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UNESCO Chair at Queen's University to host arts and learning symposium

Ottawa, October 3, 2008 – The Canadian Commission for UNESCO is proud to join with other partners in organizing the Arts and Learning Symposium, which will be hosted by the UNESCO Chair in Arts and Learning at the Faculty of Education, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, from October 29-31, 2008.

Critically acclaimed Canadian soprano Measha Brueggergosman will be keynote speaker at the opening session of the Symposium.

The Queen's meeting, which follows on an earlier symposium held at the University of Ottawa in May 2007, will bring together arts educators, artists, administrators, researchers and students from across Canada to discuss and advocate for arts and learning. The theme is *Network Building within Canadian Educational Arts Communities*.

Participants will examine ways to build capacity and visibility in arts education in all disciplines and in both formal and non-formal settings by creating and strengthening bridges among stakeholders. They will also review activities undertaken in Canada since the UNESCO World Conference in Arts Education, held in 2006, in Lisbon, Portugal, and prepare for the next one, which will take place in 2010 in Seoul, Korea.

Co-chairs of the Symposium are Larry O'Farrell, Professor and Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in Arts and Learning, Faculty of Education, Queen's University and Madeleine Aubrey, Arts Education Consultant, Part-time Professor, University of Ottawa.

Further information about the Symposium can be found at www.eduarts.ca,

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