

**Greetings from the Hon. Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage
Honourable Cathy Cox**

As Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, I am pleased to welcome everyone to the first annual African Movie Festival in Manitoba (AM-FM).

Through the power of the cinema, audiences will have the opportunity to learn more about African arts and culture, and the unique perspective that African artists bring to their creative work. AM-FM further invites people to discuss issues and topics of particular interest to the African community, thereby promoting inter-cultural understanding, respect and empathy.

Congratulations to the organizing committee, staff and volunteers of the Manitoba African Film Festival Inc. for your dedication and hard work in staging this event. By showcasing the work of African film makers, you are helping to promote the arts, as well as reminding Manitobans of the cultural diversity that enriches our entire province. I wish you every success with this inaugural festival.



**Honourable Cathy Cox
Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage**

