

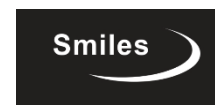
Managerial Commentary – Q1 2024

Introduction

The start of 2024 felt like a new beginning with a lot of celebrations and excellence in programming. While brushing off the season, we hosted special events to announce new beginnings and opportunities. Live events saw sold out shows, gallery flourished with unique and energetic exhibits, and education programs continued in offsite venues. Kaleidoscope in the Schools came back strong with well subscribed shows across York Region.

In all levels of the organization, the collaboration deepened with Town staff as we planned for our move into a now shared space at Aurora Town Square. Performance hall equipment arrived, and we offered production expertise to help organize and understand what was possible with what had been ordered. Communications worked with the Town Customer Service team to build strong lines of communications and understanding of our programming and how to build a cultural community as we prepared to start to sell our spring and summer programs on e-PLAY. The governance group continued conversations to build the legal agreements necessary to move back in and best stimulate cultural programming for the community.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS



A SNAPSHOT OF AURORA CULTURAL CENTRE Q1 OPERATIONS January - March 2024

SPECIAL EVENTS

Ontario Trillium Foundation Recognition Event

January 19, 2024

Aurora Town Square

MPP Michael Parsa delivered a certificate to the Aurora Cultural Centre congratulating our receiving two significant grants from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. These grants are the 2023 Capital Grant of \$125,000 to purchase and revitalize Brevik Hall with new lighting, sound equipment, and acoustic treatment, and the 2023 Resilient Communities Fund Grant of \$195,800 to support the Aurora Cultural Centre with programming realities that create sustainability. We were honoured to be a recipient of funding, and for the presence of Mayor Mrakas, MPP Parsa, and OTF volunteer Shelley Wister Smith at the event.



Pictured from Left: OTF Volunteer Shelley Wister Smith, Mandana Gholami Mobarakabadi, MPP Michael Parsa, ED Suzanne Haines, Mayor Tom Mrakas

Nonprofit 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 'Nonprofit 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.

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!



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

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/>

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 repurposed 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.



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

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 EVENTS

The Last Waltz

January 19, 2024 at 7:30pm

St. Andrew's College

<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/the-last-waltz/>



Performance from January 19, 2024 concert 'The Last Waltz' at St. Andrew's College.

In an homage to the legendary milestone, Juno Award-winning producer and musical director Lance Anderson's critically acclaimed performance of 'The Last Waltz – a Musical Celebration of The BAND – Live' celebrates the 48th Anniversary of this historic concert.

Anderson has assembled an all-star Canadian cast of award-winning blues and roots musicians to perform selections from the hit show that recreates the final concert atmosphere. In addition, Anderson's special guests will perform a few of the songs played and sung by the special guest artists who were invited to perform at the 1976 concert. The concert will feature 4 guests: Chuck Jackson (Downchild Blues Band), Matt Weidinger, Johnny Max, and Verese Vassell-Bowen. Backed by a 9-piece band that includes Jerome Levon Avis (godson of Levon Helm) on drums and vocals, Terry Blerish on guitar, Wayne DeAdder (Jimmy Bowskill) on bass, Rob Gusevs (Blood, Sweat and Tears) on organ, Steve McDade on trumpet and Anderson (Matchedash Parish) on piano and vocals, this is a group of seasoned veterans who love the music. Anderson's band also features a stellar four-piece horn section including, Simon Wallis (Lighthouse) on Bari sax, Gord Meyers (Blood, Sweat and Tears) on trombone and tuba, and Scott Marshall on Tenor sax. Truly an all-star band! Special guest Bill Avis (Business Bill), longtime road manager for The Band and Levon Helm will also make an appearance.

Elizabeth Shepherd supported by Charlotte McAfee-Brunner

January 27, 2023 at 7:30pm

NC Aurora Armoury

<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/elizabeth-shepherd-charlotte-mcafee-brunner/>

“Velvet voiced” nu-jazz piano keyboardist based in Quebec has come a long way from her Salvation Army family upbringing. Classically trained, her soulful delivery is alluring and innovative. “Wholly unique and unclassifiable style that blurs the boundaries between jazz, R&B, pop and hip hop” – MOJO (UK) – “a jazz virtuoso blessed with a pop sensibility” (Real Detroit Weekly) Elizabeth’s quartet will be joined by renowned collaborator guitarist Michael Occhipinti. Sensational rising jazz star Charlotte McAfee-Brunner will support with her trombone led trio. Joining Charlotte will be Jared Higgins on guitar, and Chris Adriaanse on bass.

Ana Vidovic

February 3, 2024 at 7:00pm

Trinity Anglican Church

<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

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

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

<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/martha-chaves-broad-appeal/>

Award-winning comedian Martha Chaves brings her "fierce, ferocious and effin' 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

<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 Castelfinn 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.

GALLERY PROGRAM

In-person gallery visits are in the temporary gallery space on the 2nd floor of Aurora Town Hall. Gallery hours are Monday - Saturday from 8:30am-4:30pm during exhibitions. Exhibitions are also accessible through our online gallery and a virtual 3D map.

<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/gallery-exhibitions/>

Perennial Darkness

Open Call Group Exhibition

Opening Reception: December 7, 2023 at 6:30pm

In person: December 2 – January 27, 2024

Online: December 2 – February 9, 2024

Temporary Gallery Location: Aurora Town Hall, Second Floor

<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/perennial-darkness/>



Self-portrait (2018), Emily Andrews, Oil on Canvas, 45 x 30 in.

As the heavy, slumbering blanket of winter is gradually pulled over the land, flattening flower beds and stripping trees into a state of dormancy, prolonged periods of darkness hover; laying influence on the natural rhythms of its inhabitants and to no exception, the artists within.

Artists in this exhibition bring forth their personal connection to the renewal of shorter days and longer nights; some making work specifically for the show, and others with work already coincidentally prepared; the theme being a subject of their regular practice. For the duration of this exhibition, the gallery serves as a temporary home for the products of the artists' dreams, memories, feelings, observations, and contemplations, as triggered by the darkness of this season's nights.

Interweaving the complimentary forms of visual art and written word, the Aurora Cultural Centre collaborated with poets within the Writer's Community of York Region (WCYR) to create written

responses to the exhibited artworks, sparked from a gathering between the poets and artists together. Dialogues from this collaboration are on view as part of the exhibition.

Participating Artists: Leeay Aikawa, Emily Andrews, Spenta Chothia, Kristen Elizabeth Donoghue-Stanford, D. Ahsén:nase Douglas, Rahil Ghandi, Nancy Hallas, Janet Hinkle, Kate Jones, Kayley Liu, Yasaman Mehrsa, Kathy Morgan, Caroline Popiel, Molly Steels, Carol Walthers, David Woodward, Jinming Ye, and Rose Zhao, with contributions from the Writer's Community of York Region.

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/>

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/>



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

We were 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.

Gallery 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
Artist-Poet Gathering with the Writer's Community of York Region	Perennial Darkness	Gallery Event - Art Byte
Artist Opening	Perennial Darkness	Gallery Event - Art Byte
Re-imaging the Archive with Molly Steels	Perennial Darkness	Molly Steels Art Byte
Foraging for Installation with Janet Hinkle	Perennial Darkness	Janet Hinkle Art Byte
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
Final Installation Party	MCOYA	February Gallery Event - Art Byte

EDUCATION PROGRAM

Winter Term Education Classes

The Winter term education programs began in January which includes multi-week classes, weekend workshops and PA Day programs. In January - March, we offered 4 youth classes, 8 adult classes, 6 workshops for adults, and 2 PA Day programs. 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 from Q1 with their target age group.

Enrollment lags past years' as our participants express fatigue with being nomadic and wait for our arrival in Aurora Town Square.

Class/Workshop	Dates	Adult/Youth
An Introduction to Indigenous Beading Art	January 14	16+
[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+
PA Day	January 19, February 2	4 - 12
Around the World with Art	January 20 – March 23	7 - 10
Whimsical Bark Carving	January 21	16+
iPad/ Tablet Drawing for Artists	January 28	16+
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 Session)	March 11 - 15	4 - 6
Young Artistic Adventurers March Break Camp (Afternoon Session)	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/>

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 Production Tour Schedule: February – March 2024

Date	Production	School*	Community
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
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
February 27 – March 6, 2024	Mimi O'Bonsawin	Marguerite Bourjeays 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

* CES = Catholic Elementary School, EEC = École Élémentaire Catholique, PS = Public School

ACTIVITY STATS YTD Q1 2024

	2024	Q1
1	Educational Programs	20
2	Volunteer hours donated	439.85
3	Art Exhibitions	3
4	Art Bytes	8
5	Art Bytes Online Views	428
6	Artists Exhibited	73
7	Virtual Gallery Views	1,984
8	Performing Arts Events	6
9	Free Community Events	2
10	Outreach Events	0
11	Public Meeting	0
12	Visitors	18,746

Organizational Information

CENTRE HOURS

Business Hours	Monday to Friday	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM plus in-person programming needs
Staff Office Hours	Monday to Friday	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Gallery Hours	In person Monday – Saturday 8:30am – 4:30pm Online 24/7	
Events	As programmed	
Classes	As programmed	

AURORA CULTURAL CENTRE STAFF (as of September 30, 2023)

Executive Director	Suzanne Haines
Development & Administrative Assistant	Jordana Polito
Finance Associate	Melanie Ryan
Communications Manager	Jane Taylor
Audience & Digital Services Supervisor	Matthew Knox
Marketing Assistant	Shikha Chowhan
Development Officer	Glenn Coulson
Gallery Manager	Samantha Jones
Gallery Assistant	Adora Lau
Education Manager	Aitak Sorahitalab
Education Coordinator	Jessica Falcioni
Performing Arts Manager	Derek Andrews
Production Coordinator	Robert Hess
Volunteer & Front of House Coordinator	Claire Acott
Customer Service Representatives (part time)	Laura Beaton, Nazia Munar, Caitlin Plestid
Administrative Assistant (on leave)	Jennifer Marrocco

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Q1 at end of March 2024

EXECUTIVE

President	John De Faveri
Treasurer	Michelle Lockie
Secretary	Parisa Sabet

DIRECTORS

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Mandana Gholami Mobarakabadi
Sharon Kelly
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Michael Thompson*

**Ex officio Town of Aurora Directors. Ex-officio Directors have the full rights & responsibilities of Directors of a corporation under the Ontario Corporations Act.*

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Committee
Finance & Audit Committee
Development Committee
Governance & Nominating Committee
Outreach Committee
Facility Task Force

MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meet approximately 10 times per year and committees meet monthly as required.

COMPLIANCE & REPORTING CONTROLS

The Centre has strict compliance, oversight, and reporting procedures in place; third party bookkeeping, a Finance & Audit Committee, several specialized Board committees, the day-to-day oversight of the Executive Director and the monthly review by the Board of Directors who each have personal and collective fiduciary responsibilities related to the governance and financial health of the Centre.

MONTHLY

Financial

- Third Party bookkeeper processes bi-weekly AP/AR and payroll, reconciles financial activity each month and creates financial statements that are reviewed by Treasurer, Finance & Audit Committee and Executive Director (ED).
- Statement of Account for Current Source Deductions (and payment) made to CRA.

Operational

- ED creates monthly activity report and presents to Board of Directors; once approved this is posted to the public website.

QUARTERLY

Financial

- Accountant creates GAAP quarterly financial report based on bookkeeper's financial statements. This is reviewed by the Treasurer and Finance & Audit Committee and

presented to the Board. Opportunity for questions from Directors. Once approved, ED provides this report to the Director, Community Services at the Town of Aurora as per our Agreement (and to the Mayor, Town Council, and Town CAO as a courtesy).

Operational

- ED creates a Managerial Commentary reporting on activities during the quarter in question.
- This is presented to the Board. Once approved, ED provides this report along with the Quarterly financial Report to the Director of Community Services (and Mayor, Council, and CAO). This report is posted on public website.

Oversight

- ED provides a compliance statement to the Board stating that all payments have been made and all areas of the Centre's compliance responsibilities have been met.

ANNUALLY

Town of Aurora

- As per Agreement

Canada Revenue Agency (Federal Government)

- Registered Charity Information Return
- Ontario Corporations Information Act Annual Return

Imagine Canada

- Annual report on compliance of the Standards identified by IC as a requirement of our accreditation.
- Board reviews Compliance report and IC comments

Current Funders (this is variable)

Young Canada Works via Canadian Heritage, (Federal Government)

Canada Summer Jobs via (Federal Government)

Canadian Heritage (Federal Government)

Ontario Trillium Foundation

Financial Review

Third Party Audit undertaken annually.

Financial standing publicly posted annually on the websites of the CRA, Imagine Canada, and our website.

ONGOING COMPLIANCE

- Town of Aurora
- Imagine Canada
- Banks
- Insurance
- Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL)
- Service Ontario (Provincial Government)
- Canadian Code of Practice for Consumer Protection in Electronic Commerce
- SOCAN/Entandem

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Haines, Executive Director