

The Banff Centre is a globally respected arts, cultural, and educational institution and conference facility.

Inspiring Creativity

Our mission

The Banff Centre is a catalyst for creativity, with a transformative impact on those who attend our programs, conferences, and events. Our alumni create, produce, and perform works of art all over the world, lead our institutions, organizations, and businesses, and play significant roles in our cultural, social, intellectual, and economic well-being, and in the preservation of our environment.

Fast Facts

Founded:	1933
Annual program participants:	4000-5000
Scholarships, Support, and Financial Assistance provided:	\$3.8 million
Percentage of Canadian participants:	83 per cent
Original performances, concerts, and exhibitions per year:	over 400
Banff Summer Arts Festival audience:	34,250
Banff Mountain Festivals audience:	12,090
Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour audience:	165,000 in 29 countries
Annual conference attendees:	21,000
Banff Centre budget 2007-08:	\$49.5 million
Self generated revenue:	\$35.6 million (72%)
Alberta government grant:	\$13.5 million (28%)
Campus size:	43 acres/17 hectares
Total needs identified in Campus Master Plan:	\$133 million
Province of Alberta commitment to Donald Cameron project:	\$50 million
Staff :	430 full time equivalents

(All figures as of May 2007)

In the Arts

For almost 75 years, The Banff Centre has provided professional career development and opportunities to create new work for artists and cultural leaders in Aboriginal, performing, literary, new media, and visual arts. Work is showcased throughout the year in public performances, exhibitions, and events, culminating in the Banff Summer Arts Festival.

In Leadership Development

Leadership Development at The Banff Centre offers customized and public programs in the corporate, government, Aboriginal, arts, and not-for-profit sectors that enable and support fundamental transformation in individuals, organizations, and communities. Program participants are mid- to senior-level leaders and decision-makers in their fields.

In Mountain Culture

Mountain Culture at The Banff Centre promotes understanding and appreciation of the world's mountain places by creating opportunities for people to share – and find inspiration in – mountain experiences, ideas, and challenges. Showcase events include the Banff Mountain Film and Book Festivals, and mountain environment think-tanks and conferences.

In Conferences

Since 1952, Conferences have been a core activity of The Banff Centre, providing delegates from Alberta, Canada, and around the world with unparalleled meeting facilities in a creative and inspirational learning environment.

National Impact

Centre alumni and faculty makeup:

- 50% of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet
- 75% of Alberta Ballet
- 25% of National Ballet of Canada
- 33% of the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal
- 50% of the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra
- 35% of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra
- 33% of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra
- 33% of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra
- 20% of the Shaw Festival company

Award-winning

The Banff Centre salutes the following alumni and faculty for these recent awards:

- Ceramicist Paul Mathieu, winner of the 2007 Saidye Bronfman Award for excellence in fine arts;
- Aganetha Dyck and Murray Favro, winners of 2007 Governor General Awards for Visual and Media Arts;
- Joysanne Sidimus, winner of a 2006 Governor General's Performing Arts Award for Lifetime Achievement
- Choreographer David Earle, winner of the 2006 Walter Carsen Prize for Excellence in the Performing Arts. Administered by the Canada Council, this prize has been awarded to alumni of the Centre every year since its inception in 2001;
- Peter Behrens, winner of the 2006 Governor General's Literary Award for English Fiction;
- John Murrell, executive artistic director of Performing Arts, named as one of Alberta's 50 Most Influential People by *Alberta Venture* magazine;

Cover image: The 2007 Banff International Spring Quartet Competition takes place Aug. 28 to Sept. 2.

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