario's content creators up to date on global trends, technological advances and market intelligence. We commission our own research, as well as awarding research grants for studies by not-for-profit industry organizations that will benefit the creative cluster overall. The agency also compiles industry profiles to provide current information on developments and issues in each industry.



(L to R), Lisa Freeman, Karen Thorne-Stone, Julie Whelan, Gary Garland, Raina Wells, Lisa Fitzgibbons and Scott Honsberger

Over the past 12 months, the online library had 800 unique visitors, who conducted a total of 2,883 searches.

#### **OMDC Online Research Library**

Introduced in 2009, the OMDC Online Research Library offers 24/7 access to a fully searchable database of cultural media research, statistics and industry profiles. There are now 312 documents in the Online Library.

#### Research Showcase 2013

In April, the fourth annual Research Showcase highlighted recent studies from Ontario's cultural media sectors. Seventy-five researchers, government partners and guests from across the province's cultural media industries heard findings from OMDC-supported research studies.

#### **OMDC Program Evaluations**

Independent evaluations of the Magazine and Book Funds in Industry Development Group were undertaken throughout the year and involved extensive consultations with industry stakeholders to explore the impact and relevance of the individual funds since their inception. Both evaluations concluded that the Magazine and Book Funds play a valuable role in supporting investments in the industry, in technology and enabling companies to grow and adapt to the changing marketplace.

In 2013-14, 10 OMDC-funded research studies were released:

- Branded Entertainment: A New Production Financing Paradigm (CMPA)
- Mobile Apps: Generating Economic Gains for Creative Media Industries in Ontario (ICTC)
- 2012 Canadian Interactive Industry Profile (Canadian Interactive Alliance)
- The Branded Entertainment Landscape (CMPA)
- An Economic Impact Study of the Ontario Book Publishing Industry (OMDC)
- Indigenous Feature Film Production in Canada: A National and International Perspective (imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival)
- An Ethical Framework for Marketing and Monetizing Digital Content Media (kidsmediacentre, Centennial College)
- A Re-Imagined Book Fair (The Association for Art and Social Change)
- Getting Real Volume 5 (Documentary Organization of Canada)
- Toronto Indie Production (TiP) Legacy Project (ACTRA-Toronto)

### Doing Business Better

Reaching our audience

#### Social Media

OMDC and the content creators we support benefit from increased exposure and awareness through our substantial social media presence. An increase in the number and duration of visits to the OMDC Facebook page, Twitter feed and YouTube channel mean audience interest and engagement continue to grow. In 2013-14, OMDC added more than 1,100 Twitter followers, got more than 580 'Likes' on Facebook, uploaded 85 videos to YouTube (attracting more than 11,500 views) and achieved a Klout Score of 58.

#### **OMDC Workshops**

OMDC staff conducted frequent workshops and information sessions throughout the year about how to benefit from and apply for OMDC support. Interest comes from budding artists and students in the cultural media streams to industry groups and international business partners. Stakeholder outreach continues to be a top OMDC priority.

The Ontario Film Commission's popular print collaboration Ontario Production Guide has been converted to an online searchable database and launched on OMDC's website.

# Improving the process

#### Tax Credit Risk-Based Assessment Model

OMDC worked with the Ministry of Finance to customize the MOF's automated risk assessment system for use with the Ontario Film and Television Tax Credit.

Risk-based assessment for the OFTTC as a pilot model was implemented in February, 2013. It was rolled out across four of the five remaining tax credits in 2013-14: the Ontario Book Publishing Tax Credit in June 2013; the Ontario Production Services Tax Credit in September 2013; the Ontario Interactive Digital Media Tax Credit in December 2013; and the Ontario Computer Animation and Special Effects Tax Credit in March 2014.

#### 2014-15 Goals

Over the next 12 months, we aim to:

#### Improve Access to Financing

Improve Ontario's cultural media industry's competitive position by maximizing effectiveness of OMDC investment support and enhancing additional private equity and public investment.

#### **Enable Business Evolution**

Promote innovation by creating opportunities for Ontario's cultural media companies to become leaders in the rapidly changing business and digital environments.

#### **Support Content Development and Market Access**

Support Ontario's cultural media companies in accessing international and domestic markets, developing quality content and promoting Ontario as a world-class centre of media production.

#### **Encourage Collaboration**

Encourage collaboration within the cultural media industries and across Ontario's Entertainment and Creative Cluster.

# Provide Strong Leadership in Advancing Ontario's Cultural Media Industries

Model strong and innovative leadership through demonstrated organizational effectiveness and operating efficiency, value as an information hub for stakeholders and government, and champion for Ontario's cultural media industries.

#### 26th Annual Trillium Book Award Finalists/Winners\*

Trillium Book Award English-language and French-language winners receive \$20,000. Publishers of the winning books each receive \$2,500 towards their promotional costs. The respective winners of the Trillium Book Award for Poetry in English-language and Trillium Book Award for Children's Literature in French-language each receive \$10,000 and their publishers receive \$2,000. All finalists receive a \$500 honorarium.



The Trillium Book Award – A Celebration of Literary Excellence in Ontario

#### English Finalists for the Trillium Book Award:

- Tamara Faith Berger, Maidenhead (Coach House Books)
- Steven Heighton, The Dead Are More Visible (Alfred A. Knopf Canada)
- Thomas King, The Inconvenient Indian (Doubleday Canada)
- Alice Munro, Dear Life: Stories (McClelland & Stewart)\*
- Emily Schultz, The Blondes (Doubleday Canada)
- Linda Spalding, The Purchase (McClelland & Stewart)

#### French Finalists for the Trillium Book Award:

- Claude Guilmain, Comment on dit ça, « t'es mort », en anglais?
   (Les Éditions L'Interligne)
- Christel Larosière, (pseudonym of Daniel Soha), Le manuscrit (Éditions du Gref)
- Marie-Josée Martin, Un jour, ils entendront mes silences (Éditions David)
- Michèle Matteau, Avant que ne tombe la nuit (Les Éditions L'Interligne)
- Paul Savoie, Bleu bémol (Éditions David)\*

# Finalists for the Trillium Book Award for Poetry in English language:

- Mathew Henderson, The Lease (Coach House Books)
- Sandy Pool, Undark: An Oratorio (Nightwood Editions)
- Matthew Tierney, Probably Inevitable (Coach House Books)\*

# Finalists for the Trillium Book Award for Children's Literature in French language:

- Claude Forand, Un moine trop bavard (Éditions David)\*
- Michèle Laframboise, Mica, fille de Transyl (Éditions Vents d'Ouest)
- Daniel Marchildon, Les guerriers de l'eau (Les Éditions du Vermillon)

# 2013-14 OMDC Program Recipients

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- 3. Brick Books Inc.
- 4. Broadview Press Inc.
- 5. Canadian Scholars' Press Inc.
- 6. Coach House Books Inc.
- 7. Crabtree Publishing Company Limited
- 8. DC Canada Education Development (DCCED) Corp.
- 9. Dundurn Press Limited
- 10. ECW Press Ltd.
- 11. Firefly Books Ltd.
- 12. Fitzhenry & Whiteside Limited
- 13. Groundwood Books Limited
- 14. House of Anansi Press Inc.
- 15. Irwin Law Inc.
- 16. James Lorimer & Company Limited
- 17. Jordan Music Productions Inc.
- 18. Kids Can Press Ltd.
- 19. Les Éditions David
- 20. Les Éditions du Vermillon
- 21. Les Éditions L'Interligne
- 22. Owlkids Books Inc.

- 23. Pajama Press Inc.
- 24. Pembroke Publishers Limited
- 25. Porcupine's Quill Inc.
- 26. Prise de parole Inc.
- 27. Rainbow Horizons Publishing Inc.
- 28. Red Deer Press Inc.
- 29. Robert Rose Inc.
- 30. Second Story Feminist Press Inc.
- 31. Thompson Educational Publishing Inc.
- 32. University of Toronto Press
- 33. Wilfrid Laurier University Press

# 2013-14 OMDC Program Recipients

#### **OMDC Film Fund**

In 2013-14, the OMDC Film Fund provided \$4.0 million for 42 feature films, stimulating \$93.6 million in additional financing and creating nearly 11,000 weeks of work.

#### 2013-14 OMDC Film Fund - Production - Drama

88 - WANGO Films Inc.

After the Ball (aka Knockoff) - KO Fashion

Films Ontario Inc.

**Animal Crackerz** – Animal Crackers Productions

Big News From Grand Rock - Markham

Street Films Inc.

Coconut Hero - Six Island Productions Inc.

**The Dark Stranger** – Alyra Productions Inc.

Dr. Cabbie – First Take Entertainment Ltd.

Esc – Nortario Films

Fall - Industry Pictures Inc.

**The Girl King** – Triptych Media Inc.

**Greenland Time** – Quiet Revolution Pictures Inc.

Hellions - Hellions Productions Inc.

**Limousine** – Lumanity Productions Inc.

Man Vs. – Darius Films Inc.

Midnight Sun - MidSun Productions

October Gale – Foundry Films Inc.

The Second Time Around – The Second Time Around Inc.

Wet Bum – Devonshire Productions Inc.

What We All Long For – Sienna Films Inc.

**Zoom** – Rhombus Media Inc.

#### 2013-14 OMDC Film Fund - Production - Documentary

The Devil's Horn – Rhombus Media Inc.

**Hip Hop Evolution** – Hip Hop Evolution Inc.

 $\textbf{How To Change The World} - Insight\ Production$ 

Company Ltd.

Milk - Filmblanc Inc.

One Sweet Film – The Cutting Factory

**SongbirdSOS** – SongbirdSOS Productions Inc.

Spirit Land – White Pine Pictures Inc.

#### 2013-14 OMDC Film Fund - Development - Drama

**Backwater** – Devonshire Productions Inc.

**The Beguest** – Vitality Media Productions Inc.

cicada - Ridgen Film Corporation

Glitch - Divani Films Inc.

Nellcott is my Darling – Triptych Media Inc.

Octavio is Dead! - The Film Farm Inc.

The Outlander – Strada Films Inc.

Past Tense – 10x2y Inc.

Sensation - Free Spirit Films Inc.

Sweetness in the Belly – Sienna Films Inc.

Wounded - Quiet Revolution Pictures Inc.

#### 2013-14 OMDC Film Fund – Development – Documentary

Blues 66: The Lost Toronto Sessions – Close Up Film Productions Limited

League of Exotique Dancers – Storyline Entertainment Inc.

Spirit Land - White Pine Pictures Inc.

Traitor's Daughter - Roxana Spicer Productions Inc.

#### **OMDC Interactive Digital Media Fund**

The 2013-14 IDM Fund investment of \$3.0 million leveraged an additional \$3.8 million for 23 interactive projects, resulting in more than 2,800 weeks of work for Ontario creators.

#### 2013-14 OMDC Interactive Digital Media Fund Recipients

- 1. Big Blue Bubble Inc.
- 2. Big Viking Games Inc.
- 3. Breezin' Thru Inc.
- 4. Cococucumber
- 5. Drinkbox Studios Inc.
- 6. Get Set Games Inc.
- 7. Halfbot Inc.
- 8. Incubator Games Ltd.
- 9. iThentic Canada Inc.
- 10. Kratt Brothers Company Ltd.
- 11. Magmic Inc.
- 12. Maple Media Ltd.

- 13. Massive Damage, Inc.
- 14. Mikutech
- 15. MK-ULTRA Games Inc.
- 16. Neptune Interactive Inc.
- 17. Phantom Compass Inc.
- 18. Pop Sandbox Inc.
- 19. Secret Location Inc.
- 20. Space Mop
- 21. Spooky Squid Games Inc.
- 22. Stitch Media Ontario Inc.
- 23. Uken Studios, Inc.

#### **OMDC Magazine Fund**

OMDC provided \$1.9 million in funding to 46 Ontario-based magazine publishers supporting 51 projects. Project budgets totalled \$4.1 million and over 90% of the projects had a digital component.

#### 2013-14 OMDC Magazine Fund Recipients

- 1. Actual Media Inc.
- 2. Alternatives Inc.
- 3. Annex Publishing and Printing Inc.
- 4. Applied Arts Inc.
- 5. Broken Pencil Canadian Cultural Association
- 6. Brunico Communications Ltd.
- 7. Canadian Abilities Foundation
- 8. Canadian Art Foundation
- 9. Canadian Home Publishers Inc.
- 10. Concepts Travel Media Limited
- 11. Exclaim! Media
- 12. Family Communications Inc.
- 13. Get Out There Communications Inc.
- 14. Green Teacher
- 15. Gripped Publishing Inc.
- 16. Horse Publications Group
- 17. Inside Track Communications Inc.
- 18. Kidz Ink Corp.
- 19. Law and Style Media Inc.
- 20. Literary Review of Canada
- 21. Lloydmedia, Inc.
- 22. Maple Media Ltd.
- 23. Media Matters Incorporated
- 24. Navatar Press

- 25. North Island Publishing
- 26. Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
- 27. 1198189 Ontario Inc. (Pedal Magazine, SkiTrax Magazine)
- 28. Outpost Incorporated
- 29. Passion Inc.
- 30. PenWord Communications Inc.
- 31. Red Maple Foundation
- 32. Riptide Resources Inc.
- 33. Rogers Publishing Limited
- 34. Salon Communications Inc.
- 35. Sawdust Media Inc.
- 36. Skynews Inc.
- 37. Solstice Publishing Inc.
- 38. Spacing Media Inc.
- 39. TEACH Magazine
- 40. Tribute Publishing Inc.
- 41. Tully Media Inc.
- 42. Universus Media Group Inc.
- 43. The Upper Canadian
- 44. The Walrus Foundation
- 45. Verge Magazine Inc.
- 46. Zedcom Media Inc.

# 2013-14 OMDC Program Recipients

#### **Ontario Music Fund**

Announced in the 2013 Budget, the Ontario Music Fund is a three-year, \$45 million grant program. In its transitional first year, the Ontario Music Fund provided 108 grants to support music companies and organizations that produce, distribute and promote Canadian music and artists. The OMF is administered by the new Ontario Music Office located within the Ontario Media Development Corporation.

#### Music Company Development Recipients- Category A (Domestic Music Companies)

- 1. 2+2 Management Inc.
- 2. A Tribe Called Red
- 3. The Anthem Entertainment Group Inc.
- 4. Arts & Crafts Productions Inc.
- 5. The Baroness Inc.
- 6. Bedtracks Inc.
- 7. Black Box Recordings Inc.
- 8. Coalition Music Inc.
- 9. CP Music Group Inc.
- 10. Dine Alone Music Inc.
- 11. Dragonette Inc.
- 12. Dream Machine Corporation
- 13. Earl Rosen and Associates Ltd.
- 14. Eggplant Entertainment Inc.
- 15. Entertainment One Ltd.
- 16. Fullcc Music Group
- 17. Good Lovelies
- 18. Hidden Pony Records
- 19. HOME Music Inc. (formerly Bumstead Productions Ltd.)

- 20. Jully Black Entertainment Inc.
- 21. Last Gang Records Inc.
- 22. Linus Entertainment Inc.
- 23. MapleCore Ltd.
- 24. MDM Recordings Inc.
- 25. Metric Productions Inc.
- 26. Ole Media Management Inc.
- 27. Outside Music Inc.
- 28. Pandyamonium Management Inc.
- 29. Paper Bag Records Inc.
- 30. Red Brick Music Publishing
- 31. Royal Crown Records Inc.
- 32. Royal Wood Music Inc.
- 33. Serenader Source Inc.
- 34. Six Shooter Records Inc.
- 35. Sonic Unyon
- 36. Zeds Dead Inc.

#### Music Company Development Recipients - Category B (Multinational Record Labels)

- 1. Sony Music Entertainment Canada Inc.
- 2. Universal Music Canada Inc.

3. Warner Music Canada Co

#### **Music Futures Recipients**

- 1. Boonsdale Records Inc.
- 2. Brookside Music Association
- 3. Burke Music Inc.
- 4. Cameron House Records Inc.
- 5. CCS Rights Management Corp.
- 6. CLK Creative Works
- 7. Divine Brown Entertainment Inc.
- 8. Do Right Music Inc.
- 9. Electro-Fi Records & Artist Management Inc.
- 10. Go Kartz Management Inc.
- 11. Idée Fixe Records Inc.
- 12. JAD Media Inc.
- 13. James Bryson

- 14. Kuya Productions Inc.
- 15. Nevado Music Inc.
- 16. New Country Rehab
- 17. Northstarr Entertainment Inc.
- 18. Peter Katz
- 19. Pirates Blend Records Inc.
- 20. Popguru Sound & Vision Ltd.
- 21. Sonny Boy Music Inc.
- 22. Stephen William Strongman
- 23. Sunny Jam Records, Inc.
- 24. URBNET Communications Inc.
- 25. Wavelength Music Arts Projects
- 26. The Wooden Sky Inc.

#### Live Music Recipients - Category A (Live Music Performances and Programming)

- 1. Beaches Jazz Festival Society
- 2. Canadian Music Week
- 3. The Corporation of Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall
- 4. Embrace Entertainment Inc.
- 5. North by Northeast Conferences Inc.
- 6. Ottawa Bluesfest

- 7. Ottawa Jazz Festival Inc.
- 8. Republic Live Inc.
- 9. SING! The Toronto Vocal Arts Festival
- 10. Small World Music Society
- 11. Supercrawl Productions
- 12. Toronto Urban Roots Fest Inc.

#### Live Music Recipients - Category B (Business Development for Ontario Live Music Companies)

- 1. The Agency Group Ltd.
- 2. The Corporation of Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall
- 3. The Feldman Agency Inc.
- 4. North by Northeast Conferences Inc.
- Ottawa Bluesfest
- 6. Ottawa Chamber Music Society
- 7. The Paquin Entertainment Group Inc.
- 8. Republic Live Inc.
- 9. Supercrawl Productions

#### **Music Industry Development Recipients**

- 1. Alliance nationale de l'industrie musicale (ANIM)
- 2. Association des professionnels de la chanson et la musique
- 3. The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences\*
- 4. The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences
- 5. Canadian Folk Awards Project
- 6. Canadian Independent Music Association\*
- 7. Canadian Independent Music Association / Music Ontario
- 8. Canadian Independent Recording Artists' Association

- 9. Canadian Music Publishers Association
- 10. Canadian Music Week
- 11. Coalition Music Inc.
- 12. Country Music Association of Ontario
- 13. Entertainment One Ltd.
- 14. Kelp Records Corporation
- 15. Metalworks Institute Inc.
- 16. Music Canada
- 17. Music Canada\*
- 18. Music Managers Forum Canada
- 19. PhemPhat Entertainment Group
- 20. Polaris Music Prize Inc.
- 21. Réseau Ontario
- 22. Toronto Blues Society

<sup>\*</sup>Funding for Music Industry Development, Strategic Initiatives.

# 2013-14 OMDC Program Recipients

#### **OMDC Music Fund and Export Fund**

Please note: 2013-14 was the final year of the OMDC Music Fund and Export Fund. These funds have now been replaced by the Ontario Music Fund (OMF).

#### 2013-14 OMDC Music Fund and Export Fund Music Recipients

- 1. 2+2 Management Inc.
- 2. The Anthem Entertainment Group Inc.
- 3. Aporia Records Inc.
- 4. Arts & Crafts Productions Inc.
- 5. Audio Blood Media Inc.
- 6. Bernie Breen Music Services Inc.
- 7. Bumstead Productions Ltd.
- 8. Canadian Music Centre
- 9. Coalition Music (Records)
- 10. CP Music Group Inc.
- 11. Curve Music Inc.
- 12. Dine Alone Music Inc.
- 13. Eggplant Entertainment Inc.
- 14. Fullcc Music Group
- 15. Hidden Pony Records
- 16. Kelp Records Corporation
- 17. Last Gang Records Inc.

- 18. Linus Entertainment Inc.
- 19. The Management Trust Ltd.
- 20. MapleCore Ltd.
- 21. MDM Recordings Inc.
- 22. Nevado Music Inc.
- 23. Ole Media Management Inc.
- 24. Outside Music Inc.
- 25. Pandyamonium Management Inc.
- 26. Paper Bag Records Inc.
- 27. Peter Cardinali Productions Inc.
- 28. Popguru Sound & Vision Ltd.
- 29. Q&A Music Rights Administration Inc.
- 30. Red Brick Music Publishing
- 31. Rezolute Music Inc.
- 32. Six Shooter Records Inc.
- 33. Starfish Entertainment Inc.
- 34. Wax Records Inc.

#### **OMDC Export Fund**

In 2013-14, the Export Fund provided \$1.8 million to 213 book publishing, film and television, music and IDM companies for more than 865 business-building trips to international markets and strategic destinations. In the previous year, 204 companies reported sales of over \$380 million at international markets attended with OMDC Export Fund support.

#### 2013-14 OMDC Export Fund - Book Recipients

- 1. Annick Press Ltd.
- 2. Biblioasis Inc.
- 3. Bookland Press Inc.
- 4. Canadian Scholars' Press Inc.
- 5. ChiZine Publications Inc.
- 6. Coach House Books Inc.
- 7. Crabtree Publishing Company Limited
- 8. DC Canada Education Development (DCCED) Corp.
- 9. Dundurn Press Limited
- 10. ECW Press Ltd.
- 11. Fitzhenry & Whiteside Limited
- 12. The Gateway To Knowledge Inc.
- 13. Groundwood Books Limited
- 14. House of Anansi Press Inc.
- 15. Insomniac Press Ltd.

- 16. James Lorimer & Company Limited
- 17. Jordan Music Productions Inc.
- 18. Kids Can Press Ltd.
- 19. Owlkids Books Inc.
- 20. Paiama Press Inc.
- 21. Pembroke Publishers Limited
- 22. Playwrights Canada Press Ltd.
- 23. Quarry Press Inc.
- 24. Quattro Books Inc.
- 25. Rainbow Horizons Publishing Inc.
- 26. Robert Rose Inc.
- 27. Second Story Feminist Press Inc.
- 28. University of Toronto Press
- 29. Wilfrid Laurier University Press

#### 2013-14 OMDC Export Fund - Film Recipients

- 1. 10x2y Inc.
- 2. Alcina Pictures Ltd.
- 3. at The End Of The Day Productions Inc.
- 4. Berkshire Axis Media Inc.
- 5. Bunk 11 Pictures Inc.
- 6. Clique Pictures Inc.
- 7. Close Up Film Productions Limited
- 8. Conquering Lion Pictures Inc.
- 9. Copperheart Entertainment Inc.
- 10. Darius Films Inc.
- 11. Devonshire Productions Inc.
- 12. Enigmatico Films Inc.
- 13. Euclid 431 Pictures Inc.
- 14. The Film Farm Inc.
- 15. Gearshift Films Inc.
- 16. H IsFor Productions Inc.
- 17. Hill100 Productions Inc.
- 18. Inner City Films Development Inc.
- 19. January Films Limited
- 20. Manis Film Consultants Inc.
- 21. Markham Street Films Inc.
- 22. Montefiore Films Inc.
- 23. Murmur Film
- 24. New Real Films Inc.
- 25. Phenomenal Films Inc.

- 26. Platinum Image Reproductions
- 27. Plausible Communications
- 28. Primitive Entertainment Inc.
- 29. pUNK Films Inc.
- 30. Quarterlife Crisis Productions Inc.
- 31. Quiet Revolution Pictures Inc.
- 32. Riddle Films Inc.
- 33. Rob Heydon Productions Inc.
- 34. SK Films Inc.
- 35. Scythia Films Inc.
- 36. Serendipity Point Films Inc.
- 37. Sienna Films Inc.
- 38. Six Island Productions Inc.
- 39. Sphinx Productions
- 40. Strada Films Inc.
- 41. Straight Edge Films Inc.
- 42. Studio Entertainment Inc.
- 43. Take 5 Productions Inc.
- 44. Triptych Media Inc.
- 45. WANGO Films Inc.
- 46. Whizbang Films Inc.
- 47. YN Films Inc.
- 48. Yowza Digital Inc.
- 49. Z films inc.

#### 2013-14 OMDC Export Fund – Television Recipients

- 1. 2255478 Ontario Ltd.
- 2. 9 Story Enterprises Inc.
- 3. Aircraft Pictures Ltd.
- 4. Allpar Productions Inc.
- 5. AllScreen Entertainment Inc.
- 6. Amaze Film + Television Inc.
- 7. Amberwood Productions Services Inc.
- 8. Amythos Media Inc.
- 9. Antica Productions Ltd.
- 10. Apex Media Corp.
- 11. aquaCULTURE Pictures Inc.
- 12. Associated Producers Ltd.
- 13. Big Screen Entertainment Inc.14. Black Walk Corporation

- 15. Boxing Cats Productions Inc.
- 16. Brain Power Studio Inc.
- 17. Breakthrough New Media Inc.
- 18. CineFocus Canada Productions Inc.
- 19. Cream Productions Inc.
- 20. Don Carmody Productions Inc.
- 21. GAPC Entertainment Inc.
- 22. Guru Animation Studio Ltd.
- 23. In Sync Media
- 24. Inigo Films Inc.
- 25. Kensington Communications Inc.
- 26. Lively Media Inc.
- 27. Mad Hive Media Inc.
- 28. Magic Lantern Media Inc.

#### 2013-14 OMDC Export Fund - Television Recipients (continued)

- 29. Makin' Movies Inc.
- 30. Matter of Fact Media Inc.
- 31. Microtainment Plus Productions Inc.
- 32. Onestone Entertainment Inc.
- 33. The People's Picture Company Inc.
- 34. Pivotal Media Inc.
- 35. Portfolio Entertainment Inc.
- 36. Primevista Television Inc.
- 37. Proximity Films
- 38. Radar Station Pictures Inc.
- 39. Radical Sheep Productions Inc.
- 40. Real to Reel Productions Inc.
- 41. Red Queen Productions Inc.
- 42. RTR Media Inc.

- 43. Sarrazin Productions Inc.
- 44. Shaftesbury Films Inc.
- 45. Sinking Ship Entertainment Inc.
- 46. Site Media Inc.
- 47. Step Three Productions Limited
- 48. Stornoway Productions
- 49. Storyline Entertainment Inc.
- 50. Varner Productions Limited
- 51. Vérité Films Inc.
- 52. White Pine Pictures Inc.
- 53. Yap Films Inc.
- 54. Zarathustra Films Inc.

#### 2013-14 OMDC Export Fund – Interactive Digital Media Recipients

- 1. Antic Entertainment Inc.
- 2. Asteroid Base Inc.
- 3. BattleGoat Studios
- 4. BDA Entertainment Inc.
- 5. Big Blue Bubble Inc.
- 6. Big Viking Games Inc.
- 7. Blot Interactive Inc.
- 8. Breezin' Thru Inc.
- 9. Capybara Games Inc.
- 10. DHX Media Interactive (Toronto) Ltd.
- 11. Digital Extremes Ltd.
- 12. Digital Frog International Inc.
- 13. DrinkBox Studios Inc.
- 14. EatSleepRIDE MOBILE
- 15. Finish Line Games Inc.
- 16. Fuel Industries Inc.
- 17. Fuse Powered Inc.
- 18. Game Hive Corporation
- 19. Game Pill Inc.
- 20. Get Set Games Inc.
- 21. Glitchsoft Corporation
- 22. Hop To It Productions Inc.
- 23. Jill Golick Enterprises Ltd.
- 24. Little Guy Games Inc.

- 25. Longbow Digital Arts Incorporated
- 26. Love Conquers All Games Inc.
- 27. Magmic Inc.
- 28. Marblemedia Interactive Inc.
- 29. Mark Interactive Corp.
- 30. Massive Damage, Inc.
- 31. Mercury Active Inc.
- 32. Metanet Software Inc.
- 33. Orangepaperclip Inc.
- 34. Phantom Compass Inc.
- 35. PixelNAUTS Inc.
- 36. Playbrains Inc.
- 37. Pop Sandbox Inc.
- 38. Rocket 5 Studios Incorporated
- 39. Snakehead Games, Inc.
- 40. Splashworks.com Inc.
- 41. Spooky Squid Games Inc.
- 42. Springbay Studio Ltd.
- 43. Swappz Interactive Inc.
- 44. Uken Studios. Inc.
- 45. Untold Entertainment Inc.
- 46. Xenophile Media Inc.
- 47. XMG Studio Inc.

#### **OMDC Research Grants**

OMDC offers financial support directly to incorporated and not-for-profit industry organizations undertaking research initiatives that support or complement the mandate of OMDC. In 2013-14, OMDC awarded \$344,490 in research grants to 14 studies.

#### 2013-14 OMDC Research Grant Recipients

- 1. Association of Canadian Publishers Public Opinion Research on the Value of Books
- Canadian Association for the Advancement of Music and the Arts - The Music Market in Germany And Opportunities for Canadian Companies
- 3. Canadian Media Production Association Branded Entertainment: A New Production Financing Paradigm
- 4. Commercial Production Association of Toronto Economic Contribution of the Commercial Production Industry in Ontario
- Documentary Organization of Canada Growing the Pie: Alternative Financing and Canadian Documentary
- 6. eBOUND Canada Book Publishing: Current & Emerging Best Practices in Promoting and Marketing Digital Content
- 7. FilmOntario How the Industry Can Work Together to Increase the Market Share of Ontario Feature Films - Phase One: Lessons from Quebec

- 8. Hot Docs Learning from Documentary Audiences: A Market Study
- 9. Independent Web Series Creators of Canada Industry Profile of the Independent Web Series Creators of Ontario
- 10. Interactive Ontario International Digital Media Co-Production: A Guide for Canadian Producers
- 11. Magazines Canada Online Market for Video and App Creation Research Project
- 12. Screen Composers Guild of Canada Baseline Study on the Membership and Industry of the Screen Composers Guild of Canada
- 13. Story Planet "If We Build It, Will They Come?" Digital Books in the Educational Landscape
- 14. Work In Culture Labour Market Insights in Ontario's Cultural Media Industries

#### **Industry Development Program**

Ontario Media Development Corporation provides support to Ontario's cultural entrepreneurs by partnering with established trade and event organizations to offer initiatives, events and activities that stimulate the growth of the cultural media industries. These initiatives must promote the potential for measurable commercial transactions or other business-focused opportunities for Ontario companies that create and sell content in the book and magazine, film and television, music and interactive digital media industries and any combination of these industries.

#### 2013-14 OMDC Industry Development Program Recipients

- 1. Association of Canadian Publishers -49th Shelf: Content Marketing Development
- 2. Association of Canadian Publishers International Networking Dinners: Frankfurt & Bologna
- 3. Association of Canadian Publishers -Top Grade: School Library Marketing Initiative
- 4. Atlantic Film Festival Association Strategic Partners 2013
- 5. Book and Periodical Council Book Summit 2013
- 6. Canadian Film in the Schools REEL CANADA
- The Television Animation Conference
- 7. Canadian Film Institute/Ottawa International Animation Festival

- 8. Canadian Independent Music Association CANADA HOUSE at The Great Escape 2013
- 9. Canadian Independent Music Association CANADA HOUSE and CANADIAN BLAST at Reeperbahn 2013
- 10. Canadian Independent Music Association CANADA STAND and CANADIAN BLAST at MIDEM 2014
- 11. Canadian Independent Music Association CIMA Mission to Bigsound 2013 (Brisbane, Australia)
- 12. Canadian Independent Music Association CIMA Mission to Digital and Music Matters 2013
- 13. Canadian Independent Music Association -Community Connects

- 14. Canadian Music Week CMW International **Outreach Activities**
- 15. Cinéfest: The Sudbury Film Festival Inc. -Industry / Cinema Summit / 25th Anniversary
- 16. Computer Animation Studios of Ontario Kidscreen Summit 2014
- 17. Computer Animation Studios of Ontario -Visionary Lunches
- 18. Documentary Organization of Canada -DOC Institute Breakthrough Program
- 19. eBOUND Canada eBOUND Print-on-Demand **Export Pilot Project**
- 20. The Female Eye Film Festival The Female Eye: Making It Happen In 2013
- 21. FlashinTO Inc. FITC Toronto 2013
- 22. Folk Music Ontario -**Export Development Program**
- 23. Gamercamp Gamercamp
- 24. Hot Docs Hot Docs Documentary Market Events
- 25. Hot Docs Hot Docs Strategic Support for Ontario Documentary Producers at Sheffield and Sunnyside of the Doc
- 26. Independent Publishers Association of Ontario -IPAO/Centennial College Internship Program
- 27. Interactive Ontario Industry Association iLunch 12.0
- 28. Interactive Ontario Industry Association iLunch 13.0
- 29. Interactive Ontario Industry Association -INplay 2013
- 30. Interactive Ontario Industry Association -Strategic Review and Planning - 2013-2014
- 31. Interactive Ontario Industry Association -X-Summit 2013
- 32. International Readings at Harbourfront -International Visitors (IV) Programme
- 33. KOI Music Festival KOI CON 2013 The Business of Music: Music Industry Conference and Showcase
- 34. Magazines Canada Business Media Capacity Development
- 35. Magazines Canada -Ontario Magazines Everywhere
- 36. Magazines Canada Ontario Magazines Media Capacity Development
- 37. Magazines Canada MagNet 2013

- 38. Magazines Canada Market Intelligence Project
- 39. Magazines Canada Multi-Component **Enhancement Project**
- 40. Magazines Canada Ontario Magazine Media Growth Project
- 41. Magazines Canada Ontario Magazine Ontario Magazine Showcase
- 42. National Magazine Awards Foundation -Magazine Industry Annual Gala & **Networking Event**
- 43. North by Northeast Conferences, Inc. -"Ten Hours, 30 Million Fans"
- 44. Open Book Foundation Open Book: Toronto and Open Book: Ontario
- 45. Organization of Book Publishers of Ontario -OBPO Booth at Congress 2014, **Brock University May 2014**
- 46. Organization of Book Publishers of Ontario -OBPO Fall 2013 Indie Bookstore Promotion
- 47. Organization of Book Publishers of Ontario -OLA 2014 Super Conference Publishers Display, Collective Booths
- 48. PhemPhat Entertainment Group -Honey Jam 2013
- 49. Planet in Focus: International Environmental Film & Video Festival - Industry Series at the 2013 Planet in Focus Festival
- 50. ReelWorld Film Festival Inc. OMDC Networking Brunch at the ReelWorld Film Festival 2013
- 51. Salon du livre de Toronto -21e Salon du livre de Toronto
- 52. Toronto Book and Magazine Festival -2013 Vibrant Voices of Ontario Tent
- 53. Toronto International Film Festival Inc. -Industry Centre - TIFF 2013
- 54. Toronto International Film Festival Inc. -TIFF Film Circuit
- 55. Toronto International Film Festival Inc. -TIFF Kids Industry Week
- 56. Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival – Industry Series
- 57. Women in Film & Television Toronto Convergent Media Program
- 58. Women in Film & Television Toronto -Digiscape Series

#### Kevin Shea, Chair

Owner and President SheaChez Inc.

- appointed and designated August 24, 2006; re-appointed and re-designated August 24, 2009; re-appointed and re-designated August 24, 2012

#### **Nvla Ahmad**

Vice-President, New Venture Operations & Strategic Partnerships Rogers Communications Inc.

- appointed August 12, 2009; re-appointed February 7, 2012

#### **Patrick Bourbonnais**

Artistic Director Mouvement d'implication francophone d'Orléans (MIFO)

- appointed November 6, 2013

#### **Paul Bronfman**

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Comweb Group Inc. and William F. White International Chairman

Pinewood Toronto Studios Inc.

- appointed April 14, 2010; re-appointed January 23, 2013

#### Alexandra Brown

Alex B. & Associates

- appointed February 7, 2007; designated Vice-Chair and re-appointed February 7, 2010; re-appointed and re-designated January 23, 2013

#### Adam Caplan

Principal web.isod.es

- appointed February 7, 2014

#### Susan de Cartier

President

Starfish Entertainment

- appointed March 10, 2010: re-appointed February 7, 2013

#### **Nathon Gunn**

President, CEO and Founder **Bitcasters** 

- appointed February 21, 2007; re-appointed February 7, 2010; re-appointed January 23, 2013

#### Sharifa Khan

President and Chief Executive Officer Balmoral Marketing Inc

- appointed February 20, 2013

#### Leesa Kopansky

Executive Director Lights, Camera, Access!

appointed February 21, 2007; re-appointed February 7, 2010; re-appointed January 23, 2013

#### Sarah MacLachlan

President

House of Anansi Press and Groundwood Books

- appointed August 12, 2008; re-appointed February 7, 2011; re-appointed February 7, 2014

#### Ildiko Marshall

Former Vice-President and Publisher Today's Parent Group at Rogers Publishing appointed April 14, 2010; re-appointed January 23, 2013

#### Anita McOuat

Partner, Audit and Assurance Group PricewaterhouseCoopers

- appointed May 30, 2012

#### Marguerite Pigott

Vice President Development, Outreach and Strategic Initiatives Super Channel Principal

Megalomedia Productions Inc.

- appointed August 12, 2009; re-appointed February 7, 2012

#### Robert Richardson

President

Devon Group

- appointed November 10, 2005; re-appointed February 7, 2008; re-appointed February 7, 2011; expired February 6, 2014

#### Mark Sakamoto

Principal

Sakamoto Consulting Inc.

- appointed August 21, 2008; re-appointed February 7, 2011; re-appointed February 7, 2014

#### Blake Tohana

Principal

Tricon Films

- appointed March 10, 2010; re-appointed February 7, 2013

Total remuneration to the Board of Directors for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2014 was \$34,850.00

# Management's Responsibility for Financial Statements

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards and are the responsibility of management. The preparation of the financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates based on management's judgment, particularly when transactions affecting the current accounting period cannot be finalized with certainty until future periods. The financial statements have been properly prepared within reasonable limits of materiality and in light of information available up to September 23, 2014.

Management maintains a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance that the assets are safeguarded and that reliable financial information is available on a timely basis. The system includes formal policies and procedures and an organizational structure that provides for appropriate delegation of authority and segregation of responsibilities.

Ontario Media Development Corporation's Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibilities. The Board has appointed an audit committee from among its own members. The audit committee meets periodically with senior management and the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario to discuss audit, internal control, accounting policy, and financial reporting matters. The financial statements are reviewed by the audit committee before approval by the Board of Directors.

The Office of the Auditor General of Ontario conducts an annual audit in accordance with subsection 14(1) of Ontario Regulation 672/00 of the Development Corporations Act. The auditor's report outlines the scope of the auditor's examination and opinion.

Karen Thorne-Stone

President & Chief Executive Officer

Raina Wells

Director, Business Affairs and Research (A)

Haine Hells

September 23, 2014

# Independent Auditor's Report

#### To the Ontario Media Development Corporation and the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Ontario Media Development Corporation, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2014, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

#### Opinion

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Ontario Media Development Corporation as at March 31, 2014 and the results of its operations, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Gary Peall, CPA, CA, LPA

Toronto, Ontario **Deputy Auditor General** September 23, 2014

100570	<b>2014</b> (\$ 000's)	<b>2013</b> (\$ 000's)
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3) Short-term investments (Note 3)	21,514 11,320	11,900 6,699
Accounts receivable	186	150
Prepaid expenses	51	54
Accrued interest	110	104
Current assets	33,181	18,907
Capital assets (Note 4)	483	529
	33,664	19,436
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	23,355	9,633
Due to the Province	272	216
Current liabilities	23,627	9,849
DEFERRED REVENUE (Note 5)	613	150
ACCRUED EMPLOYEE BENEFITS OBLIGATION (Note 8)	970	898
COMMITMENTS (Note 7)		
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets	483	529
Unrestricted	7,971	8,010
	8,454	8,539
	33,664	19,436

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

On behalf of the Board:

Chair Member, Audit Committee

REVENUE	<b>2014</b> (\$ 000's)	<b>2013</b> (\$ 000's)
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (Note 5)	38,533	25,298
Tax credit administrative fees	1,361	1,196
Interest	325	324
Other	268	229
Return of investment under assistance programs	97	61
	40,584	27,108
EXPENSES		
Ontario Music Fund	14,004	-
Operating expenses (Note 6)	10,994	10,220
Industry development initiatives	10,959	17,813
Interactive Digital Media Fund	2,949	3,954
Toronto International Film Festival Group grants	1,335	1,350
Research initiatives	428	507
Awareness Campaign	-	188
Entertainment and Creative Cluster Partnerships Fund		1,030
	40,669	35,062
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	(85)	(7,954)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

# Statement of Changes in Net Assets For the Year ended March 31, 2014

		<b>2014</b> (\$ 000's)		<b>2013</b> (\$ 000's)
	Invested in Capital Assets	Unrestricted	Total	Total
Balance, beginning of year	529	8,010	8,539	16,493
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses Investment in capital assets	(272)	187 (226)	(85) 	(7,954) <del>.</del>
Balance, end of year	483	7,971	8,454	8,539

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

	<b>2014</b> (\$ 000's)	<b>2013</b> (\$ 000's)
Cash flows from (used in) operating activities		
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	(85)	(7,954)
Amortization of capital assets	272	286
	187	(7,668)
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Accounts receivable	(36)	45
Prepaid expenses	3	(7)
Accrued interest	(6)	(19)
Current liabilities	13,778	6,723
Deferred revenue	463	(1,068)
Accrued employee benefits obligation	72	86
	14,274	5,760
Net cash from (used in) operating activities	14,461	(1,908)
Capital Activities		
Net purchase of capital assets	(226)	(128)
Investing Activities		
Net disposal (purchase) of short-term investments	(4,621)	193
Net increase (decrease) in cash	9,614	(1,843)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year  Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	11,900 <b>21,514</b>	13,743 11,900

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

#### 1. BACKGROUND

The Ontario Media Development Corporation (the 'Corporation') is an agency of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport of the Government of Ontario created under Regulation 672/00 of the Development Corporations Act, and as such is not required to pay income taxes. The Corporation promotes the economic growth of Ontario's cultural media sector and focuses on strategic partnerships among all the industries – film, television, sound recording, book and magazine publishing and interactive digital media. The Corporation is classified as a government not-for-profit organization for accounting purposes.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with the accounting standards for government not-for-profit organizations included in the Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards.

Significant accounting policies followed in the preparation of these financial statements include:

#### (a) Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization. Capital assets are amortized on a straightline basis over the following terms beginning in the year of acquisition or year of use, if later:

Furniture and Office Equipment 10 years Computer Hardware 3 years **Customized Computer Software** 3 years Leasehold Improvements 5 years

#### (b) Revenue Recognition

Unrestricted government base operating grants are recognized as revenue in the period received. Restricted government grants are deferred and recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are approved.

Tax credit administrative fees are recognized when earned, which is normally upon receipt. The return of investment under assistance programs is recorded on a cash basis because a reasonable estimate of the amounts to be collected cannot be made.

#### (c) Grants and Recoupable Advances

Grants and recoupable advances are recorded as expenses in the year that the Corporation approves the grant or advance. Grants and advances are recorded as accounts payable and accrued liabilities, subject to certain performance conditions placed on the recipients.

#### (d) Contributed Services

Contributed services are received for certain events and are not recognized in the financial statements.

#### (e) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, current bank accounts, bankers' acceptances and bearer deposit notes from Canadian chartered banks with terms of maturity of less than 93 days.

#### (f) Short-term Investments

Short-term investments are comprised of bankers' acceptances and bearer deposit notes from Canadian chartered banks with terms of maturity of 93 days to one year.

#### (g) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires that management make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future. The items subject to the most significant estimates are amortization of capital assets, employee future benefits and accrued liabilities.

#### (h) Financial Instruments

The Corporation's financial instruments which consist of cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable and due to the province are all valued at cost. As cost approximates fair value given the short-term nature of the maturities, no statement of remeasurement gains and losses is included.

#### 3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Credit and Interest Rate Risk - Credit risk may arise from the possibility that a creditor defaults on payment obligations, while interest rate risk is inherent in investments due to fluctuations in interest rates. The Corporation's exposure to credit and interest rate risk is minimal as the Corporation's cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments have relatively short maturity spans and are held with leading Canadian chartered banks.

Cash and cash equivalents include \$21.263 million (2013 - \$11.627 million) of bankers' acceptances and bearer deposit notes from Canadian chartered banks with interest rates ranging from 1.0%-1.3%. Short-term investments of \$11.320 million (2013 - \$6.699 million) consist of bankers' acceptances and bearer deposit notes from Canadian chartered banks with interest rates ranging from 1.1% - 1.3%.

Market Risk - Market risk arises when the value of an investment portfolio decreases as a result of changes in the volatility of interest rates, stock prices and foreign exchange risks. The Corporation is not exposed to any market risk due to the nature of its investments.

Liquidity Risk - Liquidity risk is the risk that the Corporation will be unable to fulfill its obligations on a timely basis or at a reasonable cost. The Corporation manages its liquidity risk by monitoring its operating requirements. The Corporation prepared budget and cash forecasts to ensure it has sufficient funds to fulfill its obligations.

There have been no significant changes to the risk exposure from 2013.

#### 4. CAPITAL ASSETS

Furniture and Office Equipment Computer Hardware **Customized Computer Software** Leasehold Improvements

	<b>2014</b> (\$ 000's)		<b>2013</b> (\$ 000's)
Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
171	82	89	97
123	68	55	32
313	188	125	77
546	332	214	323
1,153	670	483	529

#### 5. MINISTRY OF TOURISM, CULTURE AND SPORT FUNDING

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (a related party) provided a \$22.996 million (2013 - \$22.980 million) base operating grant which has been recognized as revenue in the fiscal year. Deferred revenue represents unspent resources related to special purpose funding from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. Changes to the deferred revenue are as follows:

		<b>2014</b> (\$ 000's)			<b>2013</b> (\$ 000's)
	Ontario Music Fund	Canadian Screen Awards	Interactive Digital Media Fund	Total	Total
Opening balance	-	150	-	150	1,218
Funding received	15,000	-	1,000	16,000	1,250
Recognized as revenue	(14,462)	(75)	(1,000)	(15,537)	(2,318)
Closing balance	538	<u>75</u>		613	150

The Corporation administers the Ontario Music Fund, a three-year, \$45 million grant program announced in the 2013 provincial budget. Included in Ontario Music Fund is \$0.437 million in Operating expenses and \$0.021 million in capital acquisitions.

#### 6. OPERATING EXPENSES

	<b>2014</b> (\$ 000's)	<b>2013</b> (\$ 000's)
Colonias wares and bounfile		
Salaries, wages and benefits Tax credit administration	2 207	2 245
	2,397	2,345
Industry development	2,029	1,866
Business affairs and research	1,457	1,332
Other	724	726
	6,607	6,269
Corporate expenses and operations	1,221	1,225
Consulting services	336	539
Amortization of capital assets	272	286
Advertising, promotion & publications	556	425
Program support	1,572	1,114
Travel	430	362
	10,994	10,220

#### 7. COMMITMENTS

#### (a) Lease Commitments

The Corporation is committed under operating leases for premises and office equipment to future minimum payments as follows:

	(\$ 000's)
2015	747
2016	725
2017	731
2018	738
2019	432
	3,373

The Corporation negotiated a premises lease agreement which would commit the Corporation to future minimum payments of \$3.336 million. Infrastructure Ontario (a related party) makes the lease payments to the landlord, and is subsequently reimbursed by the Corporation. The Corporation is also committed under operating leases for office equipment to future minimum payments totalling \$37,000. The premises lease expires October 31, 2018 and the leases for office equipment expire at various times over the next five years.

#### 8. OBLIGATION FOR EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS

The Corporation's employees are entitled to benefits that have been negotiated centrally for Ontario Public Service employees. The future liability for benefits earned by the Corporation's employees is included in the estimated liability for all provincial employees and is recognized in the Province's consolidated financial statements. These benefits are accounted for by the Corporation as follows:

#### (a) Pension Plans

The Corporation's full-time employees participate in the Public Service Pension Fund (PSPF) or the Ontario Public Service Employees' Union Pension Fund (OPSEU-PF), which are defined benefit pension plans for employees of the Province and many provincial agencies. The Province of Ontario, which is the sole sponsor of the PSPF and a joint sponsor of the OPSEU-PF, determined the Corporation's annual payments to the funds. Since the Corporation is not a sponsor of these funds, gains and losses arising from statutory actuarial funding valuations are not assets or obligations of the Corporation, as the sponsors are responsible for ensuring that the pension funds are financially viable. The Corporation's annual payments of \$466,000 (2013 - \$454,000) are included in operating expenses in the Statement of Operations.

#### (b) Accrued Employee Benefits Obligation

The costs of any legislated severance and unused vacation entitlements earned by employees are recognized when earned by eligible employees. These costs for the year amounted to \$103,000 (2013 - \$113,000) and are included in employee benefits in Operating expenses. The total liability for these costs is reflected in the accrued employee benefits obligation, less any amounts payable within one year, which are included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities, as follows:

2014

2013

	(\$ 000's)	(\$ 000's)
Total liability for severance and vacation Less: Due within one year and included	1,238	1,164
in accounts payable and accrued liabilities  Accrued employee benefits obligation	(268) 970	(266)_ 898
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#### (c) Other Non-Pension Post-Employment Benefits

The cost of other non-pension post-retirement benefits is determined and funded on an ongoing basis by the Ontario Ministry of Government Services (a related party) and accordingly is not included in these financial statements.

#### 9. PUBLIC SECTOR SALARY DISCLOSURE

Section 3(5) of the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act (1996) requires disclosure of Ontario public sector employees who were paid an annual salary in excess of \$100,000 in the calendar year 2013. For the Corporation, this disclosure is as follows:

Name	Title	Salary	Taxable benefits
Jennifer Blitz	Director, Tax Credit and Financing Program	\$101,535	\$161
Shari Cohen	Program Consultant	\$103,891	\$178
Raina Feldman	Director, Business Affairs & Research	\$122,269	\$194
Kristine Murphy	Director, Industry Development Group	\$136,361	\$207
Karen Thorne-Stone	President & Chief Executive Officer	\$180,750	\$264

The following chart illustrates that 91.8% of OMDC's expenditures for the year ended March 31, 2014 are program-related.

	(\$ 000's)	PROGRAM RELATED (\$ 000's)	2014 TOTAL (\$ 000's)
Direct Support (from Statement of Operations):	-	29,675	29,675
From Note 6:			
Salaries, Wages and Benefits	1,580	5,027	6,607
Corporate Expenses and Operations	863	358	1,221
Consulting Services	60	276	336
Amortization of Capital Assets	168	104	272
Advertising, Promotion & Publications	473	83	556
Program Support	-	1,572	1,572
Travel	175	255	430
Total Expenditures	3,319	37,350	40,669
% of total	8.2%	91.8%	100.0%