Aurora Cultural Centre

AGENDA

Board of Directors Meeting #10 2022

IN PERSON

Aurora Public Library: Program Room 1

Wednesday December 14th, 2022 @ 7pm **Eric Acker, Chair**

1 (1 min)	Agenda **MOTION** to Approve the Agenda	Eric Acker
2 (1 min)	Previous Minutes **MOTION** to approve the minutes for November 16, 2022	
3 (1 min)	**Statements of Conflict of Interest**	ALL
4 (10 min)	**Executive Director Report** Monthly Report **MOTION** to Receive the Executive Director Report	Suzanne Haines
5 (40 min)	**Finance & Audit Committee** • Interim Statements to October 31, 2022 • Budget Presentation **MOTION** to Approve the Interim Financial Statements to October 31, 2022 **MOTION** to Accept the Finance & Audit Committee Report	Laura Hostick
6 (15 min)	**Governance & Nominating Committee** Report from the committee • F4. Signing Authority • Planning Calendar **MOTION** to approve the adjusted F4. Signing Authority policy as reviewed and presented **MOTION** to Receive the Governance & Nominating Committee Report	Parisa Sabat
7	**New Business** **Board Meetings:** • In-person, virtual or hybrid • February Board Meeting Date	ALL
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Minutes
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Attendees: Eric Acker, Edlene Antonio, Andrea Chan, John de Faveri, Cllr Wendy Gaertner, Laura Hostick, Sharon Kelly, Parisa Sabet, Anita Townsend,

Regrets: Damien Chan, Cllr Rachel Gilliland, Mandana Gholami Mobarakabadi

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	Moved: John de Faveri Seconded: Sharon Kelly CARRIED Meeting Adjourned: 7:55pm	

Signed,

Andrea Chan, Secretary

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Board of Directors – November 2022
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

November 2022

Live Events Programming

November 5: Njacko and the Noisemakers
Children love to play and hear their own voice! In this program, children will have the opportunity to come close to a variety of percussion instruments, to use those instruments to make sounds, and to create a beautiful ambiance together. Parents and caregivers will also be invited to participate to show their little ones how it works. In rural Cameroon, Central Africa, music and dancing are part of everyday community life! Njacko will also share a story during the program. https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/njacko-and-the-noise-makers/

November 17: Caity Gyorgy
Caity Gyorgy (pronounced like George) is a JUNO Winning Toronto and Montreal based vocalist, composer, and lyricist who is known for singing bebop and swing music. Being called one of JazzFM91's 8 Canadian Women in Jazz You Need to Know, Caity has performed at popular clubs and jazz festivals across Canada including the Toronto Jazz Festival, the Calgary Jazz Festival, the Medicine Hat Jazz Festival, and the Jazz Bistro in Toronto, Upstairs Jazz in Montreal, and Frankie's Jazz in Vancouver. Caity has worked and recorded with many luminaries in the Canadian jazz scene including Allison Au, Pat LaBarbera, Jocelyn Gould, Don Thompson, Christine Jensen and Virginia MacDonald.
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/caity-gyorgy-jazz-quartet/

Upcoming Live Events

December 3: Ennis Sisters
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/the-ennis-sisters-holiday/
December 10: Dufflebag Theatre, A Christmas Carol
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/a-christmas-carol/
January 21: John Sheard – Tribute to The Beatles Part 2
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/john-sheard-presents-tribute-to-the-beatles-pt-2/
January 27: Payadora Tango Ensemble
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/payadora-tango-ensemble-2023/

Gallery Program

#hopeandhealingcanada

Tracey Mae Chambers, Public Art Installation
September 13, 2022 – December 13, 2022
Aurora Family Leisure Complex, installed in front foyer

The #hopeandhealingcanada project created by Métis artist Tracey-Mae Chambers consists of a series of site-specific art installations across Canada. Each is made using crochet, knit, and woven red yarns. This ongoing body of work is used to illustrate connections between Indigenous, Inuit, and Métis peoples with Canadians, while also addressing the decolonization

of public spaces. Once dismantled, the work is returned to the artist and will be reworked and repurposed at another site somewhere else in the country. The stories gathered from each participating venue will culminate in a book and traveling exhibition.
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/hopeandhealingcanada/
Digital Art Bytes
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/hopeandhealingcanada-art-bytes/

Together in Spirit: Dialogue in Image

Dazaunggee (Paul) Shilling and Ted Fullerton, Artist Exhibition
Saturday October 1 – Saturday November 19, 2022
Aurora Town Hall

Artists Ted Fullerton and Dazaungee befriended each other in the early nineties based on their mutual respect and shared work in the arts. In 2018, the artists met again after years apart. Naturally conversing on themes such as colonial domination, oppression, aesthetic sensibilities, as well as their personal life experiences, the artists decided to continue their conversation in visual form.

Each artist creates a statement in painting for the other, who responds reciprocally. In Together in Spirit: Dialogue in Image, pairs of paintings meet in truthful conversation and confession with each other. The gallery serves as a safe space for ongoing discussion of honest and perhaps controversial topics at this current juncture in Canadian History: Original people, spirituality, expropriation of Indigenous land, cultural identity, shame, and language, and more. Through visual creation is an ongoing exploration and declaration for reconciliation.

Opening reception was held on Saturday October 1 from 1 – 3 pm.

As an aboriginal man, **Dazaunggee** feels the need to shed the image that was taught to him as a child – that he was undesirable, shameful, unworthy. As he expresses himself, he heals himself; the inner voice and the inner eye clear and open for the energy of the image to move through him from "the great house of invention".

Ted Fullerton is a Canadian artist working in painting, drawing, printmaking, and sculpture. He has achieved awards in all four media. An on-going effort within his practice has been to symbolically confront social issues or situations where a pictorial language exemplifies an acceptance while also questioning and addressing truths, falsehoods, or generalizations around and of human existence.

https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/together-in-spirit-dialogue-in-image/
Digital Art Byte

Education Programs

We continue to offer programming primarily out of Town Hall, with the exception of child/youth weekday daytime programming at CFWI-Aurora Armoury. These programs are on average 82.5% full, which is great as were emerge from COVID and are still offsite.

Class	Age Range	Dates	Enrollment
[After School] You Can Uke It!	8+	Sept 28 – Nov 16	5
Start Painting Now with Acrylics	16+	Sept 27 – Nov 22	11
Expand Your Horizons in Acrylics Level 2	16+	Sept 27 – Nov 22	10
Exploring Watercolours (Intermediate/ Advanced)	16+	Sept 28 – Nov 16	12
Watercolours: Basics & Beyond	16+	Sept 29 – Nov 17	10
Beginning Guitar	16+	Sept 28 – Nov 16	7
Ukulele for Beginners	16+	Sept 28 – Nov 16	7

Kaleidoscope in the Schools (KITS)

The month of November featured the second tour of our KITS 2022/23 year with Puzzle Théâtre's presentation of "Wood"/"*Bois*", running from November 22-December 1.

Through the magic of puppetry, a tabletop landscape of a single tree surrounded by fallen branches, roots, and sticks transformed into a world of strange and sometimes silly creatures all determined to claim one delicious green leaf! In keeping with its artistic approach, Puzzle Théâtre is once again drawing inspiration from a whole new medium to create an atypical, colourful puppet show, full of humour and unexpected situations.

Founded in 1996 in Bulgaria and established in Montreal since 2004, Puzzle Théâtre has a unique style by combining various types in the traditional and the contemporary: drama theatre, object and puppet theatre, Puzzle Théâtre distinguishes itself by the coloured amalgam of styles and the great diversity of means of expression that it proposes.

In the month of November (and on December 1), we provided this program to eight schools – three in Aurora (Lester B. Pearson PS, St. Joseph CES, and Devins Drive PS) and five in underserved communities to the North, including Newmarket, East Gwillimbury, Keswick and Pefferlaw (St. John Chrysostom CES, EEC Jean Beliveau, Lakeside PS, St. Thomas Aquinas CES, and Morning Glory PS). Approximately 1709 students and 80 teachers enjoyed Puzzle Théâtre's performance. We also provided 11 post-show workshops with the artists to approximately 322 students.

The feedback from educators so far has been very positive, with a 4.7/5 star rating. Some comments include:

- I really thought it was an excellent performance and so critical for our community as resources are scarce in this area.
- The students loved the show and continued to talk about it long after.
- A great show. Perfect for primary students. No need for words when the imagination is involved.
- They really enjoyed the performance, as Kindergarten it was a first for many of our learners.
- Many thanks for bringing this opportunity to our school.
- I thought the performance was amazing, so creative.
- *Trés bonne prestation avec du langage mage qui pousse les éleves a mieux refléchir sur des sujets divers.* Very good performance with colorful language that pushed students to think more about various subjects

Lester B. Pearson PS	Puzzle Théâtre	November 22
EEC Jean Beliveau	Puzzle Théâtre	November 23
St. John Chrysostom CES	Puzzle Théâtre	November 24
Morning Glory PS	Puzzle Théâtre	November 25
St. Jospeh CES	Puzzle Théâtre	November 28
Lakeside PS	Puzzle Théâtre	November 29
Devins Drive PS	Puzzle Théâtre	November 30
St. Thomas Aquinas CES	Puzzle Théâtre	December 1

See more information about the program here: https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/kaleidoscope-in-the-schools/kits-school-booking-information/

Administration

- Meetings with the Mayor and most of Council took place during the month
- We have introduced a new payment process for all invoices and contractors to support better reporting on each program.
- Applied for FedDev Tourism Relief Fund for our December 2022 – March 2023 performing arts programs
- Applied for Ontario Trillium Foundation Resilience Fund to support our initiative to deepen our understanding of community need prior to the next strategic plan. This will support the work of the Outreach committee on a deep and wide community survey, focus groups and one-on-one conversations.
- Staff held a holiday social on Tuesday November 29th in person at the APL Program Room 1
- A media event and announcement was held on December 2nd at Aurora Family Liesure Complex for our FedDec Tourism Relief Fund for June – December activities funded by that program. In attendance were MP Leah Taylor Roy and President, Eric Acker. The announcement also highlighted the other funding support we received during the pandemic. Read article here: http://www.newspapers-online.com/auroran/federal-support-helps-break-down-walls-of-cultural-centre/
- ED, Treasurer and accountants met with our auditor on December 13th for pre-audit

discussions.
- Board/Staff social will take place in person at Aurora Public Library Program Room 1 on December 14th at 5pm. Please join us if you can.

Human Resources
- Staff meet bi-weekly via Zoom to check in. Last meeting of the month will be held in person. Staff holiday gathering on November 29
- We are pleased to announce that Nazia Munar has accepted a position as a Front of House Coordinator to support our offsite events.
- We welcomed Jane Taylor returning on December 5, 2022 after a scheduled leave of absence. Thank you to Kayla van Zon from Interkom and her team for supporting our marketing efforts over the last 5 months.

Facilities
- Gallery in person visits continue Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10am – 3pm. We are in discussion with Town staff to see if the gallery can now resume regular hours at Town Hall.
- Staff connected with Town facility management to support the transition of programming to the Aurora Public Library; offering feedback from our first experience and identifying best uses for the space that is available. Ultimately, we have decided that 2023 education classes will be held at Town Hall for all adult programming and weekend children's programming. PA day children's and summer camps programming will be held at Program Room 1 at the library. To enable this, we need additional storage at Aurora Town Hall so that we can maximize our class sizes in the space. We are still defining what storage space is available for the ACC at Town Hall. This solution also allows the Town to rent out the APL program room more often as a community resource.

Board Activities
Executive Committee Meeting: no meeting
Development Committee Meeting: no meeting
Facility Task Force Meeting: no meeting
Finance & Audit Committee Meeting: December 6
Governance & Nominating Committee Meeting: December 12
Outreach Committee Meeting: no meeting
Facility Task Force sub-committee: November 28, December 12
I.D.E.A. Collaborative Working Group: December 8
Board/Staff social: December 14th at 5pm

Community Connections/Artistic Events
- Monthly meeting with Director of Community Services
- Ontario Presents bi-monthly provincial calls
- ED participated in a provincial arts jury in December

Respectfully Submitted by
Suzanne Haines
Executive Director