

Museums and Schools Partnership Category (CMA AWARD 2009)

Partner Institutions: Morse Museum and Cultural Centre and its partner, Morse High School, Morse, Saskatchewan.

The 2009 Museums and Schools Partnership Award is presented to **The Morse Museum and Cultural Centre, Morse, Saskatchewan** and its partner, **Morse High School** in recognition of their enduring and successful collaboration in the development and delivery of outstanding educational programming for students in their community.

The approach adopted by the Morse Museum and Cultural Centre in developing and delivering educational programs involves high school students acting as costumed volunteers. These students are instrumental in the delivery of multi-station, animated school tours within the museum's various period rooms and nearby Reed Lake, designated a Globally Significant Important Birding Area which is part of the Western Hemisphere Shore Bird Reserve Network.



The partnership between the museum and Morse High School is built on 20 years of continuing collaboration. Both partners enjoy a unique symbiotic relationship through which the museum benefits from a cadre of reliable, motivated interpreters. These senior students develop leadership, dramatic, improvisational and organizational skills while being initiated to artifact handling and documentation. Younger students learn from the museum's various displays as these become an integral part of curriculum delivery.

As a result of this dynamic relationship with students and community members, the Morse Museum and Cultural Centre is able to provide stimulating educational programs and other activities throughout the year.

The Selection Committee congratulates the Morse Museum and the Morse School on a unique partnership which has become an institution and a multi-disciplinary, multi-generational, sustainable project deeply rooted in the heritage of the community.