

year on tours in Canada and abroad. Music programming includes about 70 concerts a year, featuring distinguished soloists and guest orchestras from Canada and around the world.

The theatre department functions in both official languages. It offers several subscription series a year of English- and French-language plays, and also non-series productions. There are more than 400 performances of live theatre a year at the centre. Some of the plays are produced by the theatre department and others represent Canada's regional theatre or come from outside the country.

The theatre department also forms small companies which tour Canada, performing in high schools and elsewhere, and offering professional theatre to communities which would not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy it. Workshops for students and teachers are among the other services offered.

The dance and variety department brings in some 100 different shows a year, including ballet, musical shows and comedy. The NAC is the only centre in Canada where every Canadian dance company of importance appears on a regular basis, and dance and variety programming has offered a showcase for performers from every part of the country. Each year during July, a festival of mainly musical entertainment is presented, centred around the NAC's own opera productions. Altogether, there are about 900 performances annually in the NAC, entertaining almost 800,000 people.

7.8.3 Provincial aid to the arts

All provinces except Prince Edward Island give some form of financial assistance to artists (writers, poets, painters and sculptors), cultural organizations or community councils.

Newfoundland. The tourism department contributes to the upkeep of cultural centres in the province and provides grants and awards to 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 1977 the provincial government budgeted \$71,000 for these grants and a further \$270,000 to enable locally, nationally and internationally known companies and groups to perform in the province at centres which normally would be unable to hire them. These funds also enable centres such as the Marine Museum in St. John's to purchase works to be exhibited.

Nova Scotia. In 1973, the Nova Scotia recreation department was given the legislative mandate to be responsible for cultural development, covering a broad range of activities consisting of music, theatre, crafts, multiculturalism, festivals, arts councils, dance, visual arts, writing, film, and photography, the Art Bank of Nova Scotia and the newly developing Art Gallery of Nova Scotia. The department supports eight cultural federations which act as service agencies for arts and cultural programs throughout the province.

In the year ended March 31, 1976, grants to major cultural institutions included a grant of \$155,000 to the Neptune Theatre Foundation; \$85,000 to the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra; and \$150,000 to the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia. For the following year, the cultural component of the department had a budget of \$859,500 with a projected budget of \$1,035,800 for the year ended March 1978.

In addition, a number of program and leadership grants were made available to community-based programs in the performing, visual and literary arts. The tourism department granted \$129,000 to cultural events and festivals.

A fine art and handcraft section of adult education was merged with the cultural section of the Nova Scotia recreation department to form the cultural affairs division of the department of recreation. The Nova Scotia museum section of the cultural services program of the education department, with a budget of \$1,759,300, disbursed grants to local museums and historical societies. Other major cultural expenditures included \$2,594,600 for a provincial library which serves communities with both permanent and mobile library facilities, and \$315,000 for the operations of the archives, a contribution toward the preservation of the province's cultural heritage.