Aurora Cultural Centre

AGENDA

Board of Directors Meeting #3 2022

7 pm

Wednesday April 13th, 2022 **Eric Acker, Chair**

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87506776786?pwd=OXRRMzNIZUEwWVozLzlvVldlQy91Zz09
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1 (1 min)	Agenda **MOTION** to Approve the Agenda	Eric Acker
2 (1 min)	Previous Minutes **MOTION** to Approve Minutes of previous meeting (February 16, 2022)	Eric Acker
3 (1 min)	**Statements of Conflict of Interest**	ALL
4 (15 min)	**Executive Director Report** • Monthly Report • 2022 Q1 Complaints and Compliance Reports • Q1 Managerial Commentary **MOTION** to Approve the Managerial Commentary for Q1 2022, AND that Q1 Commentary be sent to Town of Aurora, AND that Q1 Commentary be made available for public release. **MOTION** to Receive the Q1 2022 Compliance and Complaints Statements **MOTION** to Receive the Executive Director Report	Suzanne Haines
5 (20 min)	**Facility Task Force** Report from the committee **MOTION** to Receive the Facility Task Force Report	John de Faveri

6 (30 min)	**Finance & Audit Committee** Report from the committee • Interim Financial Statements to February 28, 2022 • Updated projections for 2022 • 2023 Town Budget process **MOTION** to Approve the Interim Financial Statements to February 28, 2022 **MOTION** to Receive the Finance & Audit Committee Report	Laura Hostick
7 (10 min)	**Fund Development Committee** Report from the committee **MOTION** to Receive the Fund Development Committee Report	John de Faveri
8 (10 min)	**Governance & Nominating** Report from the committee • Quarterly Risk Assessment **MOTION** to Receive the Governance & Nominating Committee Report	Parisa Sabat
9 (10 min)	**Executive Committee** Report from the committee Notice of Special Meeting of the Members – May 11, 2022 • Agenda – By-law change for Directors residency clause **MOTION** to Receive the Executive Committee Report	Eric Acker
10	**New Business**	ALL
11	**Confirmation of next Meeting** May 11th at 7:00pm via ZOOM	ALL
12	**MOTION** to Adjourn Meeting	ALL

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MINUTES

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7 pm

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In Attendance: Eric Acker (President), Laura Hostick (Treasurer), Sharon Kelly (Secretary), Nitin Bagga, Andrea Chan, Cllr Wendy Gaertner, Cllr Rachel Gilliland, Mandana Gholami M, Christina Kerr, Parisa Sabat

Regrets: Damien Chan, John De Faveri (Vice President)

Staff: Suzanne Haines (Executive Director)

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Board of Directors – April 2022
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

February/March 2022

SPECIAL EVENTS

CRAFTERNOON @ ARMOURY
MARCH 16, 2022

The Aurora Cultural Centre was excited to bring back this popular family March Break activity once again – and in anticipation, have extended the hours. It's a family "Crafternoon" that actually starts in the morning!

Patrons brought their kids to tap into all of that creative energy with a variety of free art activities. All ages were welcomed; offered at no charge. No advance registration was required and the activities were enjoyed by the 127 residents that visited the event.

Live Events Programming

Sounding Thunder: The Song of Francis Pegahmagabow

Great Artist Music Series
February 3, 2022

Commissioned by the Festival of the Sound in 2018, Sounding Thunder is a musical journey into the life of the renowned Ojibwe WWI sniper and decorated officer of the Canadian military, Francis Pegahmagabow. Composed by Tim Corlis and written by Ojibwe poet Armand Garnet Ruffo, it is a complex work divided into three acts, exploring Pegahmagabow's early years immersed in the world of the Anishinaabe spirits, his extraordinary accomplishments in the trenches of WWI, and finally his political life as Chief of the Wausauksing Ojibwe and founder of the early Indigenous political movement in Canada.

Patrons were able to stream the phenomenal work that is Sounding Thunder: The Song of Francis Pegahmagabow. The recording included a short documentary on The Making of Sounding Thunder, intro remarks from Brian McInness (Pegahmagabow's great grandson), and a the professionally-produced filmed debut of this seminal work at The Festival of the Sound. We welcomed our patrons to the live-online Zoom Reception, as we heard from the creators and curators of this work in a lively and informative panel event.

Film Premiere: **Thursday, February 3rd, 2022, 7:00pm**
The livestream link was accessible through **February 10th, 7:00pm**

A musical journey into the life of renowned Ojibwe WWI sniper and decorated officer of the Canadian military, Francis Pegahbagabow, captured on film.

Virtual Reception: **Thursday, February 10th, 2022** 7:00-8:00 PM
We hosted an open roundtable discussion with composer Timothy Corlis, author Dr. Brian D. McInnes and Festival of Sound artistic director Jim Campbell as explore how this powerful story was brought to life.

Kattam and his Tam-Tams

Kaleidoscope Family Series

February 21, 2022

To the sound of the n'goni, balafon, djembe, naffar, derbouka and dhol, Montreal-based percussionist Kattam invites you to discover Africa, the Middle East and India through rhythm, song and dance! From African rap and desert dance to trance sufi rhythm and Bollywood dance. Accompanied by his favourite stuffed animal, a monkey named Takoum, Kattam never fails to involve his audience in an all-encompassing and joyful musical experience.

Kattam – who is part Québeçois and part Moroccan – first trained in classical music, studying piano, singing and percussion. He has continued learning percussion, dance and singing traditions across the globe – from Havana to Guinea, India to Marrocco, and many points in between. He's worked with the Cirque du Soleil, performed at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, and has appeared on numerous movie and television soundtracks in Quebec.

Sarah Hagen Presents "Perk Up, Pianist!"

Great Artist Music Series

March 11, 2022

Often referred to as the next Victor Borge, Sarah has transformed her award-winning role as "concert pianist" into a stand-up, or rather, sit-down comedy. Pairing anecdotes with music, "Perk up, pianist!" takes audiences deep inside the world of a classical musician as she shares her earnest efforts to keep her spirits up in the midst of troublesome times. Described as "one of the best hours I've ever spent at the Fringe" (The Coast, Halifax), "Perk up, pianist!" tells the tale of a touring classical musician remaining optimistic in the midst of challenging and ridiculous situations. Of the show's debut at the Toronto Fringe Festival, Montreal Rampage wrote, "Hagen reminds us the beauty of how an honest solo performance can make you so easily fall in love with its performer." Directed by Rick Roberts. Created, written, and performed by Sarah Hagen, with original compositions.

Awarded as Artist of the Year by both Ontario Contact (2017) and the BC Touring Council (2015), and mentioned by The Guardian (Charlottetown) as the Best Classical Performance of 2014, pianist Sarah Hagen's interpretations have been described as "outstandingly inventive" [University of Waterloo Gazette]. Her extensive touring has taken her across Canada, to Sweden, France, Germany and Italy, and twice to New York City's Carnegie Hall. Sarah's latest album, Women of Note, highlights two forgotten female composers of the 18th century, and was awarded the 2021 Music PEI Instrumental Recording of the Year.

DuffleBag Theatre Presents Robin Hood

Kaleidoscope Family Series

March 19, 2022

March Break fun alert!

While the King is away, the people of England suffer under the oppressive rule of his dastardly brother, Prince John. Only Robin Hood, the best archer in the land, can save England! By stealing from the rich and giving back to the poor, Robin keeps the spirit of justice alive, with the help of a few friends along the way, including Maid Marian, Friar Tuck, and Little John. But what if the Prince and the dreaded Sheriff of Nottingham lay a trap for our hero? DuffleBag Theatre brings classic fairy tales and folktales to life in their signature fun-filled and

humorous fashion, using audience members as the stars. Audiences are enchanted by the clever stagecraft and witty narration and thrilled to watch their peers be included in the company's performances, especially when the performers don't go exactly by the book!

Coming Up:
Signature Series
Leela Gilday April 7 7:30pm Aurora Armoury

Meridian Magic Carpet Series
Pop! Pop! April 23 11am Aurora Chamber Home Show (FREE)
We will have a book at the Home Show with a chance to win. Please encourage those you know to attend.
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/carousel-players-pop-pop/

Gallery Program

CONSTELLATIONS - EMILY CARRIERE
Oct 30, 2021 – Feb 5, 2022
Constellations is a solo exhibition presenting the intricate and colourful vinyl and acrylic artworks by award winning emerging artist Emily Carriere. Through experimentation and intuition, Carriere's creates abstract images with intricately cut and layered patterns and shapes. Placing value in the process of creating as much as the final content, she continuously reworks and reimagines her ever evolving pieces. This exhibition of all new works, will immediately draw you in with its bright colours, sparkle and shine, overlapped with the repeated use of organic yet symmetrical forms. We are thrilled to be hosting Carriere's first solo exhibition outside of Toronto

Virtual Gallery- Explore the exhibition in The Aurora Town Hall Gallery Space in the 360 Virtual Gallery. Feel like you're there in person as you travel through the exhibition, seeing the scale of the artworks and how as they speak to each other.
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/constellations/

MAYOR'S CELEBRATION OF YOUTH ARTS 2022
Online: Tuesday February 15 – Friday March 25, 2022
In-Person: Wednesday February 23 – Saturday March 19, 2022
Since 2011, we have featured the stories, creativity and budding expertise of the senior art classes of Aurora. The Mayor's Celebration of Youth Arts (MCOYA) student art exhibition has continued to be an annual favourite abundant with passion and skill. The 2022 exhibition will feature artwork from the classes of Aurora High School, Cardinal Carter CHS, École Secondaire catholique Renaissance and St. Maximilian Kobe CHS.

Presented in the Centre's temporary gallery on the 2nd floor of Aurora Town Hall, MCOYA 2022 will have accessibility through an online gallery and a virtual 3D map. In addition, accompanying video content called Art Bytes will premiere weekly on our website throughout the exhibition!

Coming up:
UPON REFLECTION – PORTRAITS OF PERSONAL HISTORY
April 1 – April 23 (in person) and May 6 (online)
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/upon-reflection-portraits-of-personal-history/
In person gallery visits Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10am-3pm (registration required)

Education Programs

1. **VIRTUAL Winter Walks in Watercolours** February 3
2. **VIRTUAL PA Day Programs** February 4
3. **A Journey Through Art & Time with Karen Johnston (B.F.A., RECE)** Ages 4 – 6 Feb 12 – April 2
4. **Around the World with Art with Karen Johnston (B.F.A., RECE)** Ages 7 – 10 February 12 – April 2
5. **Famous Artists & Their Styles with Karen Johnston (B.F.A., RECE)** Ages 11 – 15 Feb 12 – April 2

Adults (16+)

6. **Winter Paint Along with Giovanna Gallupo (B.F.A.)** February 13
7. **Drawing & Sketching with Katcho Yazedjian** February 14 – March 28
8. **Painting in Acrylics with Helen Walter (B.A.A.)** February 15 - April 5
9. **Exploring Watercolours (Intermediate/Advanced) with Kathryn Christensen (B.F.A.)** Feb 16–Apr 6
10. **[AFTER SCHOOL] You Can Uke It! with Anthony Clayton (B.A. Hons., B.Ed., Orff)** Ages 8+ February 16 – April 13
11. **Ukulele for Beginners with Anthony Clayton (B.A. Hons., B.Ed., Orff)** February 16 – April 13
12. **Beginning Guitar with Anthony Clayton (B.A. Hons., B.Ed., Orff)** February 16 – April 13
13. **Watercolours: Basics & Beyond with Kathryn Christensen (B.F.A.)** February 17 – April 7
14. **The Art of Calligraphy with Salman Khattak** February 27
15. **VIRTUAL Drawing with Lines with Jan Dolby (B.F.A.)** March 6
16. **Make Your Own Stained Glass Suncatcher with Siobhan Lynch** March 6
17. **March Break Arts Buffet with Karen Johnston (B.F.A., RECE)** Ages 4 – 12 March 14 – March 18
18. **Floral Pin Beading with Marissa Magneson (B.F.A., Hons, M.A.)** March 27

KITS UPDATE
In early March, we reached out to our Superintendent contacts to ask about the possibility of assembly in schools and allowing external visitors. Our Board partners replied that while there was some hesitation around bringing students together, assemblies and external visitors were in fact now permitted under the Province's latest guidelines. In late March, we began confirming dates with our three performing artist groups and subsequently reaching out to the principals to offer dates throughout the month of May.

Administration

- Applied for OSEP summer employment grant on February 15, 2022.
- We have confirmed funding from YCW summer employment grants.
- Application for OAC Music Project Grant March 25, 2022
- Application for Canadian Heritage Commemorating the National Day of Truth & Reconciliation on April 8, 2022
- Application for the Canadian Heritage Re-engaging with Audiences April 11, 2022
- Continued conversation with Town Staff on Provision of Cultural Services Agreement to work through changes. Meetings on March 14, 21, 24, 28

- Attended Microtel Hotel grand opening March 2nd. They have given us preferred artist accommodation rates and are considering a deeper partnership.
- Delegation to Town Council on Governance report update – March 1, 2022

Human Resources

- Administrative & Operational Services Manager is on short term disability as of March 7th and is expected to return on June 7th. Accounting duties have been backfilled to the external bookkeeper and venue operations have been reassigned to other staff.
- Administrative Assistant is on emergency medical leave as of April 8th. There is no return date yet.
- Staff meet bi-weekly via Zoom to check in, build future ACC programming and support programming initiatives.
- Team members continue to work from home unless involved in the delivery of programs. Up to 30% of any department may be onsite at Town Hall.
- Please welcome Samantha (Sam) Jones as our new Gallery Manager
- We are recruiting the following positions. Please see https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/work-with-us/ for more details
  - An Education Assistant to support KITS activation in May 2022 and fall KITS programming. (26-week contract position)
  - Summer staff (1 supervisor and 4 senior counsellors)
- New Collage software was implemented for staff in late March. All team members are now using the system for their weekly check-ins and time off requests. Payroll will be implemented in May.
- Benefits review with FT staff March 30, 2022

Facilities

- Town Hall is open for in person programming.
  - Gallery in person visits continue on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday form 10am – 3pm. Group sizes are no longer limited and patrons can stay as long as they wish. Visits are hosted by gallery staff in the gallery.
  - Education classes continue in Town Hall until the end of the Spring session with weekday children's classes ideally in new rooms at the Library starting June 2, 2022
- Consulted on ATS Theatre equipment on February 8, 2022
- ATS grand opening discussions continue. Given the new completion date, it is more appropriate for a September grand opening.
- We will be cancelling our Bell telephone service and moving to the Town's MS Teams telephony program the first week of May.

Board Activities

Executive Committee Meeting: March 23
Facility Task Force Meetings: March 9, April 8
Finance & Audit Meeting: April 8
Fund Development Meetings: March 8, April 12

Fund Development Committee Interview/Orientation: March 14/March 25
Governance & Nominating Committee Meeting: March 30

Community Connections/Artistic Events

- Town of Aurora Public Art Working Group February 23 and March 24
- Participated as a facilitator for the Town Public Art Forum on March 31 from 10-4
- Ontario Presents provincial presenting network bi-weekly meetings
- Monthly meeting with Director of Community Services
- Minister Lisa McLeod Town Halls/Technical briefings

Respectfully Submitted by

Suzanne Haines
Executive Director