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CSARN Newsletter for June 2015

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From the Executive Director



There is a very important -- and very exciting -- date fast approaching on the CSARN calendar. Not only is July 1st the day we celebrate Canada's 148th birthday as a nation, it is also the day we officially launch the **Seniors' Care Advisory Program**. This **free** service will help senior artists unravel the often-confusing health-care services offered by government and private sources. See below for more on *SCAP*.

July 1st is also the deadline for submissions for our mentorship program. If you are a senior professional artist, we invite you to apply to become a mentor. Artists of any age looking for guidance in their careers can also apply to become mentees. More on that below as well.

And, finally, if you haven't seen it, we'd like to offer a link to a video featuring one of my all-time favourite performers: Dick Van Dyke, 89 years old, dancing up a storm with his wife in a new music video by a band called the Dustbowl Revival. It is proof positive that many of us in the arts just want to keep creating, keep entertaining, keep sharing, keep doing what we do best.

I hope you enjoy the video. And I wish you the best for a peaceful and relaxing summer.

Cheers,

CSARN introduces the Seniors' Care Advisory Program

Managing your health can be difficult as you age. Especially identifying, and navigating, the various services available, both public and private.

It's about to become a lot easier. CSARN is introducing the **Seniors' Care Advisory Program**.

Offered in association with the ACTRA Fraternal Benefit Society, and managed by Bayshore Health Care for Seniors, SCAP is a **free** national, bilingual service that assists senior artists in addressing their health care needs.

Anyone who signs up through CSARN will have access to a toll-free number that will provide a variety of services, including: helping to access provincially-and-federally-funded benefits, and assisting in completing necessary forms; locating appropriate health care service providers; providing information and assistance on a range of other services.

CSARN offers this program **free of charge** to any senior professional artist who registers through our website.

SCAP begins July 1st. But you can pre-register now at:

www.csarn-craac.ca/en/scap.html.

Mentorship Deadline July 1st

Are you a senior artist looking to share your artistry and experience with a colleague?

Or are you, or is someone you know, wondering how to take your career to the next level? Looking for help from someone who has already traveled the same road?

CSARN can help. We're preparing to launch the fourth round of our mentorship program in Ontario, and we're looking for both mentors and mentees.

We do not charge for this service. In fact, mentors [60+] are paid a fee. Mentees are reimbursed for their expenses.

Full details are available on our website, including guidelines and application forms [there are separate forms for mentors and mentees.] You can also check out **MENTOR MATCH**, a listing of all our available mentors and their skills, and mentees and what they're looking for.

The deadline for applications is July 1st.

Questions? [Contact](#) one of the Program's Co-directors, Joysanne Sidimus or Deborah Windsor.

Find out more at:

www.csarn-craac.ca/en/mentorship.html

The Great Canadian Giving Challenge

CSARN is taking part in a charity challenge this month. From now until the end of June, every dollar donated through Canada Helps gives CSARN the chance to win a \$10,000 prize.

\$10,000 will enable us to fund more mentorships; pay for more senior artists to join the Seniors' Care Advisory Program; take our seminars to more parts of Canada.

The deadline to qualify is June 30th. The donation can be any size. But each dollar gives CSARN a chance to help more Canadian Senior artists.

Click on the symbol to give CSARN -- and all of us -- a chance to win:



TV Comedy Icon Going Strong at 89

He danced with Chita Rivera on Broadway.

He danced with Mary Tyler Moore on television.

He danced with Julie Andrews and a flock of animated Disney penguins on the big screen.

And, at 89, Dick Van Dyke is still dancing. He is starring in a music video by a bluegrass band called the Dustbowl Revival. He saw the band perform and became friends with them. And, when they were trying to decide what kind of video to shoot for the first single from their new CD, *With a Lampshade On*, they called Dick. He invited them up to his house in Malibu where he and his wife, Arlene, starred in the video of *Never Had to Go*.

Dick Van Dyke is a perfect example of an artist who keeps creating well past what most people consider the age of "retirement." He is truly an inspiration.



Click [here](#) to watch *Never Had to Go*

CSARN Mentor Presents Toronto Exhibit

During the 1960s, CSARN mentor Laura Jones photographed the American civil rights movement. Recently, Laura and her sons and grandson visited Selma, Alabama, to mark the 50th anniversary of that turbulent chapter of American history. Join Laura for a special night of remembrance, complete with original photos and the rough cut of a video documentary.

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POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN



**LAURA JONES
PHOTOGRAPHER**

The exhibit will include photos by Laura taken during the Selma Civil Rights Marches of 1965, 1966, and the 50th anniversary march this year.

It's happening at the Arts and Letters Club at 14 Elm Street in Toronto, Friday June 19th at 8:00.

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