

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

Welcome

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

Through films, dances and other performances, this festival invites audience members to learn more about African arts and culture and gives African expatriates a taste of home.

The festival also generates discussions around social, political and economic issues of particular importance to the African community. It reminds us all why cultural diversity is so important to the social fabric of our province, allowing us to broaden our perspectives and gain a wider understanding of the world around us.

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 promoting the work of African and Manitoban filmmakers and performers, you are making a valuable contribution to the Manitoba arts scene. In doing so, you are also helping to make our province a more respectful and inclusive place for us all to live.



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

