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Miss Canadiana

Miss Canadiana is the self-crowned queen of Canadiana! She's a beauty queen. And sports a tiara with a maple leaf, a long red glitzy red gown, and a "Miss Canadiana" sash. The person behind the fancy costume is Jamaican-born Toronto performance artist, Camille Turner. The glamour queen was at Mount St Vincent University yesterday to meet students. She also opened her touring Canadian Kitsch Museum at the mount's art gallery. Maritime arts producer Phlis McGregor visited Mount St Vincent and caught up with Miss Canadiana and her entourage of Canadian Studies students.

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Creative Spirit East

Creative Spirit East is a Halifax-based organization that helps people with disabilities make art and exhibit art. There are about 20 artists in the group. Most of their work is exhibited through the Veith Street Gallery. Maritime arts producer Phlis McGregor visited the gallery. She spoke with Michael Seary - who is one of the founders of Creative Spirit East, as well as arts educator, Gerard McNeil and artist and gallery manager, Sheila Smith. For information on Creative Spirit East call 446-6010.

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Musical Benefits for tsunami victims

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Teaching Peace - Nova Scotia students head to Serbia

March Break may be a long way off. But a group of budding film students in Halifax are already making their plans. They're planning to make a documentary. And they're going to Serbia to do it. Phlis McGregor has the story.

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About 30 students from St Pat's high school and Eastern Shore District High school plan to go on the trip. They're calling themselves "Students For Teaching Peace". Zander Brosky and Shawn Wilson are grade 12 students.

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Watercolour exhibit at Government House in Halifax

Seventeen of Atlantic Canada's best watercolour painters currently have work on exhibit at Government House in Halifax. In total 72 paintings are on display. The painters are members of Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour. Maritime arts producer Phlis McGregor spoke with Ron Hazell - the Atlantic director of the society. You can arrange a tour of the show, by calling Government House at 902-424-7006.

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Studio 21 art gallery celebrates 21 years - interview with gallery's founder

One of Halifax's oldest commercial art galleries is celebrating a birthday. It's Studio 21 - and it's turning 21. Ineke Graham is the director and founder of the gallery. And to celebrate she's painted 21 portraits of artists who've exhibited at Studio 21 over the years. The paintings will be on display until January 5th. Maritime arts producer Phlis McGregor visited the gallery and spoke with Ineke Graham.

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New Arts Centre proposed for Truro Nova Scotia

Well, if all goes according to plan, Truro, Nova Scotia will soon have its own arts centre. And what's surprising: its not artists who've spearheaded the idea, but a group of business leaders from the town. Maritime arts producer



Phlis meets with Miss Canadiana

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Phlis McGregor visited Truro to find out more about the proposed facility.

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** Update (posted Dec. 16, 2004) On December 15 the group announced it raised \$950,000 for the arts centre. It will be called the Marigold Cultural Centre. They expect to open the building in the summer.

Paintings of Nova Scotia

From Cape Blomindon to Terrence Bay; Digby to Cheticamp... Nova Scotia is well represented in paintings. A new book simply called "Paintings of Nova Scotia" contains one hundred images of this province - mostly landscapes and seascapes. It's a glossy picture book that begins with a historic view of the Halifax harbour painted in 1762... and features paintings from all across the province, right up to current day. The featured works are all part of the collection of the art gallery of Nova Scotia and they're on display at the gallery until the middle of February. The book's author is Mora Dianne O'Neill - who is an associate curator of historic prints and drawings at the AGNS. She spoke with maritime arts producer Phlis McGregor.

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The cultural sector in Atlantic Canada: Its Economic Impact and Export Potential

We've heard a lot recently about the potential for arts and culture to enrich our lives. Now a new study sponsored by the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency looks at the economic side of the cultural industry - is economic impact in the Atlantic Provinces and the potential of the industry to be exported to foreign markets. The study was prepared by The Canadian Institute for Research on Regional Development based in Moncton. The report is called "The cultural sector in Atlantic Canada: Its Economic Impact and Export Potential". Nicole Barrieau is the author and she spoke with Maritime arts producer Phlis McGregor.

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Canada Council - changes to visual arts grants

The Canada Council for the arts is a key revenue source for many artists in Canada. The visual arts section alone grants around 3.5 million dollars each year to painters, sculptors and other professional artists to create their work. It's now in the process of changing how it decides which visual artists should receive grants. And as Phlis McGregor reports, the proposed changes have a lot of artists worried.



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The Take


"The Take" is a documentary film about a movement in Argentina - where workers are taking over abandoned factories and putting them back into production. The film opens in Halifax on November 12th. It's directed by Avi Lewis - the former host of CBC Newsworld's Counterspin. And written by Naomi Klein - who also wrote the international best seller "No Logo". Maritime arts producer Phlis McGregor spoke with Avi Lewis.

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For more information about Avi Lewis and Naomi Klein's film, The Take visit their website at thetake.org (posted Nov 12, 2004)

The Marquee Club Closing - Conversation with Victor Syperek

Halifax is losing one of its best known live music venues. The Marquee Club on Gottingen Street in the north end of Halifax opened in 1998. Since then it's gained the reputation for being one of the premier spaces to see live alternative music in the Maritimes. Although the club is based in Halifax, the affects of the closure will likely be felt throughout the region. The club will close its doors on January 11th. 51 employees will be laid off. Victor Syperek is one of the Marquee Club's owners. He spoke with Maritime arts producer Phlis McGregor.

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** Update: the Marquee's closing date has been extended into the new year.

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