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Government of Canada Supports Miramichi Irish Festival

MIRAMICHI, New Brunswick, March 18, 2010 – On behalf of the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, Tilly O’Neill-Gordon, Member of Parliament (Miramichi) today announced funding for the 27th annual Miramichi Irish Festival.

This four-day summer festival will highlight Irish heritage, culture, dance, and music through workshops, shows, children’s activities, and local talent.

“Our Government is pleased to support events like the Miramichi Irish Festival that offer Canadians of Irish heritage and Canadians of all origins the opportunity to celebrate Irish culture and traditions,” said Minister Moore. “Events like these contribute enormously to the development of local tourism and the economy. And even those who are not Irish will enjoy this celebratory and educational experience of Irish culture.”

“The annual Irish Festival is always a very popular event and is extremely important to the city of Miramichi and surrounding area,” said Mrs. O’Neill-Gordon. “There is something for everyone – residents and visitors, young and not-so-young, Irish and want-to-be-Irish. Events like this bring people together and contribute to the quality of life in our community.”

“On behalf of the Miramichi Irish Festival, I wish to thank the Government of Canada for this generous funding,” said Festival President Elaine Jimmo. “We will be able to showcase our local musicians, small theatre groups, dance, and genealogical workshops. These presentations are always an important part of our cultural events.”

The Miramichi Irish Festival will run from July 15 to 18 at venues across this historic city of 24,000 residents. Events will take place at the New Brunswick Community College, the Lord Beaverbrook Arena, and the Miramichi waterfront.

The Government of Canada has provided funding of \$13,100 through the [Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage program](#) of the Department of Canadian Heritage. This program provides Canadians with more opportunities to take part in activities that present local arts and culture and celebrate local history and heritage.

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