Aurora Cultural Centre

AGENDA

Board of Directors Meeting #3 2024
HYBRID (in person and virtual)
Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall
Thursday April 18, 2024 @ 7pm

Join the meeting now
Meeting ID: 251 534 857 451
Passcode: 6bZ6UK
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John De Faveri, Chair

1 (1 min)	Agenda **MOTION** to Approve the Agenda	John De Faveri
2 (2 min)	Previous Minutes **MOTION** to approve the minutes for the Board meeting on February 21, 2024 as presented	John De Faveri
3 (1 min)	**Statements of Conflict of Interest**	ALL
4 (1 min**)**	**Board resignation**	John De Faveri
5 (30 min)	**Facility Task Force Report** Report from the task force • Memo to the Agreements **MOTION** to Accept the Facility Task Force Report	Craig Mather
6 (10 min)	**Executive Director Report** • April ED Report – reporting on February & March activity • Q1 Compliance & Complaints reports • Q1 Managerial Commentary **MOTION** to Receive the Q1 Compliance & Complaints reports **MOTION** to Approve the Managerial Commentary for Q1 2024, AND that Q1 Commentary be sent to Town of Aurora, AND that Q1 Commentary be made available for public release. **MOTION** to Receive the Executive Director Report	Suzanne Haines

7 (15 min)	**Finance & Audit Committee** Report from the committee • Interim Financial Statement to February 29, 2024 • GIC Investment Decision • Update on Audit progress **MOTION** to Approve the Interim Financial Statements to February 29, 2024 **MOTION** to Accept the Finance & Audit Committee Report	Michelle Lockie
8 (10 min)	**Development Committee** Report from the Committee • 2024 Activity for Committee and Board • June 5, 2024 Supper Club **MOTION** to Accept the Development Committee Report	Morry Patoka
9 (10 min)	**Outreach Committee Report** Report from the committee • Board sign-up for April 20/21, 2024 Home Show **MOTION** to Accept the Outreach Committee Report	Anita Townsend
10 (20 min)	**Governance & Nominating Committee** Report from the Committee • Quarterly Risk Assessment • Facility Task Force Terms of Reference Review • Board Assessment – Due April 30, 2024 • Imagine Canada Compliance Report **MOTION** to accept the Q1 Risk Assessment as presented. **MOTION** to approve the updated Facility Task Force Terms of Reference as presented. **MOTION** to accept the Imagine Canada Compliance Report as presented and direct the Executive Director to submit the report by the April 30, 2024 deadline. **MOTION** to Accept the Governance & Nominating Committee Report	Parisa Sabet Suzanne Haines

11 (5 min)	**Executive Committee** Report from the Committee • Motion on GIC **MOTION** to Accept the Executive Committee Report	John De Faveri
12	**New Business**	ALL
13	**Next Meeting** • May 15, 2024 at 7pm – Auditor in attendance	
14	**MOTION** to Adjourn Meeting	ALL

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MINUTES

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Attendance: John de Faveri, Edlene Antonio, Michelle Lockie, Anita Townsend, Mandana Gholami Gholami Mobarakabadi, Parisa Sabet

Regrets: Sharon Kelly, Morry Patoka, Alicia Lauzon

Staff: Suzanne Haines (Executive Director)

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Signed

Parisa Sabet

Parisa Sabet, Secretary

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Board of Directors –April 2024
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

February - March 2024

Special Events

Not-For-Profit Appreciation Week – MPP Parsa Visit

February 13, 2024
Temporary Gallery Location: Aurora Town Hall, Second Floor

On February 13th, the Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP for Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill, visited the gallery and met with the Centre's Executive Director Suzanne Haines and the team to celebrate Ontario's 'Not-For-Profit Appreciation Week'. The Aurora Cultural Centre was presented with a certificate of appreciation for exceptional contributions to the community.



Executive Director, Suzanne Haines, holding the certificate presented by MPP Parsa.

A Family Day Arts Odyssey

February 19, 2024 from 11 – 3:30pm
Niagara College Aurora Armoury
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/family-day-2024/

A day to enjoy interactive family activities that encouraged art, play, creation, and discovery! Families joined us in the warmth of The Armoury, an accessible venue located in the heart of Aurora's Town Park.



Family discovering the art of printmaking at Family Day Arts Odyssey 2024.

Artwork Scavenger Hunt
There were creative critters hidden all around the Armoury! Picking up your Adventurer passport at the front desk, families tried to seek out the five hidden artworks by surrealist artist Eva Folks. Based in Aurora, Folks is recognized for her bright and imaginative painting-style depicting people, animals, and sometimes aliens, in comedic visual story-scenes. Families that found all 5 hidden artworks received a special prize!

Discover the Art of Printmaking
Experience the joy of creativity, collaboration, and family bonding in this intro-

to printmaking workshop, where every family history becomes a work of art! Led by our skilled artist educator, Mohammad Tabesh, families collaborated to create a visual representation of their unique identity – whether it was a coat of arms, a family tree, or a flag. Participants created a work of art that captured their family's visual representation!

Padideh Ahrarnejad Family Concert
Families discovered the tar and setar, part of the Persian instrumental tradition in two family-friendly concert sets.

Gallery Visit with MP Tony Van Bynen

March 4, 2024
Temporary Gallery Location: Aurora Town Hall, Second Floor
It was a pleasure to welcome MP Tony Van Bynen to a beautiful, light-filled gallery to appreciate the work of Aurora's grade 12 visual artists featured in this year's Mayor's Celebration of Youth Arts.

March Break Crafternoon

March 13, 2024 from 11 - 2:00pm
Niagara College Aurora Armoury
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/march-break-crafternoon-2024/



March Break Crafternoon 2024 activity table; youth making art with ACC volunteer.

We explored upcycling and environmental stewardship through art with a free create-and-take workshop for all ages! Embracing the upcoming spring we delved into hands-on crafting activities using recycled materials, learning sustainable crafting techniques, and contributing to a greener future.

You'll be amazed at what you can create with materials already on hand! From gift tags and buttons to wall art and gift bags, visitors created their own unique crafts while learning to upcycle old materials into new decorative pieces. We had lots of supplies from re-purposed picture frames and recycled paper, to upcycled fabrics, totes and more. Guests were encouraged to bring and use their own recyclables, finding their own creative process, and acquiring new skills to use at home. All ages welcomed from young children through to youth and adults; offered at no charge.

Gallery Visit with MPP Dawn Gallagher Murphy

March 15, 2024
Temporary Gallery Location: Aurora Town Hall, Second Floor
What a pleasure to welcome MP Dawn Gallagher Murphy to the Gallery March 15th for a curator's tour of the Mayor's Celebration of Youth Arts.

Performing Arts Programs

Ana Vidovic

February 3, 2024 at 7:00pm
Trinity Anglican Church
Attendance: 255 (255 capacity)
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/ana-vidovic/

Internationally acclaimed classical guitarist Ana Vidovic made her first visit to the Great Artist Music Series in a program including Toroba's Sonatina, Giuliani's Gran Sonata Eroica, three pieces by Piazzola and Bach's Cello Suite #1. The evening began at 7 pm with a pre-concert talk by internationally-acclaimed performing and recording artists Norbert Kraft (guitar) and Bonnie Silver (harpsicord, piano), Co-Artistic Directors of the Great Artist Music Series.

Growing up in Croatia, Ms. Vidovic started playing guitar at the age of 5. She became the youngest student at age 13 to attend the prestigious National Musical Academy in Zagreb where she studied with Professor Istvan Romer, and subsequently graduated from the Peabody Conservatory. She has been recognized with prizes and international competitions, including first prizes in the Albert Augustine International Competition in Bath, England, the Fernando Sor competition in Rome and the Francisco Tarrega competition in Spain. In Croatia, the guitarist has performed Symphony Orchestra of the Croatian Radio and Television, as well as having been featured in three television documentaries by the eminent Croatian film director Petar Krelja.

The Shuffle Demons

February 10, 2024 at 7:30pm
St. Andrew's College
Attendance: 145 (233 Capacity)
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/shuffle-demons-girma-woldemichael/

Canada's best-known 'Fashion Assassins' brought their virtuosic jazz and funk playing stage antics for a show like none other. A hit at festivals all over the world, the Shuffle Demons are a crowd pleasing, full-on musical group that backs up wild stage antics with phenomenal playing by some of Canada's most talented musicians.



The Shuffle Demons performance at St. Andrew's College with guest ACC's Robert Hess on saxophone.

The Shuffle Demons first broke onto the Canadian music scene in 1984 with an electrifying musical fusion that drew in equal measure from Sun Ra, Charles Mingus, Run DMC and the Beastie Boys. This band is genre bending, highly visually entertaining,

funny, and best of all, can really PLAY. All their eye catching, crowd-pleasing stunts are backed up by incredibly solid musicianship and real ground-breaking playing.

The band continues the tradition today with a great line-up of players that includes multiple Juno Award winner Richard Underhill – sax & vox, Matt Lagan – sax & vox, multiple Juno Award winner Kelly Jefferson – sax & vox, multiple Juno Award winner Mike Downes – bass & vox and Juno Award winner Stich Wynston – drums & vox.

Martha Chaves' "Broad Appeal" – International Women's Day Comedy Show

March 8, 2024 at 7:30pm
St. Andrew's College
Attendance: 177 (233 Capacity)
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/martha-chaves-broad-appeal/



Award-winning **comedian** Martha Chaves brings her "funny female comic friends with their joy and insights" to celebrate International Women's Day right here in Aurora! Joined by Courtney Gilmour (Canada's Got Talent), Sarah Boston, and Brampton's Zabrina Douglas to stage "Broad Appeal", the show promises uncontrollable laughter and a night of brilliant comedic insights from some of Canada's funniest women.

Martha Chaves is an award-winning Stand-Up comedian, actor, and comedy writer. Daryl Jung from Now Magazine called her "smart, sassy, provocative, and very funny." Her infectious, candid style and natural ability to relate to a wide range of audiences make her a popular headliner at clubs, festivals, fundraisers, corporate functions, and keynote speaking engagements.

Martha's television credits include multiple festival appearances including Just For Laughs, the Winnipeg Comedy Festival, and the We're Funny That Way Festival, to mention a few. She has appeared in two national comedy specials, Something About Martha on CTV and the Comedy Network, and Comics! On the CBC. She's currently the voice of Vero on Rosie's Rules. Martha is often heard on CBC radio's The Debaters and Laugh Out Loud and is a cast member of CBC's Because News.

Eleanor McCain supported by North Atlantic Drift

March 16, 2024 at 7:30pm
St. Andrew's College
Attendance: 162 (233 Capacity)
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/eleanor-maccain-north-atlantic-drift/

Eleanor McCain brought her Celtic Roots with this celebratory Aurora Cultural Centre concert. With family roots in Castlefinn and Nairn, her Celtic influences blend with Cape Breton as she renders Allister MacGillivray's *Song For the Mira*, a reflection of East Coast kindness and community. Arranged by Brigham Phillips, *Danny Boy* is a classic Irish folk song where Eleanor shared her soaring vocals. Dougie McLean's *Ready For the Storm* draws on his legendary Scottish heritage and Eleanor brought her elegant grace and charm to the tune to thrill her fans. These songs, and many more, created a delightful Celtic evening of song.

Hailing from Florenceville, New Brunswick, Eleanor McCain has dazzled audiences with a voice that has been described as "lovely…full and expressive." A multiple ECMA-nominated classical crossover artist, she has recorded six critically acclaimed albums, toured with noted JUNO-nominated jazz singer Matt Dusk, and appeared with orchestras across Canada. She has also had the honour of collaborating with artists such as Roch Voisine, Jens Lindemann, Natalie MacMaster, Liona Boyd, John McDermott, Chantal Kreviazuk, the Elmer Iseler Singers, and Carlos Nunez.

The North Atlantic Drift is the water current that runs between the East coast of Canada and the West coast of Europe and Ireland. The opening set of North Atlantic Drift reflected this, following a centuries-long tradition of the trading of music and musical styles between Ireland, Scotland and the East coast of Canada. Brian Taheny from Sligo, Ireland, Dan MacDonald from Cape Breton Island and Ross Griffiths from the Ontario piping tradition form this particular trading triangle and the product is a multi-instrumental, multi-styled celtic sound that is truly Canadian in its diversity.

Upcoming Performing Arts Events

Amir Amiri supported by Naghmeh Farahmand

April 6, 2024 at 7:30pm
Trinity Anglican Church
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/amir-amiri-naghmeh-farahmand/

Julian Taylor supported by Tania Joy

April 27, 2024 at 7:30pm
Niagara College Aurora Armoury
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/julian-taylor/

Gallery Programs

Mayor's Celebration of Youth Arts (MCOYA)

Annual Student Art Exhibition
In person: February 10 – April 20, 2024
Online: February 15 – May 17, 2024
Temporary Gallery Location: Aurora Town Hall, Second Floor
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/mcoya24/



TOO MUCH? (2022), Jaylah Hall, Digital Art on Canvas, 24 x 36 in.

Since 2011, the Aurora Cultural Centre has showcased up and coming artistic talent from graduating high school students across Aurora. This year, 55 artists from Aurora High School, Cardinal Carter Catholic Highschool, Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School, École Secondaire Catholique Renaissance, and St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School have brought their work into the gallery – in-person and virtually – for a collective celebration of their creative achievements.

The public reception for the Mayor's Celebration of Youth Arts 2024 (#MCOYA24) was Thursday, February 22 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

Featured Artists:

Dorsa Abedi, Avail A., Romy Barakat, Nicholas Bascevan, Melissa Bianchi, Samara Brown, Alyssa Bruno, Sophie Cao, Liam Cappelli, Victoria Cappiello, Isabella Chiu. Angelina Ciani-Sanchez, Cassandra Connor, Taryn Conrad, Zenyx Crombez, Elijah Da Silva, Mona Dadras, Olivia DelleCese, Nikki Downes, Ava Dracopoulos Ives, Manaal Durrani, Mariella Fernandes, Rose Fragomeni, Sophia Granada, Jaylah Hall, Erin Hannaway, Samantha Herschmiller, Afifa Hossain, Kristztina Incze, Kia Jabbari, Justina Kandiotis, Uliana Kobyakova, Kyle Lam, Alexandra Lavric, Martin Leung, Jem Mabee, Elise Mazzawi, Angie Moreno Patino, Sarah Polthion, Kabin Ravi, Emma Robinson, Rain R., Megan Sayewich, Amanda Seguel–Rodgers, Vasilissa Sekreteva, Ava Sepp, Jaidyn Silvera, Victoria Soares, Audrey Tang, Emma Wang, Ruihan Wang, Emma Wong, Eric Zhang, Jeffrey Zhu, and Maya Zoebelein.

Assignments of Art Class Past

Pop-up Installation
February 10 – April 17, 2024
Aurora Family Leisure Complex
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/assignments-of-art-class-past/

We are honoured to exhibit select sculptures from the Aurora High School (A.H.S.) Visual Art program archive in a temporary installation in the foyer of the Aurora Family Leisure Complex for the duration of the Mayor's Celebration of Youth Arts 2024.

These large-scale sculptures are inspired by the work of public art sculptor, Claes Oldenburg. As a summative project, A.H.S. art students are challenged with completing a larger than life sculpture of their own as a final project. For years, the Aurora High School Visual Art Department has been saving these large sculptures by keeping them safe in the art classroom long after the young artists have graduated. The kept artworks have fueled inspiration for generations of students up until present time. This installation, titled *Assignments of Art Class Past* is composed of select artworks from the archive that have been dusted off for a first-ever collective public exhibition.

After School Art Program (ASAP)

Drop-in Art Program
February 22 – March 21, 2024
Temporary Gallery Location: Aurora Town Hall, Second Floor
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/asap/

The Aurora Cultural Centre introduced ASAP, a free weekly after school art program for high-school-aged youth in Aurora, hosted in our temporary gallery at Aurora Town Hall (second floor). Running as part of the Mayor's Celebration of Youth Arts 2024, ASAP ran every Thursday from February 22 – March 21, 2024, with drop-in hours between 4:30 – 6:30 pm.

Art Bytes

Art Bytes are an ongoing online series that accompanies our exhibitions and give viewers an opportunity to deepen their understanding about the art and artists. Art Bytes are available for viewing through our YouTube channel during and after gallery exhibitions. Art Bytes can be found here: Gallery Art Bytes link

Art Byte Topic	Exhibition	Link
Final Installation Party	MCOYA	February Gallery Event - Art Byte
Meet Kyle, Amanda, and Elise	MCOYA	MCOYA Students – Art Byte
Meet Romy, Jem, and Zenyx	MCOYA	MCOYA Students – Art Byte

Upcoming Gallery Exhibit

Early Bird Gets the Worm
Group Exhibition
In person: May 16 – August 10, 2024
Temporary Gallery Location: Aurora Town Hall, Second Floor
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/early-bird-gets-the-worm/

Education Programs

Term Classes, Workshops and Short Courses

The winter term education programs began in January which includes multi-week classes, weekend workshops and PA Day programs. In February and March, we offered 4 youth classes, 8 adult classes, 3 workshops for adults, and a PA Day program. Our commitment to providing a vibrant and inclusive learning environment is evident in the range of classes offered and the positive feedback received from participants. Below is a listing of the programs running in February and March and their target age group. Registration for all Aurora Cultural Centre educational programs is now on the Town of Aurora's e-PLAY website. To see full descriptions of current educational offerings, please visit: https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/adult-classes/ or https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/childrens-classes/

Program	Dates	Age
[After School] Comic Drawing	January 15 – March 4	7 - 10
Drawing and Sketching	January 15 – February 12	16+
Start Painting Now in Acrylics	January 16 – March 5	16+
Expanding Your Horizons in Acrylics Level 2	January 16 – March 5	16+
Exploring Watercolours (Intermediate/ Advanced)	January 17 – March 6	16+
Ukulele for Beginners	January 17 – March 6	16+
Beginning Guitar	January 17 – March 6	16+
Watercolours: Basics and Beyond	January 18 – March 7	16+
Around the World with Art	January 20 – March 23	7 - 10
PA Day	February 2	4 - 12
Creative Artistry of Bookmaking	February 11	16+
Wood Carving Workshop	February 25	16+
Wood Carving	February 26 – March 25	16+
Introduction to Sumi-e (Japanese ink painting)	March 3 – March 10	16+
Young Artistic Explorers March Break Camp (Morning)	March 11 - 15	4 - 6
Young Artistic Adventurers March Break Camp (Afternoon)	March 11 - 15	7 - 12

Kaleidoscope in the Schools (KITS)

The KITS 2023-2024 season is available to 52 elementary schools. Each production has its own voice and vision for performing arts excellence with young audiences within the overall programming ethos of voices from Black, Indigenous, and racialized communities, with French

and English offerings across several performing arts disciplines. School principals make their show selections through our website: https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/kaleidoscope-in-the-schools/



KITS Performer Kesha Christie.



KITS Performer Mimi O'Bonsawin.

The 2023-2024 KITS season tour resumed on February 5 to March 6 with three new productions – *Earth, Seas, and Air* by Chris McKhool, *Talkin' Tales* by Kesha Christie, and musical performances by Mimi O'Bonsawin.

KITS 2023-24 February and March Tour Schedule

Date	Production	School*	Community	Attendance
February 5 -13, 2024	Earth, Seas, and Air by Chris McKhool	Holy Spirit CES, Hartman PS, Deer Park PS, Lake Simcoe PS, Morning Glory PS, Armadale PS, Light of Christ CES	Aurora, Keswick, Pefferlaw, Markham	2,486
February 14 - 23, 2024	Talkin' Tales by Kesha Christie	Wellington PS, Sutton PS, R.L Graham PS, Our Lady of Grace CES, St Bernadette CES, Highview PS, Aurora Heights PS	Aurora, Sutton West, Georgina, Markham	2,036
February 27 – March 6, 2024	Mimi O'Bonsawin	Marguerite Bourjeoys EEC, École élémentaire La Fontaine, Academie de la Moraine, École élémentaire Chantal-Benoit, St Joseph CES, Morning Glory PS, Bayview Glen PS	Aurora, Markham, Kleinburg, Richmond Hill, East Gwillimbury, Pefferlaw, Thornhill	1448
* CES = Catholic Elementary School, EEC = École Élémentaire Catholique, PS = Public School				

Administration

- 2023 audit field work dominated the month of activity. A first draft was received April 9
- Applied for FedDev tourism grant for Brevik Hall Creates! on February 29, 2024
- Received funding for two summer positions (Junior Counsellor and Outreach Intern) from Young Canada Works. Still waiting to hear from Canada Summer Jobs and Ontario Summer Employment Opportunities Fund.
- Received OAC visual arts grant for our TRC Call to Action # 83 temporary mural to open our galleries at Aurora Town Square.
- Submitted OAC Music Presenters grant on March 26, 2026 for fall 2024 music programming.
- Submitted Metcalf Foundation application for new internship
- Submitted RBC Foundation two-year grant proposal.
- Design RFPs for our new graphic design service provider were assessed on March 18 with a panel of staff and Board. An agency of record has been selected. A smaller focused RFP will go out to determine design concept.
- Met with Junior Achievement to discuss collaborative programming and opportunities in Aurora.

Human Resources

- Hosted annual staff benefits information session for eligible staff with our service provider on March 26, 2024
- Jordana Polito has moved into a full-time permanent role as our Development Administrative Assistant as of April 15, 2024
- Helena Barkla is joining the team in a part-time temporary roll as Administrative Assistant starting April 15, 2024. The role is a backfill for a leave until November.
- We are recruiting for summer staff positions. Job postings will stay up until the positions are filled.
- I will be out of the office April 23 – 29th inclusively.

Facilities

- Gallery in person visits continue Monday – Saturday from 8:30 – 4:30pm. Monday – Friday patrons enter through the main front door. Patrons are welcomed through the 3rd floor entrance on Saturdays and for after hours special events.
- Health & safety information for the Aurora Town Square Program Rooms and Aurora Town Hall from Town – we continue to wait for policies from Town staff.

Aurora Town Square

- ACC educational program registrations were active with Town CSR as of March 18, 2023 in ActiveNet. Our education programs will be in the Program guide outlined in an ad at the front of the guide, and available to the public through e-Play starting with the spring/summer guide. With this change, our Development Assistant has moved into the new role to support our new patron relationships.
- Brevik Hall new equipment plans are in progress. We are waiting to hear from Town staff about IT capabilities for an internal network required for equipment to speak to each other, and Town contractors of record for the installation of house lights.
- Clarity that the Grand Opening for Aurora Town Square is expected to be in line with Culture Days in 2024 (exact dates to be confirmed). Town programming staff have been

working collaboratively with us to determine our involvement and when we will be able to produce during this time.

- Red61 (Town ticketing software) is planned to be active for our June 20th launch of our next season. ACC staff continue to work with Town CSR staff to support positive outcomes.

Board Activities

Executive Committee Meeting: March 23
Development Committee Meeting: April 4
Facility Task Force Meeting: none – April 16
Finance & Audit Committee Meeting: March 7, April 11
Governance & Nominating Committee Meeting: March 25
Outreach Committee Meeting: March 4, April 10

Community Connections/ Artistic Events

- Monthly meeting with Director of Community Services
- Cultural Partners monthly meeting
- Collaborative Programming Team monthly meeting
- Attended Emerging Aurora Town Economic Development Reception on February 27
- Hosted MP Tony Van Bynen for a personal gallery tour of MYCOA on March 4
- Meeting with Phiona Durrant, Aurora Black Community Gala on March 12 regarding collaborations
- Meeting with Bruce Gorman, Aurora Public Library on March 12 regarding collaborations
- Hosted MPP Dawn Gallagher-Murphy for personal gallery tour of MYCOA on March 15
- Participated in Aurora Town Square video project on April 2
- Attended ArtsPros at Nia Centre to tour the space and network on April 2
- Attended Searching for Eastman at Can Stage as a guest of the NAC Creation Fund
- Informal mentorship with Niell Kernohan, Theatre Aurora

Respectfully Submitted by

Suzanne Haines
Executive Director