

Creators Copyright Coalition

The CCC is an alliance of 16 professional associations of individual creators and performers, and copyright collective societies active in the theatre, the visual arts, the applied arts, literature, music, recording and audiovisual arts.

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CREATORS MUST BE INCLUDED IN NATIONAL DIGITAL MEDIA STRATEGY

TORONTO – The Creators Copyright Coalition applauds Industry Minister Tony Clement's initiative to develop a national Digital Media Strategy, but is concerned that creators are not being consulted on this critical initiative.

The Hon. Mr. Clement is hosting a one-day forum on Monday, June 22 to identify the key areas of action necessary for Canada to regain its leadership position in the digital economy. While senior leaders from business, academic and consumer organizations are being invited to contribute their expertise and actively participate in this day-long event, no creators or representatives from creator groups have been invited to participate.

“Creators such as writers, performers, musicians and visual artists create the content that is the basis of the digital economy. We're concerned that the government can hold discussions with industry leaders and not include creators, the people who make the Internet an interesting and vital medium,” said Bill Freeman, the Chair of the CCC. “The distribution of works via the Internet has caused unique challenges and opportunities for creators. We would like the opportunity to have our voices heard and share our experiences and ideas as the government attempts to draw the roadmap to Canada's digital future.”

Members of the CCC include: Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists (ACTRA), American Federation of Musicians (AFM), Canadian Actors' Equity Association (CAEA), Canadian Artists Representation/Front des Artistes Canadiens (CAR/FAC), The CAR/FAC Collective, Canadian Association of Photographers and Illustrators in Communications (CAPIC), Canadian Music Centre (CMC), Canadian League of Composers, Directors Guild of Canada (DGC), Guild of Canadian Film Composers (GCFC), League of Canadian Poets, Literary Translators Association of Canada, Playwrights' Guild of Canada, Periodical Writers' Association (PWAC) Professional Photographers of Canada, SOCAN, Songwriters Association of Canada (SAC), Writers Guild of Canada (WGC) and The Writers Union of Canada (TWUC).

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