



**Independent  
Media Arts Alliance**  
Alliance des arts  
médiatiques indépendants

Hon. Darrell Dexter, Premier of Nova Scotia  
Hon. Marilyn More, Minister for Education and Labour  
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To the Hon. Darrell Dexter and the Hon. Marilyn More,

The Independent Media Arts Alliance is a national association representing over 80 media arts organizations in all parts of Canada and over 12,000 artists and cultural workers.

We wish to draw attention to the fact that the proposed changes to the structure of NSCAD University is not just a regional issue and could have detrimental effects on the Canadian art sector. NSCAD is an internationally recognized institution attracting students from around the world. Many of these graduates have become leaders in the fields of visual, media arts, craft and design and have established themselves in all parts of the country.

The Atlantic region has a very strong cultural profile in large part due to the outstanding work of faculty and staff and the vibrant presence of NSCAD in the region. Halifax is home to several artist-run organizations that have been nourished and sustained by the sizeable and supportive artistic community directly linked to NSCAD. These artist-run organizations have important community outreach programs, offer training and workshops to the broad public and play an important role within the contemporary art scene nationally.

The threat of termination of programs to wholesale or fragmented mergers with other provincial institutions is deplorable. The province must step in to ensure NSCAD University stays intact and independent.

Sincerely,

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