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Canada Science and Technology Museums Corporation signs an agreement with the National Music Centre

OTTAWA, October 23, 2012 – Music is both an art and a science. Today the relationship between the sounds that fill us with emotion and the mathematical foundations and instruments used to produce them are once again making progress in harmony.

The National Music Centre (NMC) and the Canada Science and Technology Museums Corporation (CSTMC) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in order to join forces in the pursuit of their respective mandates.

Building on each institution's respective areas of expertise, the MOU will see NMC benefiting from the CSTMC's curatorial expertise in the development of its permanent exhibitions for the new facility currently being designed.

Moreover, NMC and the CSTMC have agreed to mutually benefit from each other's extensive collections, in order to be able to better tell Canadians the stories of science and technology in Canada, as well as amplifying Canadians' love, sharing and understanding of music. Through this MOU, these efforts could translate in jointly-developed travelling exhibitions, artifact loans between the two institutions, collaboration on collections development and acquisitions, and the creation of educational programs and activities, among a variety of possible collaborative avenues.



"We are extremely thrilled to have come to such a mutually beneficial agreement with NMC," says CSTMC CEO Denise Amyot. "Music's universal appeal, undeniable popularity, and its endless possibilities will be a rich source of inspiration for us to develop unique and creative content which will illustrate to Canadians how even an art form can relate to science and technology. And it is with great pleasure that we will share with NMC our expertise regarding how Canadians have played and listened to music throughout our history."

"Fulfilling a national mandate can be a challenge in a country that spans nearly 10,000 km," says Andrew Mosker, President and CEO of the National Music Centre. "But partnerships like this one ensure Canadians from coast to coast to coast have access to the amazing stories both organizations are telling, and that we continue to grow and learn from one another. It's an exciting prospect and we're very much looking forward to getting started."





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