

# *Factoids, Creative Canada*

*element: The imagination and originality of our artists working in literature, music, film, theatre, dance, the visual arts, etc. (continued)*

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## *message: Canada Has Many Institutions That Support its Culture*

Telefilm Canada:

- supports Canadian feature film industry
- is a funding agency rather than a producer or distributor
- has financed over 600 feature films, and 1500 television shows and series
- created the Canadian Feature Film Policy on Oct. 5, 2000, with the objective to increase the quality, diversity, and accessibility of Canadian films

Canadian Broadcasting Company, CBC:

- creates Canadian programming that enlightens and entertains
- contributes to the flow and exchange of cultural expression
- is distinctive and contains commercial free radio

National Film Board Of Canada:

- has been operating since 1939
- is responsible for over 60 years of Canadian film and audiovisual production
- has created a collection of over 10,000 film titles
- remains a cultural organization
- is internationally recognized for the quality of its film productions
- is the world's largest government film unit
- has won almost 3000 national and international awards since 1939

Internationally recognized Canadian films include *Exotica*, *Jésus de Montreal*, *Love and Human Remains*, *Le Confessionnal*, *Margaret's Museum*, and *The Decline of The American Empire*

National Archives of Canada:

- cares for and shares many documents such as maps, diaries, sound recordings, photographs, and art
- protects the rights of Canadians and enhances the sense of national identity

Canada Council:

- fosters and promotes the study and enjoyment of work in the arts
- provides grants and services to Canadian artists and organizations in music, writing, publishing, dance, theatre, media, and visual arts
- distributes approximately 5,000 grants per year
- awards prizes to nearly 100 artists and scholars each year

National Arts Centre, NAC

- is the leading cultural theatre for performing arts
- contains over 3600 seats
- encourages artistic excellence, diversity, and youth