Aurora Cultural Centre

AGENDA

Board of Directors Meeting #6 2022

7 pm

ZOOM

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

Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 838 9021 2238
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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 meetings on June 15, 2022 – 5A and 5C	Eric Acker
3 (1 min)	**Statements of Conflict of Interest**	ALL
4 (45 min)	**Board strategic planning session** • Feedback • Review of outstanding questions from presentation • Consideration of goals for 2022-2023	Eric Acker
5 (10 min)	**Executive Director Report** • Monthly Report • FedDev CCT grant resolution **MOTION:** to Authorize the Church Street School Cultural Centre (o/a the Aurora Cultural Centre) to enter into an agreement with ZONE 6 REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANIZATION O/A CENTRAL COUNTIES TOURISM ("CCT") for the FedDev Tourism Relief Fund grant in the amount of 64,129 and to delegate authority to the Executive Director to sign any and all agreements to facilitate this grant. **MOTION** to Receive the Executive Director Report	Suzanne Haines

6 (15 min)	**Finance & Audit Committee** • Interim Statements • Budget timeline 2023-2026 **MOTION** to Approve the Interim Financial Statements to May 31, 2022 **MOTION** to Accept the Finance & Audit Committee Report	Eric Acker
7 (10 min)	**Outreach Committee** • Summer events calendar signup **MOTION** to receive the Outreach Committee Report	Roger Feng
	Governance & Nominating Committee	Parisa Sabat
8 (15 min)	Report from the committee • F6 Procurement Policy review • Quarterly Risk Assessment review **MOTION** to approve the Finance Policy F6 Procurement as presented **MOTION** to approve the Quarterly Risk Assessment as reviewed and presented **MOTION** to Receive the Governance & Nominating Committee Report	
9 (5 min)	**Development Committee** Report from the committee **MOTION** to Receive the Fund Development Committee Report	John De Faveri
10 (5 min)	**Facility Task Force** Report from the Task Force **MOTION** to Receive the Facility Task Force Report	John De Faveri
11 (5 min)	**Executive Committee** Report from the committee **MOTION** to Receive the Executive Committee Report	Eric Acker
12	**New Business**	ALL
13	**Next Meeting** September 14, 2022 at 6:30 pm for PUBLIC meeting	
14	**MOTION** to Adjourn Meeting	ALL

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MINUTES
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Attendees: Eric Acker, Edlene Antonio, Andrea Chan, Damien Chan, John de Faveri, Roger Feng, Cllr Wendy Gaertner, Mandana Gholami Mobarakabadi, Sharon Kelly, Anita Townsend
Regrets: Cllr Rachel Gilliland, Laura Hostick, Parisa Sabet

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3 (1 min)	**Statements of Conflict of Interest** None raised.	ALL
4 (45 min)	**Board strategic planning session** • Feedback • Review of outstanding questions from presentation • Consideration of goals for 2022-2023 Feedback:: • productive and informative, facilitators knowledgeable about our industry. Highly rated. Focused and welcomed output and kept on track. • agreed with comments above. To help everyone get aligned. Facilitators knowledgeable, inclusive and gov`t funding. Good questioning. Positive. Good conversations. • as a new member of the BOD was informative and materials easy to read and not overwhelmed. It wasn`t too much all at	Eric Acker

	once. • Valuable meeting. Discussion recorded and focus on future goals. 4 goals – adjusted wording • Lots of discussion on #1, but some thoughts presented may be more tactical, than strategic in nature. • Recognition of website rebuild to align with Aurora Town Square. • OK for #2 – no comments • OK for #3 – no comments • OK for #4 – some concerns and consideration for staff resources. Finding grants to support ATS and programming for the community...to enhance program accessibility. Considerations to reach out to Aurora MPP and members of Parliament representing the Aurora community. All members of BOD are in agreement that these are the goals moving forward.	
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	Moved: Edlene Antonio 2nd: John De Faveri CARRIED Note: In absence of Parisa, Andrea presented with assistance from Suzanne.	
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Signed,

Andrea Chan, Secretary

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Board of Directors – July 2022
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

June 2022

Live Events Programming

Crozman and Chiu, Cello and Piano **Great Artist Music Series**
June 2, 2022 @ 7:30pm
Trinity Anglican Church
Acclaimed Canadian chamber musicians Cameron Crozman and Philip Chiu performed in person with their program including Spanish music inspired by Crozman's cello El Tiburón, a circa 1769 Spanish cello attributed to Joannes Guillami, on loan from Canada Council's Instrument Bank. The program features works from their highly acclaimed recording of the

https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/crozman-chiu-cello-piano-2/

WeeFestival: Yassama and the Beaded Calabash **Meridian Magic Carpet Series**
June 5, 2022 @ 11am
Aurora Seniors Centre
Yassama and the Beaded Calabash is the story of a young girl who, with the help of the old Baobab tree, saves her village from drought and delivers a powerful lesson about the importance of respecting and honouring Mother Earth. Acclaimed artist Lua Shayenne weaves vibrant dance and music with engaging storytelling in an interactive performance created especially for young children.

https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/weefestival-arts-culture-for-early-years/

John Sheard Presents Homeward Bound: A Tribute to Simon & Garfunkel **Signature Series**
June 11, 2022 @ 7:30pm
St. Andrews College, Wirth Theatre
John Sheard brought an all-start line-up to present the music of one of the best-selling music groups of the 1960s. Their biggest hits reached the number one on singles charts worldwide. Simon & Garfunkel won 10 Grammy Awards and were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990. Their final album together, Bridge over Troubled Water, is ranked at number 51 on Rolling Stone's 500 Greatest Albums of All Time. They are among the best-selling music artists, having sold more than 100 million records.

https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/john-sheard-homeward-bound/

Constellations Music Festival
Featuring OKAN, TIO CHORINHO WITH FLÁVIA NASCIMENTO, and WESLI
June 25, 2022, 7-10pm
Aurora Town Park
OKAN: A JUNO award-winning, women-led ensemble that fuses Afro-Cuban roots with jazz, folk and global rhythms in songs about immigration, courage and love.

TIO CHORINHO WITH FLÁVIA NASCIMENTO: Flávia Nascimento joins Canada's first

ensemble dedicated to performing Brazilian choro music. Combining Northeastern Brazilian styles such as forró and maracatu, Tio Chorinho is known for their unique repertoire, virtuosity, dynamics and easy-going charm on stage.

WESLI: JUNO award-winning, Montreal-based Haitian musician brings together his 7-piece band, linking Haitian voudou and rara with reggae, Afrobeat and hip-hop. Don't miss out on this grand finale with Wesli's infectious grooves and creativity!
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/constellations-music-festival/

Coming Up:
Aurora Pops Up! Series July 16th – Sept 10th Various Locations in Aurora
20 Performances, 10 Performing Artists

Special Events

Your Voice, One Community I.D.E.A Artist Symposium
June 25 and June 26th, 8:30 – 3:00PM

The Aurora Cultural Centre welcomed artists, facilitators and members of the arts community for a vibrant weekend of inspiring keynotes, incredible performances and workshops. This was an opportunity to experience the incredible; motivational talks, inspirational music and art and a fantastic networking opportunity for people working in the arts.
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/idea/

Gallery Program

Backstories: The Researching Artist as Traveller & Interviewer
Andrew Cheddie Sookrah, Solo Artist Exhibition and Sale
Online: Friday May 13 – Friday July 15, 2022
In-Person: Wednesday May 11 – Friday July 8, 2022
Temporary Gallery at Aurora Town Hall
Backstories: The Researching Artist as Traveller & Interviewer exhibits paintings, drawings, and sculptures taken from Sookrah's life as both traveller and artist. Recognized for his bright and expressive technique, Sookrah takes us on a journey through rivers, lands, and into the intimate solitaries of his studio during a time of limited movement; The COVID-19 pandemic. Harnessing media as a tool for visual communication, Sookrah presents an internal dialogue that reflects upon his subjects and their deeper societal connections. In observing his work, viewers are privy to an underlying social commentary that is carefully interlaced into the threads of his canvas.

Andrew Cheddie Sookrah is a painter, sculptor and fine art instructor. His work encompasses painting, illustration, design and advertising. He has twice won the McMichael Gallery Plein Air competition (2016 and 2017), and was Finalist for both Landscape Artist of the Year Competition and Art Battle Toronto @The Artist Project (both in 2020). An avid traveller, he has completed several voyages with Adventure Canada, including a Northwest Passage tour in 2019 as Artist in Residence aboard the Ocean Endeavour.
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/backstories/

In person gallery visits Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10am-3pm

Coming up:

Backwards and Forwards: Reflections in Porcupine Quills
Vanessa Dion Fletcher, Solo Artist Exhibition and Sale
July 18 – September 16 (in-person)
July 25 – September 23 (online)
Temporary Gallery at Aurora Town Hall

Education Programs

1. **A Journey Through Art & Time with Alexandra Beneteau (B.F.A., M.A.)** Ages 4 – 6, April 23 – June 18
2. **Around the World with Art with Alexandra Beneteau (B.F.A., M.A.)** Ages 7 – 10, April 23 – June 18
3. **Famous Artists & Their Styles with Alexandra Beneteau (B.F.A., M.A.)** Ages 11 – 15, April 23 – June 18
4. **[AFTER SCHOOL] You Can Uke It! with Anthony Clayton (B.A. Hons., B.Ed., Orff)** Ages 8+, April 20 – June 8

Adults (16+)

5. **Expand your Horizons in Acrylics Level 2 with Helen Walter (B.A.A.)** April 19 – June 7
6. **Start Painting Now with Acrylics with Kathryn Christensen (B.F.A.)** April 19 – June 7
7. **Ukulele for Beginners with Anthony Clayton (B.A. Hons., B.Ed., Orff)** April 20 – June 15
8. **Beginning Guitar with Anthony Clayton (B.A. Hons., B.Ed., Orff)** April 20 – June 15
9. **Exploring Watercolours (Intermediate/Advanced) with Kathryn Christensen (B.F.A.)** Apr 20 - June 8
10. **Watercolours: Basics & Beyond with Kathryn Christensen (B.F.A.)** April 21 – June 9
11. **Wood Carving with Marlene Ash** April 25 – June 20

Kaleidoscope in the Schools (KITS)

In the month of June we surveyed educators who received the KITS program in May, and connected with administration about the upcoming 2022/23 school year. In our feedback survey, we found

- 69% of teachers said they haven't had any training in delivering the arts curriculum
- 73% believe they would benefit from more training in this area
- The overall rating that educators gave to the KITS performances and workshops was 4.9 stars out of 5.

Overall the program was a great success. Some comments from teachers include:

"The performance was spectacular! I had fun watching and participating as a teacher."

"In all the years that I have been teaching and all the performance I have seen, this was one of the best, if not the best one. It was so engaging, and the performer knew how to relate to children. AMAZING!"

"One shy student of mine could not stop smiling and clapping."

"The students loved the performance and the new learning. We have shifted our focus in music to bucket drumming for the month of June."

Administration

- RBC has confirmed 2 years of funding for our emerging artist program

Human Resources

- 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 Kayla van Zon from Interkom as our Interim Communications Manager from June 17 – October 7th to cover STD leave for existing staff.
- Please welcome Asleysha Ramasamy as our Artistic Outreach Coordinator, starting July 11, 2022
- I will be away July 16 – August 1st inclusive.

Facilities

- Town Hall is open for in person programming.
  - Gallery in person DROP IN visits continue on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 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 summer camps will be held at the Aurora Armoury for the summer.

Board Activities

Executive: June 24
Facility Task Force: July 11
Finance & Audit Meeting: June 30
Fund Development Meeting: July 11
Governance & Nominating Committee Meeting: July 7
Outreach Committee Meeting: July 6
Board Strategic Planning Workshop: July 5
Orientation of new Board members: July 11, 12

Community Connections/Artistic Events

- Ontario Presents conference in Hunstville for performing arts
- Monthly meeting with Director of Community Services
- Public Art Master Plan meeting
- Culture Days planning meeting

Respectfully Submitted by

Suzanne Haines
Executive Director