

individuals or groups native to or touring the province for performances. Grants and awards enable local theatrical groups to produce and perform in centres around the province. For 1975 the provincial government has budgeted \$50,000 for these grants and a further \$175,000 for subsidies to enable nationally known companies and groups to perform in the province at centres which normally would be unable to hire them. Subsidies also enable centres such as the Marine Museum in St. John's to purchase works for exhibition.

Nova Scotia. This province has no specific legislation authorizing financial assistance for cultural advancement but the Departments of Education and of Recreation among others provide grants to a number of organizations. Payments are made under the Provincial Finance Act from departmental appropriations.

In the year ended March 31, 1974 grants totalling \$218,400 were paid out by the Department of Education, including \$110,000 to the Neptune Theatre Foundation, \$45,000 to the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra, \$15,000 to the Nova Scotia Museum of Fine Arts and \$15,000 to the Theatre Arts Festival International.

The Department of Finance contributed \$41,666 to the Hector Bi-Centennial Celebration Committee. The Department of Recreation contributed to: Mermaid Theatre \$20,000; Nova Scotia Festival of the Arts \$34,500; Nova Scotia Museum of Fine Arts \$5,000; Pier 2 Theatre \$4,000; Theatre Arts Festival International \$5,000; as well as an additional \$20,000 plus for specifically cultural organizations. In addition the Department made grants totalling more than \$26,500 in support of local choirs and bands. The Department of Tourism contributed to various local festivals and cultural attractions, of interest to tourists as well as the local population, through \$73,600 in local tourist promotion grants distributed throughout the province.

The Fine Arts and Handcrafts section of the Adult Education Program of the Department of Education operated on a budget of \$132,700 and disbursed small grants for instructional purposes to various cultural organizations. The Nova Scotia Museum section of the Cultural Services Program of the Department of Education operated under a budget of \$1,186,500 and disbursed grants to local museums and historical societies. Other expenditures in the Department of Education included: Nova Scotia Provincial Libraries, \$1,640,900; Publication and Information, \$155,500; and Audio-visual Services, \$298,700.

New Brunswick provides assistance to Le Centre de Promotion et de Diffusion de la Culture, a Moncton based agency which co-ordinates Acadian cultural activities — choirs, theatre, individual artist presentations, etc. Assistance is also given to the provincial competitive Festival of Music, Folk Song and Band Festivals, Dance Troupes, Arts Councils, Provincial Youth Orchestra, Atlantic Symphony, Theatre New Brunswick, various choral and drama groups, art associations, arts councils and writers. In addition, the province assists in sponsoring tours by individual performing artists within and outside the province.

Quebec. The Department of Cultural Affairs was established on March 24, 1961 by an Act of the provincial legislature. The Department was charged with the administration of cultural organizations or institutions such as libraries, museums, archives and conservatories. It is also responsible for artistic, literary and scientific competitions and for the Cultural Properties Commission, private museums, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, the Place des Arts and the Grand Théâtre of Quebec.

There are six main branches. The Management Branch supplies administrative services. The Literary Affairs Branch implements legislation on literary matters and books, including public libraries and library buildings, literary and scientific competitions, publishing insurance, the National Library of Quebec, and Orders in Council dealing with publishing and book distribution. During 1973-74 the Library Service of the Branch distributed \$2.2 million and a total of 114 libraries and the Literary Affairs and Books Service made grants to associations and publishers totalling \$190,200.

The Graphic Arts Branch administers the Quebec Museums Act, the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts Act, the "One per cent Act" and the Order in Council establishing the Committee responsible for implementing that Act, as well as the Order in Council setting up the Acquisitions Board of the Quebec Museum. This Branch also provides assistance to artists to allow them to show their works. During 1973-74 the Branch allotted \$1,217,860 to associations and creative artists in this field.