

Milly Ristvedt
RCA Advocacy Report
October, 2015

A federal election is only days away. We know how important the arts are, but do our candidates? It is not too late to learn more to make the most of your vote.

We urge you to check out the comprehensive toolkit prepared by the Canadian Arts Coalition <http://www.canadianartscoalition.com> On the CAC website you will find analysis of the 2015 Federal Budget. As you can see, arts and culture do not figure amongst the political priorities of the government. The positions of all parties on Arts and Culture are also available on the CAC website.

You might also be interested in the Internet Freedom Report Card prepared by Open Media, <https://ourdigitalfuture.ca/report?src=158532> which grades all parties on their response to the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement's effects on internet censorship and Canadian copyright laws, issues important to many in the arts.

In other news, the Visual Arts Alliance research team, which includes RCA Advocacy, is working to complete a major gap in data on the contemporary Canadian visual and media arts and craft markets. To that end we recently applied for funding to produce a framework to measure the performance of the Canadian art market.