



# The Prince Edward Island Council of the Arts Conseil des Arts de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard

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## **First two PACE Self-Directed Artist Residencies Announced**

The Prince Edward Island Council of the Arts (PEICA) and the City of Summerside are excited to announce the awarding of the first two PACE Self-Directed Artist Residencies, to graphic artist Troy Little and textile artist Nancy Cole.

Troy Little will be the artist-in-residence for the first period, July-August 2011. Little is one of the Island's most successful graphic artists, with three novels under his belt, one of which, *Angora Napkin*, was nominated for an Eisner Award (the comic book equivalent to the Oscars). During his PACE residency, he plans to begin development on his fourth graphic novel. He also relishes the opportunity to interact with the public. "I can imagine lining the wall with comic art (and process art), having my cartoon available for viewing and my books available for reading...while the public can interact with me directly on any subject that sparks their interest." He also would love to have members of the people come in for a comic jam or even a 24-hour comic event.

Visual artist Nancy Cole will be in residence for the second period, September-October. Cole is an emerging professional textile artist whose main focus is quilting. Her practice has evolved into contemporary and concept-based art pieces based on the notions of quilting and other traditional textile techniques. Her PACE residency will center on *Seven*, a collaborative art project that involves area youth as well as demonstrations and open quilting sessions. Her vision is "to create a large silk, transparent quilted textile that reflects cursively written words for the favourite food of our youth as well as making a point that one seventh, or one billion of the seven billion on earth, go hungry."

Darrin White, Executive Director of the PEICA, was quite impressed with the quality of the applications in this first year of the PACE program. "For a brand new program to receive applications of this calibre show that this program will have a real impact," says White "Now that we know the provincial interest is there, we will start working on the regional and national versions."

### **BACKGROUNDER**

The City of Summerside and the PEI Council of the Arts supports a self directed artist-in-residence program called PACE, which is based in the city of Summerside. The year-round program stimulates conversation between artists, area residents and visitors, as they connect with special programming presented by the artists-in-residence throughout the year.

The PACE program provides studio facilities and furnished accommodations to emerging and established contemporary artists, fine craft practitioners and creative industry professionals to support the development of their practice. Residency activities revolve around making, learning about and sharing contemporary arts in all their forms. There are three residency periods per year: summer (July – August), fall (September – October) and spring (March – May).

Residencies are available for individuals or small groups/bands and collectives at the established and emerging professional artist levels.

All interested Island artists are invited to apply to the PACE program for the next residency period in the Spring of 2012 (March-May). The deadline is September 1, 2011. For more information,

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