

If you have a need for replacement or supplemental health insurance, or for other forms of insurance including home and auto, I suggest you look into the Arts & Entertainment Plan™ offered by AFBS.

AFBS is a feel-good story – a not-for-profit organization founded, owned and governed by members of ACTRA and the Writers' Guild of Canada. Over the past 36 years, AFBS has grown to become one of the country's Top 200 Financial Services companies, a testament to the imagination and good governance provided by its leaders. When AFBS designs specialized healthcare and insurance programs for its members, it does so with years of expertise, knowledge of the cultural community and compassion that can't be matched by traditional insurers for whom health is just a business.

Susan Swan, an author, activist and past chair of the Writers' Union of Canada approached AFBS to develop a program for the writing community. AFBS' response was the Writers' Coalition Program. The success of this program resulted in the creation of the Arts & Entertainment Plan™. The Program currently provides extended healthcare, dental, prescription drugs, travel and Life insurance coverage. This protection is offered nationally, is completely voluntary and coverage is available to singles, couples and families.

With 17,000 Members and links to 42 participating organizations with an audience of over 150,000 self-employed artists like ours, AFBS – as a not-for-profit – is able to provide very cost-effective coverage.

As one of the organizations recognized by AFBS, members of VRSC/ARAC are eligible to apply for coverage.

To learn more, you can visit the Arts & Entertainment Plan™ website ([www.artsandentertainmentplan.ca](http://www.artsandentertainmentplan.ca)) or e-mail [admin@artsandentertainmentplan.ca](mailto:admin@artsandentertainmentplan.ca). Alternatively, if you would like to speak directly with someone you can call David Racicot at 1 (800) 387-8897 at extension 238.

You'll find them interested, understanding and helpful people.