How can anyone leave a province that has MANITOBA FILM + SOUND? !!" - Guy Maddin

I feel very lucky to FILM SMUSH be creating a career province that supports Manifoba 🚓 as a film maker in a randal report film makers

Sean Garrity, Film Maker

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EMANITOBA FILM ?

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Lisa Meeches, Eagle Vision

into your mother's arms.

SUPPORTING MANITOBA

2008-2008

When I travel to other cities, you hear that Manitoba is a great place for film, and I think MANITOBA FILM 5 SOUND is largely responsible for a lot of the activity that's going on here.

Sharon Bajer, ACTRA Manitoba

MANITOBA FILM & SOUND HAS ALLOWED ME TO ACTUALLY PURSUE MY DREAM. ROB KRAUSE,

MANITOBA FILM : SMALLMAN RECORDS SOUND started evolving and enabling people to survive artistically and financially.

Gilles Paquin, Paquin Entertainment



MANITOBA FILM & SOUND started giving opportunities to artists in the forms of music grants, demo grants, album grants, it was something that was much of an invitation or a challenge to the artist to say, hey, it's okay to record and we want to help encourage and support that. I think that was a fantastic investment.

Vince Fontaine, Eagle and Hawk

> he tax credit has had a tremendous economic effect and a cultural effect in terms of Manitoba and Canada actually for that matter.

Derek Mazur, National Film Board I just want to say how proud I am of MANITOBA FILM & SOUND and how blessed I feel to be part of the Manitoba Music Industry. Heather Bishop

There's a whole bunch of dedicated and knowledgeable people behind the scenes that are working very hard in our industry like MARIA and MANITOBA FILM + SOUND ... it's really helped cushion what is really an incredibly hard business.

Chris Burke-Gaffney. cbg Arts and Development

THEIR DRIVE TO BRING BUSINESS HERE HAS ALWAYS AMAZED ME ... THEY ARE RELENTLESS IN DEVELOPMENT AND PURSUIT IN PROMOTING MANITOBA AND MANITOBA FILM INDUSTRY.

MICHAEL DRABOT, PS PRAIRIES



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FILM & SOUND

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

July 31, 2008

Honourable Eric Robinson Minister of Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Sport Room 118, Legislative Building 450 Broadway Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8

Dear Minister Robinson:

In accordance with Section 16 of the MANITOBA FILM & SOUND Recording Development Corporation Act, I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the MANITOBA FILM & SOUND Recording Development Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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David Dandeneau

Chairperson MANITOBA FILM & SOUND



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Front cover: (Top right): Ben Kingsley in You Kill Me. (Second Row Left to Right): Promotional poster for The Saddest Music in the World directed by Guy Maddin • The Pumps • Streetheart • Philip Seymour Hoffman in Capote (Bottom Left to Right): Luke McMaster, Dale Severyn and Rob James • (rash Test Dummies • Jennifer Kydd and Steve Byers in Falcon Beach · Promotional poster for Lucid directed by Sean Garrity · Photo of Juno Statuette. (Source: (ARAS & The JUNO Awards)

2007/2008 MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER





David Dandeneur David Dandeneau

Chairperson (from July 25, 2007)

Carole Vivier Chief Executive Officer/General Manager

On behalf of the **Manitoba Film & Sound Recording Development Corporation (Manitoba Film & Sound)** and the Board of Directors, we are pleased to present the Annual Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008.

This year's Annual Report is a special one. We've not only highlighted our many achievements over the past year, but also, in celebration of our 20th anniversary, we've taken a look back at some important milestones and reflections! And on that note, we'd like to start by extending our sincere appreciation to departing Chairperson of the board, **Cheryl Barker**. Cheryl was a dedicated member of our board since its inception in 1998 and an integral part of **MANITOBA FILM & SOUND's** many successes over the last two decades. We wish her all the best!

In recognition of MANITOBA FILM & SOUND, along with the Manitoba Audio Recording Industry Association (MARIA) and On Screen Manitoba's (formerly MMPIA) outstanding support of Manitoba's film



Carole Vivier (MFS), Jim Rondeau (Minister of Science, Technology, Energy and Mines), and past MFS Chair, Cheryl Barker at the 2005 Juno Awards reception.

and sound recording industries for 20 years, Eric Robinson, Minister of Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Sport proclaimed the week of October 1 to 7, 2007 as Manitoba Film and Music Week. During this time, the film and music communities came together in celebration with a variety of events including a Gala evening, on October 4 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre for 1500 invited industry professionals; where Manitoba musicians Pat Wright Band, Doc Walker, Keith and Renee and Chris Burke-Gaffney performed on the main stage and excerpts from Guy Maddin's feature documentary, My Winnipeg, were previewed and Frantic Films screened a tribute video, remembering 20 years of Manitoba film and music. The evening continued into the wee hours at the Pyramid Cabaret with music by DJ Grant Paley, and Inward Eye, then a public celebration was held on October 5 that included Manitoba acts; Nathan, Inward Eye, Tele, and J.P. Hoe.

Throughout our Annual Report, you will enjoy timelines of the past two decades that capture flagship moments, or as we like to think of them, some of the jewels in our agency's crown. Here, we highlight some sample milestones to show you how far we've come:

- In 1987, MANITOBA FILM & SOUND started with contributions of \$175,000 to local musicians. In 2007/2008, contributions increased to \$562,000 to help record over 50 albums and promotional demos and to support 39 touring acts.
- In 1988, Guy Maddin's first feature, Tales From the Gimli Hospital was completed. In 2002, Maddin directed the film, Dracula: Pages from a Virgin's Diary that won an International Emmy for Best Performing Arts Program Canada. Then, in 2007, with 31 directed projects under his belt, Maddin won top honours at the Toronto International Film Festival for Best Canadian Feature with a cash prize of \$30,000 attached for his latest feature, My Winnipeg.
- In the early 80's, the first Oscar nomination for a Manitoba production was given to The Big Snit, a short animated film by Richard Condie. In 2006, Capote, a made in Manitoba feature starring Philip Seymour Hoffman co-produced by Manitoba production company Eagle Vision Inc., and supported by MANITOBA FILM & SOUND, won many international awards including an Oscar.
- Before 2007, Manitoba music was recognized for a combined 398 nominations and 67 wins at the Junos, Western Canadian Music Awards and Canadian Country Music Awards. In 2007/2008 alone, Manitoba musicians were recognized with 51 nominations and 12 awards at these same 3 award shows.





Councillor Dan Vandal, Nancy Allen (Minister of Labour and Immigration), David Dandeneau, Carole Vivier (MFS), Sam Baardman (MARIA), Tara Walker (On Screen Manitoba), Ginette Lavack, Kim Todd (Origial Pictures), at 20th Anniversary Gala at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

- Manitoba artists have performed at over 400 showcases at music industry conferences and festivals across the globe in cities like Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Cannes, Berlin, Austin, Nashville, Los Angeles and New York.
- In the last 20 years, Manitoba artists Crash Test Dummies, Chantal Kreviazuk, The Weakerthans, Heather Bishop, Loreena McKennitt, Remy Shand, The Watchmen, McMaster and James and Fred Penner have all had Gold or Platinum album sale status in Canada and/or the United States.

Each year, there are so many achievements of our organization and the Manitoba film and music industries as a whole. Highlights from fiscal 2007/2008 include:



Kari Skogland (director, *The Stone Angel*), Luke McMaster, Carole Vivier (MFS), Rae Thurston (P.S. Production Services) (back), Reggie Robb, Chris Burke-Gaffney at Toronto International Film Festival. (front) Kyle Riabko.

- A record number of seven Manitoba films were screened and marketed at the 2007 Toronto International Film Festival which included a combination of features, shorts and animation. They were: The Stone Angel, Walk All Over Me, My Winnipeg, Wildflowers of Manitoba, ReOrder, The Last Moment and Automoto.
- Manitoba musicians were recognized with 124 nominations and 30 awards combined at the following awards: Junos, Canadian **Country Music Awards**, **Indian Summer Music** Awards, Covenant Awards, Western Canadian Music Awards, Aboriginal People's Choice Music Awards, **Canadian Aboriginal Music** Awards, LA Music Awards, **Canadian Folk Music** Awards and the Folk Alliance Awards.
- November/December 2007 marked a record number of six film and television projects in various stages of simultaneous production, proving once again our local production industry's capability to accommodate increased amounts of activity.
- 2007/2008 was a banner year for MANITOBA FILM & SOUND supported musicians whose music was used in eight North American film, television or gaming



Chris Burke-Gaffney, Barbara Sedun (MFS), Kyle Riabko, Angie Lamirande (On Screen Manitoba) at Toronto International Film Festival.



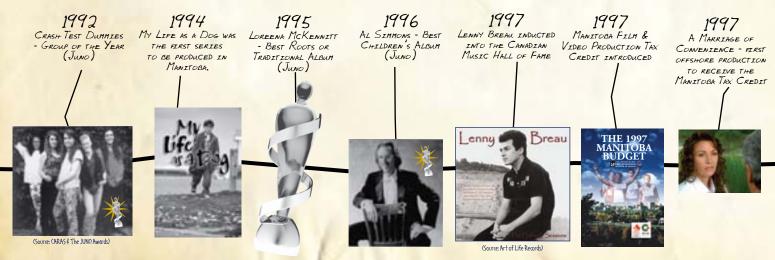
Kyle Irving (Eagle Vision Inc.) and Carole Vivier (MFS) in Australia as part of Premier Doer's Business Mission.



The Red Carpet Premiere of *The Capture of The Green River Killer* in Washington D.C. for Lifetime Network, Juliette Hagopian (producer of (GRK), Norma Bailey (Director of (GRK) and Carole Vivier (MFS).



Matt Milkh (Producer of The Heaven Project), Stan Brooks (Producer of Capture of The Green River Killer), Premier Gary Doer and Carole Vivier (MFS) in Los Angeles for the Producers Dinner.



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Sam Baardman (MARIA), Norma Bailey, Ginny Devine, Premier Doer, Carole Vivier (MFS) at 20th Anniversary Gala at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

projects, including Ash Koley's, Mary the Inventor used in the film, The Hottie and the Nottie, Cat Jahnke had three musical projects picked up including the score for the short film, Ctr-Z, and music for the game Positive Gaming. Tele was included on the soundtrack for TV's, Science of Love; The Details and Jaylene Johnson separately contributed to TV's, Lipstick Jungle and Keri Latimer of indie roots quartet, Nathan, collaborated on the score for the Sundance Film Festival Grand Jury Prize film, Frozen River.

 MANITOBA FILM & SOUND continued to market the Province's film industry at numerous international markets including: New York for the Independent Film Market; co-hosting a private dinner in Los Angeles connecting our industry and Premier Doer with industry executives from Gold Circle, Once Upon a Time Films and Disney; screening of films, The Capture of the Green River Killer directed by Manitoban, Norma Bailey in Washington DC and the locally shot, The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford in Manila, Philippines was screened as part of Premier Doer's business mission. MANITOBA FILM & SOUND took part once again in the Canadian Pavilion at the Cannes International Film Festival; and a business mission to Australia, where meetings were held with Australian officials, broadcasters, distributors and production companies.

The successes highlighted here are only a few of the many achievements of Manitoba's film and sound industries over the last year, none of which would be possible without the commitment of so many individuals and groups. The support provided by MANITOBA FILM & SOUND in terms of funding and programming has paid large dividends, not only to those who are funded, but to all Manitobans through economic and cultural growth. This past year, MANITOBA FILM & SOUND and its Board of Directors developed a Strategic Plan for 2007-2012 that identifies strategies with timelines that will serve as guidelines for the course of action in our commitment to ensure continued growth and support of Manitoba's motion picture and sound recording industries.

MANITOBA FILM & SOUND and its Board of Directors, would like to take this opportunity to thank the Government of Manitoba for their ongoing support. The Departments of Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Sport as well as Competitiveness, Training, Trade and Finance are instrumental in the growth and development of Manitoba's cultural industries.

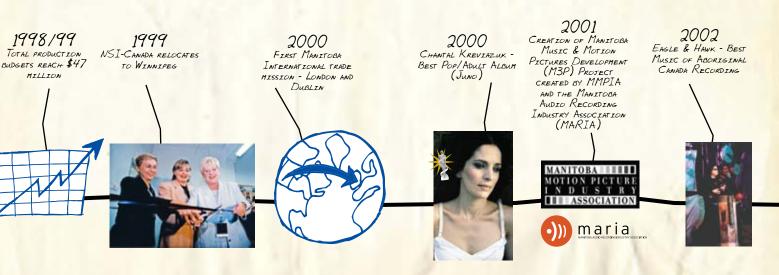
To the employees of MANITOBA FILM & SOUND, who contribute daily to the success of the Corporation with their hard work and devotion on so many levels, we express our gratitude to the meaning you give our mandate of making MANITOBA FILM & SOUND industries flourish! And to keep in line with our mission statement, we are excited to announce that this fall, MANITOBA FILM & SOUND will be changing its branding to MANITOBA FILM & MUSIC, a name that better reflects what our Corporation supports and stands for.

Finally, we'd like to thank every supporter of the Manitoba film and music industries, who individually take many different shapes and forms, each of which *has been and will continue to be* of vital importance to our success. To the artist who jots down an idea on a napkin; to the educator who connects the idea to concept; to the busy group of industry professionals who set aside time to foster the forward motion of a project; to the agencies who contribute faith with their funding; to the producers who make the vision come to life; to the promoters who sing our projects' praises and finally, to the people, locally and all over the world who have loved and supported Manitoba film and music for the last 20 years, we thank you.

20th Anniversary Gala

1. DJ Grant Paley

- 2. (arole Vivier (MFS) thanks guests for attending at 20th Anniversary Gala
- Director Guy Maddin spoke and introduced his film, My Winnipeg, to guests
- 4. Tara Walker (On Screen Manitoba) and Kim Todd (Original Pictures)
- 5. Jason Friesen Quartet entertains quests
- Neila Benson (Film Training Manitoba), Mike Benson ((HTS) and Tanis Wheeler (secretary to Aboriginal Issues Committee of Cabinet)
- 7. Paul Jordan (Jazz Winnipeg) and Fred Penner
- Krista Paquette, Ric Paquette, Diane Redsky, Lisa Meeches, Jackie Black, Kim Bell (in back), RoseAnna Schick
- 9. 20th Anniversary ice Sculpture
- 10. Inward Eye entertains guests
- 11. Doc Walker entertains quests





THE CORPORATION The MANITOBA FILM & SOUND Recording Development

Corporation (MANITOBA FILM & SOUND Recording Development Corporation (MANITOBA FILM & SOUND) is a statutory corporation of government proclaimed under The MANITOBA FILM & SOUND Recording Development Corporation Act funded by the province of Manitoba through the Department of Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Sport, the management of MANITOBA FILM & SOUND reports directly to the Board of Directors appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.

MANITOBA FILM & SOUND exists so that our *film* and *sound industries* flourish!

MANITOBA FILM \$ SOUND Board Members with Minister Robinson and Carole Vivier: Alana Langelotz, Lisa Meeches, Gerard Rodrigue, Minister Eric Robinson, Gerry Atwell, David Dandeneau, Carole Vivier (CEO, MFS), Joy Keeper, Kim Todd, Heather Bishop, Ric Paquette.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The activities of **MANITOBA FILM & SOUND** are monitored by the Board of Directors, which includes:

David Dandeneau Cheryl Barker Lisa Meeches Heather Bishop Alana Langelotz Ric Paquette Joy Keeper Gerry Atwell Kim Todd Gerald Rodrigue

Chairperson (from July 25, 2007) Chairperson (to July 24, 2007) Vice-Chair Chair, Finance and Planning Committee Chair, Personnel Committee Chair, Programs Committee

(from April 10, 2007) (from July 25, 2007)



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PERSONNEL

The Corporation is administered by the Chief Executive Officer and General Manager, who reports directly to the Board of Directors.

Sebastien Nasse

Andrea Kaptein

Bridget Marten Administrative Assistant

Ian Russell

Paul Pedosiuk

10, 2007)

Carole Vivier Chief Executive Officer/General Manager and Film Commissioner

Monique Ledohowski Manager, Finance and Operations

Louise O'Brien-Moran Manager of Film Programs and Locations Services

Barbara Sedun Manager, Sound Recording Programs (from December 17, 2007)

Kevin Walters Manager, Sound Recording Programs (to November 23, 2007)

2004 Paquin Entertainment - Agency of the Year - Western Canadian Music Awards

2004 21 Gemini nominations for Manitoba productions and craftspeople

4 2004 NI FRANTIC FILMS NAMED ONE OF THE PROFIT ACTIONS "100 FASTEST GROWING COMPANIES" IN CANADA 2005 Nathan -Songwriter(s) of the Year - Western Canadian Music Awards

Senior Analyst, Film, Television and Tax Credits

Film Production Coordinator (from September

Film Programs Administrative Assistant

Film Production Coordinator

2005 The WAILIN' JENNYS -Roots & TRADITIONAL Album of the Year: GROUP (JUNO) 2005 Les Productions Rivard celebrates 10 Years 2005 PROVINCE OF MANITOBA INCREASE

TAX CREDIT TO 45% AND AS A LEADER IN FILM INCENTIVES, INTRODUCES TWO 5% BONUSES - THE FREQUENT FILMING BONUS AND THE RURAL BONUS



(Source: Western Canadian Music Awards)



(Source: Western Canadian Music Awards)

(Source: (ARAS & The JUNO Awards)

Film Production Coordinator (to August 17, 2007)

Alexis Jones Communications & Corporate Affairs Coordinator (to January 18, 2008)

Melissa Kaminsky Sound Programs Administrative Assistant

Annual Report assembled by:

Tannis Scott Communications and Marketing Representative (from May 2008)

2007/2008 YEAR IN REVIEW

In fiscal 2007/2008, MANITOBA FILM &

SOUND celebrated twenty years of supporting Manitoba film and music through our objectives, which are to create and stimulate employment and investment in Manitoba by developing and promoting Manitoba companies producing, distributing and marketing film, television, video and sound recording projects, as well as to promote Manitoba as a film location for off-shore production companies. MANITOBA FILM & SOUND is a member of the Association of Film Commissions International (AFCI).

MANITOBA FILM & SOUND views economic considerations as critical to fulfilling its cultural mandate.

To achieve the Corporation's objectives, MANITOBA FILM & SOUND consults and works closely with industry associations and representatives, including, On Screen Manitoba (formerly MMPIA); the Manitoba Audio Recording Industry Association (MARIA); the Winnipeg Film Group (WFG); Film Training Manitoba (FTM); the National Screen Institute (NSI); the National Film Board (NFB), the City of Winnipeg and local unions and guilds.

FUNDING OF MANITOBA PRODUCTIONS AND SOUND RECORDING PROJECTS

In 2007/2008, production activity in Manitoba reached \$123.4 million dollars. MANITOBA FILM & SOUND invested in 21 television and feature film projects through the Market Driven Television Production Financing Program, the Market Driven Feature Film Financing Program and the Emerging Talent Matching Funds programs. Investment in these projects of \$1.6 million supported \$43.5 million in production budgets.

As the sound recording industry is continually evolving, in fiscal year 2008, MANITOBA FILM & SOUND revised its sound recording program guidelines to better reflect the needs of Manitoba's emerging and established sound recording artists. Previous to fiscal 2008, there were two levels of support, one that encouraged the production of demo recordings of two or more songs to be used for calling card purposes and the other that encouraged the production Fund offers funding at three levels, the two just described and another level in between that encourages the production of recordings of three or more songs to be used for promotional purposes or released for sale through any and all mediums.

MANITOBA FILM & SOUND provided \$240,331 to 41 sound recording projects, which included albums from Floor Thirteen, The Nods, J.P. Hoe, Ray St. Germain and Jodi King. Four projects were funded in the Outof-Province Recording Artists Fund, a program aimed at encouraging production activity and business development in the Manitoba sound recording industry by providing re-payable financial support for recordings featuring non-Manitoba resident artists who record their projects in Manitoba.

MANITOBA FILM \$ SOUND supported Floor Thirteen.

2005 BUFFALO GAL PICTURES BOASTS TWO MANITOBAN FEATURES AT SUNDANCE - SEVEN TIMES LUCKY AND SADDEST MUSIC IN THE WORLD 2006 FALCON BEACH, PRODUCED BY ORIGINAL PICTURES AND TORONTO'S INSIGHT PRODUCTIONS, MANITOBA'S FIRST PRIME TIME SERIES AIRS ON GLOBAL AND ABC FAMILY IN THE US 2006 West End Cultural Centre - Live Music Venue of the Year - Western Canadian Music Awards

2006 Heather Bishop -Industry Builder Award - Western Canadian Music Awards 2006 The Duhks - Roots & TRADITIONAL ALBUM OF THE YEAR: GROUP (JUNO)









(Source: (ARAS & The JUNO Awards)

SPONSORSHIP

MANITOBA FILM & SOUND recognizes the importance of supporting Manitoba's motion picture and music organizations through sponsorship/ partnership opportunities.

This year MANITOBA FILM & SOUND was pleased to provide sponsorship/partnership support to over 20 national and international industry events, including: the Aboriginal Peoples Choice Music Awards, Musexpo 2007, First Weekend Club, Western Canadian Music Awards,

(arole Vivier (MFS), Guy Maddin (Director, My Winnipeg), Jodi Lofchy, and Gail Asper at Toronto International Film Festival.





Atlantic Film Festival, **Canadian Screen Writing** Awards, Gemini/Genie Awards 2007, Toronto **International Film Festival** 2007, and as partners in the Canadian Pavilion at Cannes International Film Festival, MIPCOM Television Market, Hong Kong Filmart, American Film Market in Los Angeles,

Pan-Western Mission to New York City and the International Film Festival in Berlin, where one of the highlights of the festival was the opening night screening at the Forum section of Guy Maddin's latest film, My Winnipeg, with Guy Maddin himself as the narrator. Nine hundred people attended the premiere, which was again sold out at its second screening the following night.

MANITOBA FILM & SOUND

continues to support local events such as: Winnipeg Aboriginal Film and Video Festival, Manito Ahbee, Music in the **Market Series for Winnipeg Folk**

Toronto International Film Festival Manitoba Party invitation.

Festival, Le Festival des videastes du Manitoba, Le 100 Nons 40th Gala, Manitoba Night at the 2007 Cool Jazz Winnipeg Festival, Albert Lariviere at Dauphin CountryFest, and the Winnipeg International Film Festival.

year ended March 31, 2008. 2007 2006 2006 2006 2007 2007 NT - PROJECT CAPOTE, A MADE IN MIDCANADA PRODUCTION FRANTIC FILMS MANITOBA BOASTS SEVEN DOC WALKER - ALBUM MANITOBA FEATURE, CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF THE YEAR . ABORIGINAL PRODUCTIONS SELECTED SERVICES CELEBRATES ECORDING OF THE YEAR (JUNO) 30 YEARS FOR TIFF 2007 & CANADIAN COUNTRY SUPPORTED BY MANITOBA FILM & GUY MADDIN WINS TOP MUSIC AWARDS SOUND, WINS MANY HONOURS FOR CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL AWARDS FEATURE WITH & CASH PRIZE OF \$30.000 INCLUDING AN OSCAR ATTACHED FOR M WINNIPEG. MIDCAN

INDUSTRY SUPPORT

MANITOBA FILM & SOUND supports industry organizations to assist with the development of the business skills and talents of emerging as well as

established filmmakers and sound recording professionals. Among the organizations that receive industry support and/or targeted programming initiatives from MANITOBA FILM & SOUND are the National Screen Institute, Winnipeg Film Group, CBC TV Manitoba, National Film Board of Canada, as well as On Screen Manitoba, and Manitoba Audio Recording Industry Association (MARIA) through contributions to the Aboriginal Music Initiative and the Manitoba Music and Motion Pictures Development Project, known as the M3P



MANITOBA FILM \$ SOUND supported (at Jahnke.

Program. The M3P Program supports the market development activities of Manitoba's film and sound recording artists and companies.

THE PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE (WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION) ACT

The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act came into effect in April 2007. This law gives employees a clear process for disclosing concerns about significant and serious matters (wrongdoing) in the Manitoba public service, and strengthens protection from reprisal. The Act builds on protections already in place under other statutes, as well as policies, practices and processes in the Manitoba public sector.

Wrongdoing under the Act may be: contravention of federal or provincial legislation; an act or omission that endangers public safety, public health or the environment; gross mismanagement; or, knowingly directing or counseling a person to commit a wrongdoing. The Act is not intended to deal with routine operational or administrative matters.

A disclosure made by an employee in good faith, in accordance with the Act, and with a reasonable belief that wrongdoing has been or is about to be committed is considered to be a disclosure under the Act, whether or not the subject matter constitutes wrongdoing. All disclosures receive careful and thorough review to determine if action is required under the Act, and must be reported in the Corporation's annual report in accordance with Section 18 of the Act.

MANITOBA FILM & SOUND did not receive any disclosures for the fiscal





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FILM AND TELEVISION INDOSTRY

In December 2007, Manitoba welcomed the filming of, Chilled in Miami, starring Rene Zellweger and Harry Connick Jr. and produced by Gold

Circle Films. It was the second largest feature film, filmed in Manitoba, since Shall We Dance. In that month alone. Manitoba crews and suppliers were kept busy working on six various projects, simultaneously, including the mini-series, Rough, TV series Less Than Kind, pilot for TV series, City Next Door, and feature films, High Life, The Hessen Affair and Chilled in Miami. **Facilitation of production** of these projects at the same time demonstrates our incredible ability to



Minister Eric Robinson and Rene Zellweger on the set of Chilled in Miami.

accommodate growth in the film industry in Manitoba.

GEMINI AND GENIE AWARDS

These award shows celebrate the best in Canadian film and television. Manitoba productions and professionals had seventeen nominations and took home three awards at the 22nd Annual Gemini Awards. The winners from Manitoba were Wapos Bay, for Best Children's or Youth Non-Fiction Program or Series, Recreating Eden (Seasons 3 & 4), that won for Best Writing in an Information Program or Series and Peter Jordan's Grey Cup Adventure, that won for Best Sports Feature Segment.

The Genie Awards saw actress Molly Parker nominated in the Best Actress in a Leading Role category for her role in the feature film, Who Loves the Sun, co-produced by Brendan Sawatsky and Corey Mar r.

FILM FESTIVALS, MARKETS AND MISSIONS

Seven Manitoba films were selected to screen at the 32nd Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) last fall, they were: The Stone Angel, based on the novel by Margaret Laurence and produced by Liz Jarvis of Buffalo Gal Pictures and Kari Skogland, who also directed the film; Walk All Over Me, coproduced by Kyle Irving of Manitoba's



Eagle Vision with Carolyn McMaster of Chaos A Film Company and Colin Neale of Les Productions Colin Neale Inc. and directed by Robert Cuffley. Screening in the festival's Special Presentation series was Guy



LeeLee Sobieski (Cast-*Walk All Over Me)*, Kyle Irving, Tricia Helfer (Cast - *Walk All Over Me)*, Carolyn McMaster, Michael Eklund (Cast-*Walk All Over Me)*, Carole Vivier (MFS) and Colin Neale at the Manitoba party at TIFF.

Maddin's feature-length documentary My Winnipeg and Noam Gonick's, Wildflowers of Manitoba. TIFF's short film program, featured Sean Garrity's, ReOrder, Deco Dawson's, The Last Moment, and Neil McInnes's, Automoto. To celebrate all the Manitoba films and filmmakers, MANITOBA FILM & SOUND hosted a party with On Screen Manitoba at TIFF at the Drake Hotel that was packed to capacity with international filmmakers, distributors, financiers and industry professionals.

MARKETS/MISSIONS

MANITOBA FILM & SOUND traveled on marketing missions to New York, at the Independent Film Market which resulted in new projects in development with Manitoba companies and served to give Manitoba a

strong presence with East Coast production. On the West Coast, MANITOBA FILM & SOUND attended American Film Market in Santa Monica, in which 29 meetings were held with various industry professionals; then cohosted a private dinner in Los Angeles with Premier Doer and industry executives from Gold Circle Films, **Once Upon A Time Films. Rosemont Productions.** Code Entertainment and Disney to name a few. In February, MANITOBA FILM & SOUND took part in Premier Doer's



Tania Chambers (Executive Director of New South Wales Film Office in Sydney Australia), Carole Vivier (MFS), Cheryl Conway (new South Wales Film Office) in Australia as part of Premier Doer's Business Mission.



Network TEN Executive Chairman (Canwest Global Communications Corp.), Nick Falloon and Premier Doer in Australia.

Business Mission to Australia where meetings were scheduled with numerous production companies, broadcasters and distributors. Dinners, receptions and business briefings were attended with the Governor, Premier and Deputy Premier of South Australia, The Department of Trade and Economic Development, The Australia Chamber of Commerce and Canwest Media Network. CEO of MANITOBA FILM & SOUND, Carole Vivier, attended the Red Carpet Premiere of The Capture of the Green River Killer, Lifetime Movie Network's first mini-series directed by Manitoban, Norma Bailey in Washington, DC at the Red Carpet Premiere; then MIPCOM in Cannes, France where MANITOBA FILM & SOUND worked the Canadian stand and attended many meetings.



Kevin Walters who was the MANITOBA FILM & SOUND Manager of Recording Sound Programs for 11 years left his position to pursue a lead role in organizing the 2010 Manitoba Homecoming. In November, MANITOBA FILM & SOUND welcomed Barbara Sedun, former Vice



MANITOBA FILM & SOUND staff at Kevin Walter's going away party at the King's Head. In back row: Sebastien Nasse, Ian Russell, Bridget Marten, Monique Ledohowski, Louise O'Brien-Moran, Paul Pedosiuk. In front: Melissa Kaminsky, Alexis Jones, Carole Vivier and Kevin Walters.

President Creative for EMI Music Publishing Canada in Toronto as the new Manager, Sound Recording Programs.

MUSIC FESTIVAL, CONFERENCES AND SHOWCASES

At North by Northeast (NXNE), Canada's Music Festival in Toronto, thirteen Manitoba acts were showcased, including Floor Thirteen, J.P. Hoe & The Truly Richards, Grand Analog, Mad Young Darlings, Red Blanket, Ann Walton, Boats, Jacob and Lily, Romi Mayes, Cat Jahnke, Domenica and The Details. MANITOBA FILM & SOUND and MARIA co-hosted the

13th Annual BBQ, one of the most sought after invites at the conference. Over 250 people attended and it was an ideal opportunity for Manitobans to network with industry professionals from around the world.



MANITOBA FILM \$ SOUND supported group, Sick City.

MANITOBA FILM & SOUND, along with MARIA and Manitoba Trade attended Musexpo, an exclusive industry conference in Los Angeles where we co-hosted a luncheon showcase that featured Manitoba musicians Keith and Renee and Paper Moon. The evening showcase featured Manitoba acts Sick City and Losing Focus – both events were huge successes.

MANITOBA FILM & SOUND, MARIA and North by Northeast co-hosted a Canadian BBQ at South by Southwest (SXSW), in Austin, Texas, in which over 400 guests attended and six Manitoba acts were showcased including The Weakerthans, The Details, Grand Analog, Christine Fellows, The Perpetrators, Lindsay Jane and The Nods.

MANITOBA FILM & SOUND took part in MIDEM (The World's Music Market) in Cannes that is attended by nearly 10,000 music and technology professionals from over 90 different countries. This past January, delegates from the recording, publishing, live, digital, mobile and branding sectors gathered to network, learn and research new talent. The Manitoba contingency in attendance included representatives from Manitoba Music, Balanced Records, Arbor Records and Manitoba Trade, MANITOBA FILM & SOUND co-hosted a networking dinner with music supervisors from prominent music companies and Manitoba industry professionals that included: Aboriginal production company Rising Sun Productions' Vince Fontaine, Aboriginal label Arbor Records' founder Brandon Friesen, Ukrainian folk label Olesia Records' owner Alexis Kochan, Cafesonique.com's Ron Lamoureaux, and electronic record label Balanced Records' co-founder, Adam Hannibal.

MUSIC AWARDS

MANITOBA FILM & SOUND would like to congratulate Manitoba musicians on a combined **124 nominations** and **30 wins** at various music award shows and events like:

JUNOS

Six nominations including MANITOBA FILM & SOUND supported, Doc Walker for Country Recording of the Year and The Wailin' Jennys for, Firecracker, for Roots and Traditional Album of the Year (Group).



CANADIAN COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS

MANITOBA FILM \$ SOUND supported group, Doc Walker.

Thirteen nominations and two wins including MANITOBA FILM & SOUND supported, Doc Walker, for Album of the Year.

INDIAN SUMMER MUSIC AWARDS

Five nominations, including MANITOBA FILM & SOUND supported, J.C. Campbell for Alternative Rock.

COVENANT AWARDS

Fourteen nominations and six wins for Manitoba musicians, including MANITOBA FILM & SOUND supported, Steve Bell, nominated for Male Vocalist of the Year, Kerri Woelke nominated for Folk/Roots Album of the Year, and a win for Amanda Falk, Female Vocalist of the Year.

WESTERN CANADIAN MUSIC AWARDS

Thirty-two nominations and 10 wins, including nominations for MANITOBA FILM & SOUND supported musicians like; Comeback Kid, for Outstanding Rock Recording, Alexander Tselyakov for Outstanding Classical Recording, Kerri Woelke for Outstanding Christian Recording, Sheena Grobb for Outstanding Pop Recording, J.P. Hoe for Outstanding Pop Recording, Nathan received three nominations for Video of the Year, Outstanding Independent Album Award and Songwriters of the Year and one win for Outstanding Roots Recording-Duo/Group and two wins for Doc Walker for Outstanding Country Recording and Outstanding Independent Album Award, a win for Johnny Cajun for Outstanding Francophone Recording, two wins for Romi Mayes for Outstanding Roots Recording-Solo and Songwriter of the Year and one win for Fresh I.E. for Outstanding Christian Recording Award.



Minister Robinson at Manito-Ahbee.

ABORIGINAL PEOPLE'S CHOICE MUSIC AWARDS

Thirty-three nominations and two wins, including one for MANITOBA FILM & SOUND supported, Little Hawk for the award, Best Aboriginal Music by Non-Aboriginal.

CANADIAN ABORIGINAL MUSIC AWARDS

Fourteen nominations and seven wins, including two for MANITOBA FILM & SOUND supported Little Hawk for Best Folk Album and Best Producer.

L.A. MUSIC AWARDS

One nomination and win for MANITOBA FILM & SOUND supported, Floor Thirteen.

CANADIAN FOLK MUSIC AWARDS

Five nominations, two of which were given to MANITOBA FILM & SOUND supported, Nathan for Best Vocal Group and Best Songwriter(s) (English).

Source for Manitoba Music Award Information: MARIA

2008 advertisement reflecting Manitoba's locations and updated tax credit information to encourage film production in Manitoba.

FOLK ALLIANCE AWARDS

One nomination for the **Emerging Artist** award, for **MANITOBA FILM & SOUND** supported duo, **Twilight Hotel**.

Source: Fiscal year 2007/2008 Manitoba musician statistics from MARIA.

MANITOBA FILM COMMISSION AND LOCATIONS DEPARTMENT

MANITOBA FILM & SOUND is a full-service film commission that offers a broad range of location services including script breakdown, location scouting as well as government, business and industry liaison. MANITOBA FILM & SOUND is a member of the Association of Film Commissioners International (AFCI).



Still shot on location in Churchill, Manitoba for the MANITOBA FILM \$ SOUND supported film, Rough.

The diversity of Manitoba's locations and strength of its crews have always been key factors in bringing off-shore production to the province. Although most guest productions typically shoot the majority of their picture in

Winnipeg, with its popular filming spots like the Exchange District, many rural Manitoba settings have become sought after locations. Production activity outside of Winnipeg has been reaching new levels with many

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productions in 2007/2008 shooting on location around the province. Some of the recently



Jenette Kahn, founding partner of Double Nickel Entertainment scouting with MFS in Birds Hill Park.

made productions to shoot in rural Manitoba include: Chilled in Miami (Selkirk), The Haunting in Connecticut (Teulon), The Box Collector (Carman) and Rough (Churchill).

The scouting activity in Manitoba increased once again from last year, with 56 various off-shore production personnel for 21 different productions visiting the province which represents an increase of 10% in productions and 22% in off-shore production personnel. The increase in production personnel reflects that companies with more complex projects are considering filming in Manitoba.

TAX CREDIT

Since the introduction of the Manitoba Film and Video Production Tax Credit in 1997, Manitoba's production activity has shown consistent increase. The Manitoba Tax Credit was introduced

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as a means to provide an incentive to the private film and television production industry to create economic development and employment growth in the province. The increase in productions and cross market growth demonstrates the tax credit program is achieving its objectives.

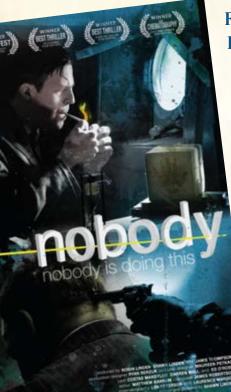
In 2008, The Government of Manitoba increased the value of the tax credit from 55% in 2007, to now providing a **rebate of up to 65%** on eligible Manitoba labour. The breakdown includes a **45% Base Credit**, and where eligible, a **10% Frequent Filming Bonus**, **plus 5% Rural Bonus and 5%** Manitoba Producer Bonus.

The Manitoba Tax Credit, along with **MANITOBA FILM & SOUND's** equity financing, is essential to the growth of the province's film and television industry. The Manitoba Tax Credit can also be credited with bolstering both co-production (Manitoba shared ownership and control) and foreign location shooting (non-Manitoba owned and controlled) activity in Manitoba.

ТҮРЕ	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	PROJECTED PRODUCTION BUDGETS
Feature Films	22	\$105.7 million
TV Series	6	\$33.2 million
Movie of the Week, TV Specials	14	\$15.4 million
Documentary/ Doc.Series	68	\$40.9 million
TOTALS	110	\$195.2 million

A total of 110 applications (both parts A & B) were in various stages of processing during the 2008 fiscal year representing approximately \$195.2 million in production activity.

PRODUCTION ACTIVITY

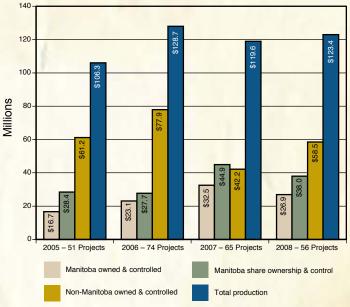


FILM & TELEVISION PRODUCTION ACTIVITY

As illustrated below, despite labour strikes, Manitoba's overall production continues to hold steady and saw an overall increase of 3% from 2007 with total production value at 123.4 million. While their were slight drops in indigenous and coproduction activity, there was a major increase of 39% in foreign location productions.

> Promotional poster for MANITOBA FILM \$ SOUND supported film, *Nobody*, directed by Shawn Linden.

Film & Television Production Activity

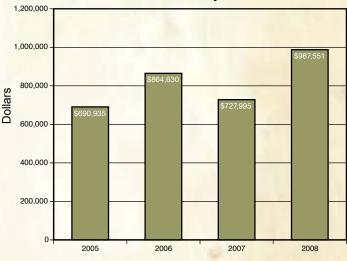


Note: These figures represent film and television production activity reported as at March 31, 2008. The final amounts reported from previous years may vary due to changes provided upon final reporting and these changes are reflected in this chart.

SOUND PRODUCTION ACTIVITY

Production budgets from MANITOBA FILM & SOUND reached a record breaking \$987,551, up 36% from 2007. The increase can be attributed to a higher volume of music videos/electronic press kit's in 2008.

Sound Production Activity



NOTE: Activity levels are based on sound production activity as at March 31, 2008. The final amounts reported from previous years may vary due to changes provided upon final reporting and these changes are reflected in this chart.

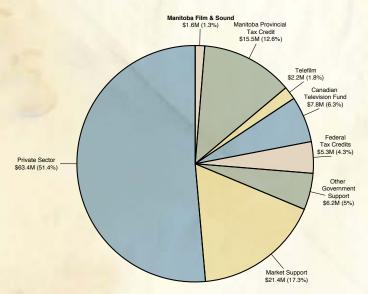




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Financing of independent productions requires financial investment from several sources. MANITOBA FILM & SOUND's equity commitment to a project will often trigger other investors to participate. Outside of MANITOBA FILM & SOUND and the Manitoba Provincial Tax Credit, other sources for production financing investments come from the Federal Government through Telefilm Canada, and Federal Tax Credits, plus the Canadian Television Fund and other market support including Broadcaster Licenses, Distributor Advances and the Private Sector (i.e. production company investment, deferrals, corporate sponsors and private investments).

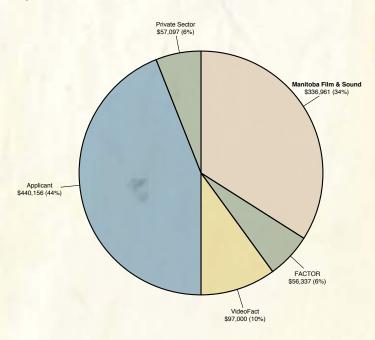
As the following chart exhibits, with Manitoba's \$17.1 million (13.9%) in equity financing and estimated tax credit support, \$123.4 million in indigenous, co-production and foreign production activity occurred in fiscal 2008. This amount reflects \$106.3 million (89.1%) of investment from other sources. This is a clear indication that Manitoba's modest investment attracts millions of dollars of additional revenues into Manitoba's economy.



Source: Fiscal year 2008 film production activity of \$123.4 million is compiled from data provided in equity and tax credit applications submitted to **MANITOBA FILM & SOUND** as at March 31, 2008.

SOUND

Available funding from other sources for the sound recording industry is limited (FACTOR, Video FACT, Canada Council) and therefore, very competitive. MANITOBA FILM & SOUND's investment is the key element of support to Manitoba's emerging and established musicians. With more and more Manitoba acts making a name for themselves on an international level, it is important that the funding support from MANITOBA FILM & SOUND remain relevant in the face of increased marketing and touring budgets.



Source: Fiscal year sound production activity of \$987,551 is compiled from data provided in CD, Demo and Music Video applications submitted to **MANITOBA FILM & SOUND** as at March 31, 2008.



MANITOBA FILM \$ SOUND supported band, Comeback Kid.



MANITOBA FILM \$ SOUND supported musician, Wab Kinew.

JURIES

The evaluation and adjudication of applications submitted to the Corporation by industry professionals and colleagues remains a central part of MANITOBA FILM & SOUND's guidelines with respect to the Sound Recording and Demo Recording Programs.

Jurors for Sound Recording Programs are drawn from all sectors of the provincial sound recording industry and include record label employees, engineers, musicians, songwriters, agents, talent managers, lawyers and publicists. Sound Recording proposals must be unanimously recommended for funding by a minimum of two juries.

MANITOBA FILM & SOUND gives sincere thanks the following jurors who so generously gave their time:

DARCY ATAMAN SAM BAARDMAN JOHN BATIUK MICHAEL BLATHERWICK **DAWN BOURBONNAIS** STEPHEN CARROLL NEAL CORNISH KATHY FENTON **RICK FENTON** VINCE FONTAINE CORY FRAZER GORD FRY ALAN GREYEYES JARRET HANNAH **REI HOTODA** JAYLENE JOHNSON DARREN JOHNSTON TODD JORDAN JOHN KENDLE SUSAN KREPART GINETTE LAVACK DOMINIQUE LLOYD DEREK MCCURRISTER

GERRY MCIVOR SEAN MCMANUS JAMES MANISHEN JOHN MARLOW **RAY MARTIN** ROMI MAYES ART PEARSON DALE PENNER LLOYD PETERSON JEAN-FRANCOIS PHANEUF DARREN RAMSAY ERROL RANVILLE **ROB ROUSSEAU** DANNY SCHUR JACK SHAPIRA DAVID SHERMAN THOMAS SPARLING SARA STASIUK RACHEL STONE **KEVIN WALTERS** MIKE WARKENTIN **GLEN WILLOWS**



On location in Winnipeg, MANITOBA FILM \$ SOUND Supported film, The Hessen Affair.



MARKET DRIVEN TELEVISION PRODUCTION FINANCING PROGRAM AND MARKET DRIVEN FEATURE FILM PRODUCTION PROGRAM

The Television and Feature Film Production Programs assist in the production financing of fully developed feature film or television projects through non-interest equity investments and/or recoupable advances. The projects are reviewed based on various criteria including their economic impact on Manitoba and are awarded bonuses for Community Development, Including Aboriginal, Métis and Francophone production companies, working with key creative positions, such as Ma nitoba writers and directors, and lastly for shooting in the winter months.

During fiscal year 2008, 16 new applications were approved for a total investment of \$1,634,807.

Recipient	Project
5470294 Manitoba Inc.	The Sharing Circle Season 16
Amreeka Productions Canada Inc.	Amreeka
Ballet Boys Inc.	Ballet High
Ballet Girls Inc.	Ballet Girls - Feature Documentary
Box Collector Pictures Inc.	The Box Collector
Buffalo Gal Pictures Inc.	The Hessen Affair
Buffalo Gal Pictures Inc.	Rough
Cherry Bomb Pictures Inc.	Wild Cherry
High Life Productions Manitoba Inc.	High Life
Kind Film Productions (Manitoba) Inc.	Less Than Kind
Les Productions Camille Inc.	Ben Voyons Camille!
Les Productions NM Inc.	Les Nouveaux Mondes
Les Productions Seulement Inc.	Pour un soir seulement
Nobody Productions Inc.	Nobody
Ronin Films Inc.	Snake River
Sensual Selves Productions Inc.	Science of the Senses (ep1-2)



Stephen Eric McIntyre and Timothy Olyphant star in MANITOBA FILM \$ SOUND supported film, *High Life*.

EMERGING TALENT MATCHING FUNDS

This program is designed to support entry-level filmmakers who have received production funding awards through a competitive process from



Judy Dougall in the MANITOBA FILM \$ SOUND supported film, Infectious.

a recognized industry organization. This program encourages skills advancement and the development and application of standard industry practices for entry-level producers and directors.

During fiscal year 2008, 5 applications were approved for a total investment of \$50,000.

Recipient	Project
Bunky Blum and the Talking Train Productions Inc.	Bunky Blum and the Talking Train
Kirby Hammond Productions Inc.	Sum of its Parts
Koshka Productions Inc.	Infectious
Matthew Rankin	The Call of the Cow
Winesto Films	Billy



MANITOBA FILM \$ SOUND supported made for television film, Ben voyans (amille.

MANITOBA MUSIC AND MOTION PICTURES DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS PROGRAM

The Manitoba Music & Motion Pictures Development Project (M3P) programs are administered by On Screen Manitoba and supported with program assistance from MANITOBA FILM & SOUND.

The M3P programs administered by On Screen Manitoba in 2008 include the Access to Markets Program, the Professional Development Fund, the Marketing Plan Program and the Access to Festivals Program. In fiscal year 2008, MANITOBA FILM & SOUND committed \$40,000 to the MP3 programs administered by On Screen Manitoba.

MARKET DRIVEN FEATURE FILM DEVELOPMENT FINANCING PROGRAM AND MARKET DRIVEN TELEVISION DEVELOPMENT FINANCING PROGRAM

Through these programs, eligible applicants receive financial assistance for the development of viable motion picture concepts into screenplays for television and theatrical release. Financing under both of these programs takes the form of a recoupable loan and is committed according to phases. Should the project qualify for production financing, the development loan could be converted into an equity investment.

In fiscal year 2008, 12 applications were approved for a total investment of \$122,050.

Recipient	Project
Bedbugs Films Inc.	The Kanmon Strait
Buffalo Gal Pictures Inc.	Commonwealth (La Comunidad)
Buffalo Gal Pictures Development Inc.	Kush Kush in the Bush: Bollywood Comes to the Trailer Park
Buffalo Gal Pictures Inc.	See the Child
Eagle Vision Inc.	Aboriginal Peoples History
Eagle Vision Inc.	Strange Love
Merit Motion Pictures Inc.	Famous Whores of History
Micro Bus Pictures Inc.	The Tribe
Nihilonaut Productions Inc.	Chroma
Numan Production Inc.	The Land Speeder
Picnic Communications Inc.	La sourate de Bois-brûlé
Savant Productions	Song for Africa Documentary

FEATURE FILM MARKETING

This program assists productions/applicants with the promotion and marketing of feature film projects at time of theatrical release, festivals and markets to either enhance the promotion and marketing of the release



LeeLee Sobieski stars in MANITOBA FILM \$ SOUND supported film, Walk All Over Me.

theatrically and/or to attract the attention of distributors/sales agents to support the increase in commercial interest in the project. It is not the intention of the program to duplicate support in areas already covered under **On Screen Manitoba's M3P Access to Markets**, **Access to Festivals**, and **Professional Marketing Fund**, and as such does not apply to travel, accommodations, or per diems, and/or promotional or marketing activities covered under the **Winnipeg Film Group's Marketing Fund**. It is also intended to compliment not replace resources, financial and otherwise, committed by the distributors of the film.

In fiscal year 2008, 2 applications were approved for a total investment of \$7, 162.

Recipient	Project
Stone Angel Manitoba Inc.	The Stone Angel
Walk All Over Me Manitoba Inc.	Walk All Over Me



Christine Horne in MANITOBA FILM \$ SOUND supported film, The Stone Angel.



As the sound recording industry is continually evolving, in fiscal year 2008, MANITOBA FILM & SOUND revised its sound recording program guidelines to better reflect the needs of Manitoba's emerging and established sound recording artists. The new Sound Recording Production Fund offers funding at three levels: Level One encourages the production of demo recordings of two or more songs to be used for calling card purposes. Level Two encourages the production of recordings of three or more songs to be used for promotional purposes or released for sale through any and all mediums. Level Three encourages the production of full length CD projects for commercial release.

In fiscal year 2008, 41 applications were approved for a total investment of \$ 240,331 for all levels.

SOUND RECORDING PRODUCTION LEVEL 1

Recipient	Project
441 Studios Ltd.	Xplicit
Bedside Studios	Fenom
Burning Circus Productions	Mad Young Darlings
Burning Circus Productions	The Pap Smears
cbg Artist Development	Darrelyne Bickel
Daniel Roy	Daniel ROA
The Details	The Details
The Hangar Recording Studios	Jerry Sereda
Illegal Combatant Recordings	Greg Macpherson
Lion's Den	Matt Epp
Paquin Entertainment Group Inc.	Sierra Noble
Platinum/Gold Studios	Desiree Dorian
StudioSonix	Tim Butler
The Sublime Sonic Moment	Kasm
Unison Studios and Recording Inc.	Bryce Pallister
Unison Studios and Recording Inc.	Heather Longstaff
Unison Studios and Recording Inc.	The Morning After
Unison Studios and Recording Inc.	Sons Of York

SOUND RECORDING PRODUCTION LEVEL 2

Recipient	Project
441 Studios Ltd.	Jaylene Johnson
Burning Circus Productions	Ash Koley
cbg Artist Development	Darrelyne Bickel
Sheena Grobb	Sheena Grobb
Trois Petits Chats Music	Dominique Reynolds
Unison Studios and Recording Inc.	Matthew Patton
Unison Studios and Recording Inc.	Sons Of York

SOUND RECORDING PRODUCTION LEVEL 3

Recipient	Project
441 Studios Ltd.	Dreadnaut
441 Studios Ltd.	Floor Thirteen
Deborah Romeyn	Deborah Romeyn
Domenica Music	Domenica
Golomb Records	Alexander Tselyakov
Jodi King Music	Jodi King
J.P. Hoe	J.P. Hoe
Lives of Many	Lives of Many
Mammoth Junction Inc.	Harlequin - Waking The Jester
Manitoba Aboriginal Music Host Committee	Star Catcher: MB Aboriginal Talent Search
Naneek Of The North Music	Patrick Keenan
Ray St.Germain Productions Inc.	Ray St. Germain
Smallman Records	Comeback Kid
StrongFront A/V Productions Inc.	Wab Kinew
Unison Studios and Recording Inc.	Bryce Pallister
Unison Studios and Recording Inc.	The Nods - Static Pop



MANITOBA FILM \$ SOUND supported musician, Sierra Noble.

OUT OF PROVINCE ARTIST SOUND RECORDING PROGRAM

The Out of Province Sound Recording Program is designed encourage to production activity and business development in the Manitoba sound recording industry by providing re-payable financial support for recordings featuring non-Manitoba resident artists.

In fiscal year 2008, 4 applications were approved for a total contribution of \$21,738.

Recipient	Project
Arbor Records Ltd.	Team Rezofficial
cbg Artist Development	Luke McMaster
cbg Artist Development	Sara Diamond
Smallman Records	Sylvie

RECORDING ARTIST TOURING SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Recording Artists Touring Support Program assists Manitoba recording artists reach audiences to promote their sound recording products through touring. The album to be toured is assessed on its Canadian content, with specific emphasis on Manitoba content, quality, suitability for radio play and sales potential.

In fiscal year 2008, 39 applications were approved for a total contribution of \$117,203.

Recipient	Project
The Afterbeat	The Afterbeat – Personals Ontario/MB Tour
Blue Case Tunes	Cara Luft - The Light Fantastic Ontario/Nova Scotia Tour
Blue Case Tunes	Cara Luft - The Light Fantastic UK Tour
Boats Music	Boats - Intercontinental Champion Ontario Tour
BURNTHE8TRACK	BURNTHE8TRACK - Fear of Falling Skies Western Canada Tour
BURNTHE8TRACK	BURNTHE8TRACK - Fear of Falling Skies Europe Tour
Castrati Music	The Nods - Static Pop Western Canada Tour
Castrati Music	The Nods - Static Pop November Western Canada Tour
Cat Jahnke	Cat Jahnke - None Of Those Things May Western Canada Tour
Cat Jahnke	Cat Jahnke - None Of Those Things July Western Canada Tour
Cat Jahnke	Cat Jahnke - None Of Those Things December Western Canada Tour
The Details	The Details - Draw Distance Draw A Border July Eastern Canada Tour
The Details	The Details - Draw Distance Draw A Border Fall Cross Canada Tour
Doc Walker Inc.	Doc Walker- Eastern Canada Tour
Easily Amused Music	Keith & Renee – Revolution Western Canada/ Northern US Tour
H2 Entertainment	Live On Arrival
Home Routes Inc.	Home Routes Inc. – Nathan Rogers Saskatchewan Tour

James Keelaghan	James Keelaghan - UK Tour
Jaw	Jaw - "Swings Humans" American Tour 2007
Jaylene Johnson Music	Jaylene Johnson - Finding Beautiful Western Canada Tour
Jodi King Music	Jodi King - Acoustic EP- Saskatchewan/Alberta Tour
J.P. Hoe	J.P. Hoe - Jann Arden Cross Canada Tour 2007
Little Hawk	Little Hawk - Home And Native Land Tour
Lives of Many	Lives of Many - Until We Lay This To Rest Cross Canada Tour
Marshmal-O-Music	Amanda Falk
Nathan Music Co.	Nathan - Key Principles US Tour
The Paperbacks	The Paperbacks - An Illusion Against Death Western Canada Tour
Red Letter Music	Christine Fellows - Nevertheless Alberta/Toronto Tour
Red Letter Music	Christine Fellows - Nevertheless
Romi Mayes	Romi Mayes - Sweet Somethin' Steady European Tour
Signpost Music Ltd.	Kerri Woelke Western Canada Tour
Smallman Records	Sick City - Nightlife Cross Canada Tour
Smallman Records	Sick City - Nightlif <mark>e US Tour</mark>
Smallman Records	Sights & Sounds Cross Canada Tour
Smallman Records	Sights & Sounds Eastern Canada Tour
Solace Fiction Inc	Jaw - Summer US Tour
Tin Foil Phoenix	Tin Foil Phoenix - Age Of Vipers Manitoba/Alberta Tour
Transistor 66 Record Company	Scott Nolan – American Hotel Western Canada and Toronto Tour
The Wailin Jennys	The Wailin' Jennys – Firecracker UK Scotland Tour



RECORD PRODUCT MARKETING SUPPORT PROGRAM

This program provides support for the marketing and promotion of Manitoba sound recording products. Marketing support is available for sound recording products that meet Manitoba sound recording content requirements.

During the 2008 fiscal year, 22 applications were approved for a total contribution of \$94,170.

Recipient	Project
4500105 MB Ltd. D.B.A. Tin Foil Phoenix	Tin Foil Phoenix - Age Of Vipers
Balanced Records	Link Pins
Blue Case Tunes	Cara Luft - The Light fantastic
BURNTHE8TRACK	BURNTHE8TRACK - Fear of Falling Skies
Castrati Music	The Nods - Static Pop
The Details	The Details - Draw Distance Draw A Border
Easily Amused Music	Keith & Renee - Revolution
FASCADE@137DB	Fascade@137DB - Point To Point
Home Routes Inc.	Home Routes Inc Home Tours
James Keelaghan	James Keelaghan - Compadres
Johnny Cajun	Johnny Cajun
Mammoth Junction inc.	Harlequin - Waking The Jester
Ojiji Music	Little Hawk - Home And Native Land
The Paperbacks	The Paperbacks - An Illusion Against Death
Red Letter Music	Christine Fellows - Nevertheless
Signpost Music Ltd.	Steve Bell - Symphony Sessions
Smallman Records	Comeback Kid - Broadcasting 2007
Smallman Records	Sick City - Nightlife
StrongFront A/V Productions Inc.	J.C. Campbell - Lazy James
Tele Music	Tele
Twilight Hotel Music	Twilight Hotel - Highway Prayer
Ya Ketchose	Ya Ketchose - Les <mark>Ombres Et Les Nuages</mark>



MANITOBA FILM \$ SOUND supported musician, Ash Koley.

MUSIC VIDEO FUND

The Music Video Fund is designed to encourage the production of music videos in order to aid in the promotion and marketing of album projects with national distribution. The project must be designed for a Manitoba recording artist to promote a previously released or soon-to-be released recording and must meet the Manitoba content points with regards to production of the video.

During the 2008 fiscal year, 10 applications were approved for a total contribution of \$58,440.

Recipient	Project
Blink Pictures Incorporated	Sick City - Nightlife
Blink Pictures Incorporated	The Waking Eyes - All Empires Fall
Endstop & Elsewhere	Tele
H2 Entertainment	Live On Arrival - Hello Goodbye
Mighty Kraken Films Inc.	Nathan -Key Principles
Mighty Kraken Films Inc.	The Weakerthans - Civil Twilight
Original Pictures Inc.	Fresh I.E.
Slo Coach Recordings	Grand Analog - Caligrafitti
Smallman Records	Sights & Sounds - Self Titled
Wab Kinew	Wab Kinew

MANITOBA FILM \$ SOUND supported musician, Jaylene Johnson.

MARKET ACCESS PROGRAM

As a program of the M3P project, the Market Access Program is administered by MARIA and supported with program assistance from MANITOBA FILM & SOUND.

The aim of the program is to provide Manitoba artists and music industry professional with professional development opportunities by attending professionally organized music industry conferences, showcases and other related approved events.

In fiscal year 2008, MANITOBA FILM & SOUND committed \$30,000 to the Market Access Program.





MANITOBA FILM \$ SOUND supported group, Sons of York.

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Management's Responsibility

To the Board of Directors of MANITOBA FILM & SOUND Recording Development Corporation:

Management has the responsibility for preparing the accompanying financial statements and ensuring that information in the annual report is consistent with the statements. This responsibility includes selecting appropriate accounting principles and making objective judgments and estimates in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

In discharging its responsibility for the integrity and fairness of the financial statements, management designs and maintains the necessary accounting systems and related internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are authorized, assets are safeguarded and proper records are maintained.

The Board of Directors and the Finance and Planning Committee are composed entirely of directors who are neither management nor employees of the Company. The Finance and Planning Committee also undertakes the responsibilities of an Audit Committee. The Finance and Planning Committee is appointed by the Board to review the financial statements in detail with management and to recommend them to the Board prior to their approval of the financial statements for publication.

External auditors are appointed to audit the financial statements and report directly to the Finance and Planning Committee; their report follows. The external auditors have full and free access to, and meet periodically and separately with, both the management and the Finance and Planning Committee to discuss their audit findings.

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Carole Vivier, CEO April 30, 2008

Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors of MANITOBA FILM & SOUND Recording Development Corporation

We have audited the balance sheet of MANITOBA FILM & SOUND Recording Development Corporation as at March 31, 2008 and the statements of revenues and expenses and net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation as at March 31, 2008 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, April 30, 2008

Meyers Noris Permy LLP

Chartered Accountants April 30, 2008

Balance Sheet

As at March 31, 2008	2008	2007
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash (Note 4)	\$ 1,877,711	\$ 1,602,748
Accounts receivable	2,164	24,173
Prepaid expenses	28,788	21,600
Inventory	7,094	5,921
	1,915,757	1,654,442
Capital Assets (Note 5)	61,166	63,218
	\$ 1,976,923	\$ 1,717,660
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable	\$ 73,009	\$ 46,631
Deferred revenue (Note 6)	41,500	149,000
Carry-over commitments (Note 7)	1,183,898	1,037,208
	\$ 1,298,407	\$ 1,232,839
Net assets (Note 8)		
Invested in capital assets	\$ 61,166	\$ 63,218
Unrestricted	617,350	421,603
	678,516	484,821
	<u>\$ 1,976,923</u>	\$ 1,717,660

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Statement of Revenues and Expenses and Net Assets

For the year ended March 31, 2008	2008	2007
REVENUE		
Province of Manitoba funding	\$ 3,385,200	\$ 3,173,700
Interest income	84,762	73,994
Program recoupments	382,671	167,766
Other income	9,998	17,220
Fotal Revenues	\$ 3,862,631	\$ 3,432,680
EXPENSES		
ilm and Television Programs Funding		
Development Financing Programs	\$ 122,050	\$ 65,818
Production Financing Programs	1,634,807	1,509,345
Access to Markets Program	30,000	30,000
Emerging Talent Matching Funds Program	50,000	27,500
Feature Film Marketing Program	7,162	27,300
Portfolio Investment Envelope Program	7,102	(20,000)
Portiono investment envelope Program	-	(30,000)
	\$ 1,844,019	\$ 1,602,663
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Sound Recording Production Fund Level I	\$ 33,796	\$ 50,315
Sound Recording Production Fund Level II	41,100	-
Sound Recording Production Fund Level III	165,435	186,800
Sound Recording Production Fund – Out of Province Artists	21,738	20,000
Music Video Fund	58,440	24,000
Record Product Marketing Support Fund	94,170	78,643
Recording Artist Touring Support Fund	117,203	96,391
Portfolio Investment Envelope Program	-	6,000
Market Access Fund	30,000	30,000
	\$ 561,882	\$ 492,149
NDUSTRY SUPPORT		
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Industry Associations (Note 9)	\$ 87,000	\$ 71,000
Sponsorships/Partnerships	47,219	70,018
ound Recording		
Industry Associations (Note 9)	75,000	75,000
Sponsorships/Partnerships	35,255	28,115
	\$ 244,474	\$ 244,133
ILM COMMISSION/LOCATIONS SERVICES	\$ 343,611	\$ 321,237
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Yrograms Delivery (Note 11) Salaries	\$ 332,613	\$ 337,680
Marketing/Operating	149,605	77,002
	\$ 482,218	\$ 414,682
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Administrative Expenses Salaries	\$ 107,951	\$ 109,919
Marketing/Operating		
Marketing/Operating	84,781	76,616
	\$ 192,732	\$ 186,535
otal Expenses	\$ 3,668,936	\$ 3,261,399
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	\$ 193,695	\$ 171,281
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	484,821	313,540
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Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended March 31, 2008	2008	2007
Cash Provided By (Used For) The Following Activities		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 193,695	\$ 171,281
Amortization	17,589	16,655
	211,284	187,936
CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		
Accounts receivable	22,009	(11,095)
Carry-over commitments	146,690	(259,778)
Inventory	(1,173)	(2,872)
Prepaid expenses	(7,188)	(93)
Accounts payable	26,378	3,953
Deferred revenue	(107,500)	4,000
	79,216	(265,885)
	\$ 290,500	\$ (77,949)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of capital assets	\$ (15,537)	\$ (14,437)
Increase (Decrease) in Cash Resources	274,963	(92,386)
Cash Resources, Beginning of Year	1,602,748	1,695,134
Cash Resources, End of Year	\$ 1,877,711	\$ 1,602,748

1. NATURE OF BUSINESS

Manitoba Film & Sound Recording Development Corporation (the "Corporation") is a statutory corporation created by the Province of Manitoba through The Manitoba Film & Sound Recording Development Corporation Act. The chief objective of the Corporation is to foster growth of the Manitoba Film & Sound recording industries by providing financial and other assistance.

The Corporation has been designated by the Minister of Finance to administer the Manitoba Film and Video Production Tax Credit Program, including registration of productions and review of tax credit applications.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles and include the following significant accounting policies:

Inventory

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value.

Equipment

Equipment is recorded at cost. Amortization is provided using the straight-line method at rates intended to amortize the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives. The annual rates are as follows:

Website/Database	30%
Computer equipment	30%
Furniture	20%
Leasehold improvements	5%
Equipment	20%

Program funding

The Corporation provides grant funding to Manitoba companies and individuals in order to promote Manitoba's film and sound recording artists and industries. The grant may nominally take the form of equity financing from which, in the future, there may be a recovery of principal or return on investment.

Revenue recognition

a) **Program Recoupment** - Any recovery of principal or return on investment of programs funded is recorded as program recoupment when received or reported by the applicant.

b) Province of Manitoba Funding - Province of Manitoba funding is based on the Province of Manitoba's annual allocation to the Corporation and is recorded as revenue when received.

Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

Accounts receivable are stated after evaluation as to their collectibility and an appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts is provided where considered necessary. Amortization of equipment is provided based on the Corporation's estimated useful lives of those assets.

These estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in earnings in the periods in which they become known.

Financial instruments

Held for trading:

The Corporation has classified cash as held for trading. This instrument is initially recognized at fair value. Fair value is approximated by the instrument's initial cost in a transaction between unrelated parties.

Held for trading financial instruments are subsequently measured at their fair value. Net gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are recognized immediately in income.

Loans and receivables:

The Corporation has classified accounts receivable as loans and receivables. These assets are initially recognized at their fair value. Fair value is approximated by the instrument's initial cost in a transaction between unrelated parties. Loans and receivables are subsequently measured at their amortized cost, using the effective interest method. Amortized cost is the amount at which the financial asset is measured at initial recognition less any reduction for impairment or uncollectibility. Net gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are recognized in net income upon impairment.

Other financial liabilities:

The Corporation has classified accounts payable as other financial liabilities. These liabilities are initially recorded at their fair value. Fair value is approximated by the instrument's initial cost in a transaction between unrelated parties.

Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost. Amortized cost is the amount at which the financial liability is measured at initial recognition less principal repayments. Net gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are recognized in net income upon derecognition.

3. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial Instruments

During 2007, the Corporation retroactively adopted new presentation and disclosure recommendations with respect to financial instruments. The adoption of the standard resulted in no change to the comparative financial statements.

4. CASH

Cash on deposit earns monthly interest at the Chartered Bank's commercial rates.

5. CAPITAL ASSETS

		2007		
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Website/Database	\$ 33,290	\$ 19,629	\$ 13,661	\$ 11,120
Computer equipment	87,139	75,308	11,831	13,151
Furniture	50,762	49,748	1,014	2,049
Leasehold improvements	53,700	21,206	32,494	35,137
Equipment	6,196	4,030	2,166	1,761
	\$ 231,087	\$ 169,921	\$ 61,166	\$ 63,218

6. DEFERRED REVENUE

The Province of Manitoba has provided funds directed to specific programs in the next fiscal year. These funds consist of:

	2008	2007
Sound Portfolio Investment Envelope Program Film Portfolio Investment Envelope Program	\$ 21,500 20,000	\$ 51,500 97,500
	\$ 41,500	\$ 149,000

7. CARRY-OVER COMMITMENTS

Due to lead times required to obtain all the resources necessary to complete film, video and sound recording projects, the Corporation approves applications for funding which may not be disbursed until subsequent fiscal periods. Particulars of such approved funding in fiscal year ended March 31, 2008 and prior years, which were not fully advanced as at March 31, 2008 are as follows:

	Year of Commitment				Total				
		07/08		06/07	Prior		2008		2007
FILM									
Development Financing Programs	\$	82,010	\$	5,510	\$ -	\$	87,520	\$	29,839
Production Financing Programs		716,264		38,386	34,944		789,594		724,702
Access to Markets Program		3,000		-	-		3,000		3,000
Emerging Talent Matching Funds		9,000		2,750	-		11,750		8,050
Feature Film Marketing Program		7,162		-	-		7,162		-
Portfolio Investment Envelope		-		-	33,750		33,750		42,500
Industry Support		27,900		1,200	-		29,100		7,350
	\$	845,336	\$	47,846	\$ 68,694	\$	961,876	\$	815,441
SOUND									
Sound Recording Production Fund - I	\$	7,577	\$	-	\$ -	\$	7,577	\$	15,680
Sound Recording Production Fund - II		25,800		-	с		25,800		-
Sound Recording Production Fund - III		76,250		19,500	500		96,250		141,242
Sound Recording – Out of Province Artists		16,738		5,000	-		21,738		20,000
Record Product Marketing Fund		32,166		3,752	-		35,918		24,195
Recording Artist Touring Fund		4,839		1,400	-		6,239		8,650
Music Video Fund		16,500		-	-		16,500		-
Portfolio Investment Envelope		-		-	9,000		9,000		9,000
Market Access Fund		3,000		-	-		3,000		3,000
	\$	182,870	\$	29,652	\$ 9,500	\$	222,022	\$	221,767
Total Commitments	\$	1,028,206	\$	77,498	\$ 78,194	\$	1,183,898	\$	1,037,208

8. NET ASSETS

	Invested in capital assets	Unrestricted	2008	2007
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 63,218	\$ 421,603	\$ 484,821	\$ 313,540
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	(17,589)	211,284	193,695	171,281
Investment in capital assets	15,537	(15,537)	-	-
Balance, end of year	\$ 61,166	\$ 617,350	\$ 678,516	\$ 484,821

Unrestricted assets are comprised of current and prior years' project revenue recoupments that are allocated to future years' programming and program delivery budgets.

9. INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION SUPPORT

The Corporation indirectly supports the on-going development of creative talent, business skills and capacity building of various film, television and sound recording professionals by providing funding for specific programming administered by MARIA, On Screen Manitoba, the National Screen Institute Canada and the Winnipeg Film Group. Programs supported include the Aboriginal Music Program, Features First, Drama Prize, Totally Television, Global Marketing, New Voices, NSI Storytellers, Post-Production and Marketing funds.

10. LEASE COMMITMENTS

The Corporation occupies leased premises subject to minimum monthly rent of \$4,856 until August 2009 plus various equipment leases with quarterly payments until March 2012. Future minimum annual payments as are follows:

2009 66,389	2010	32,194	2011	7,305	2012	7,305
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11. PROGRAMS DELIVERY

Programs delivery also includes the expenses associated with the delivery of the Manitoba Film & Video Production Tax Credit Program (MTC). While the value of the MTC does not flow through the Corporation, the delivery of it does and is therefore determined to be worth noting. A total of 110 applications were received for processing during the 2008 fiscal year (2007-86), representing in excess of \$195 million worth of production activity (2007 - \$191 million). Production activity includes projects which took place in current and prior years. The tax credits are subject to approval by the Province of Manitoba.

12. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

The Corporation's primary source of income is derived from the Province of Manitoba in the form of an operating grant.