Aurora Cultural Centre

AGENDA

Board of Directors Meeting #11 2024
HYBRID (in person and virtual)
Aurora Town Square Schoolhouse Meeting Room
Wednesday November 13, 2024 @ 7pm

Join the meeting now
Meeting ID: 219 314 060 624
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Morry Patoka, Chair

1 (1 min)	Agenda **MOTION** to Approve the Agenda	Morry Patoka
2 (1 min)	**Statements of Conflict of Interest**	ALL
3 (2 min)	Previous Minutes **MOTION** to approve the minutes for the Board meeting on October 16, 2024 as presented	Morry Patoka
4 (30 min)	**Board President Role** Review of role requirements and process for selection **MOTION** *for next steps*	Morry Patoka
5 (30 min)	**Development of ACC's new strategic plan** Discuss content categories and process	Morry Patoka
6 (10 min)	**Executive Director Report** • November ED Report – reporting on October activity **MOTION** to Receive the Executive Director Report	Suzanne Haines
7 (20 min**)**	**Finance & Audit Committee** Report from the committee • Interim Financial Statement to September 30, 2024 • November 18th 2025-2026 Budget Presentation **MOTION** to Approve the Interim Financial Statements to September 30, 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 **MOTION** to Accept the Development Committee Report	Morry Patoka
9 (10 min)	**Outreach Committee Report** Report from the committee **MOTION** to Accept the Outreach Committee Report	Edlene Antonio

10 (20 min)	**Governance & Nominating Committee**
	Report from the Committee
	• Committee community members terms
	• Imagine Canada Application
	  ○ Work to be completed for application
	  ○ Board President Terms of Reference
	  ○ G2: Risk Management Policy
	  ○ G15: Board Succession Policy
	
	MOTION to Approve the Terms of Reference 8: Board President as presented
	
	MOTION to Approve G2: Risk Management Policy as amended
	
	MOTION to Approve G15: Board Succession Policy as amended
	
	MOTION to Accept the Governance & Nominating Committee Report
		Edlene Antonio

11	**Facility Task Force** • Review of the work completed • Recommendation to dissolve the Facility Task Force **MOTION** to dissolve the Facility Task Force with a thank you to the members for their efforts, commitment, and hard work.	Suzanne Haines
12	**New Business** • Board/staff social • Meeting schedule for 2025 to be confirmed by the Board	ALL
13	**Next Meeting** December 18, 2024 • 5 p.m. Board/Staff Social – Homeroom Galleries • 6:30 p.m. PUBLIC Board Meeting (public joining via Zoom)	

	• 7 p.m. Regular Board Meeting All meetings will take place at Aurora Town Square, Schoolhouse Meeting Room and be available in hybrid formats (unless noted otherwise).	
14	**MOTION** to Adjourn Meeting	ALL

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MINUTES - EXCERPT

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Chair – Morry Patoka

Present: Morry Patoka (Chair), Edlene Antonio, Sharon Kelly, Michelle Lockie, Stephen Lusk, Mary Ann McConkey, Phiona Durrant, Mandana Gholami Mobarakabadi (until 7:58pm)
Regrets: John De Faveri (President), Anita Townsend, Councillor Harold Kim, Councillor Michael Thompson
Staff: Suzanne Haines (Executive Director)

1 (1 min)	Agenda **MOTION** to Approve the Agenda Moved: Mary Ann McConkey 2nd: Steven Lusk CARRIED	Morry Patoka

4 (30 min)	**Board President Role** Review of role requirements and process for selection The Board considered an Interim Board President. **MOTION** to elect Mary Ann fulfill the role of Interim President from December 9, 2024 to February 19, 2025 inclusive Moved: Steven Lusk 2nd: Edlene Antonio CARRIED	Morry Patoka

Signed,

Suzanne Haines
Recording Secretary

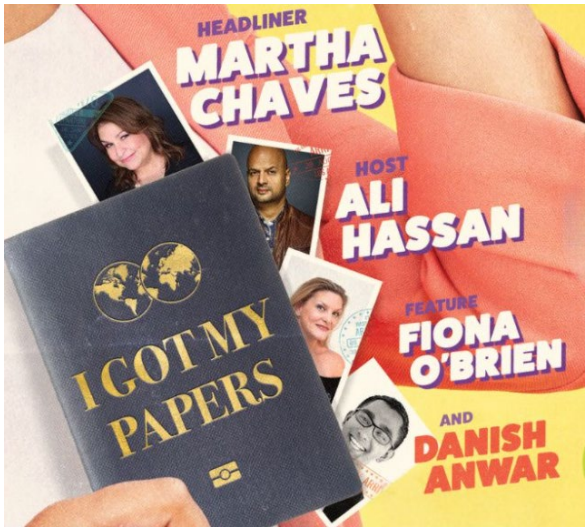
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Board of Directors –November 2024
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

October 2024

Performing Arts Programs

Martha Chaves "I Got My Papers!"
with Fiona O'Brien & Danish Anwar
Hosted by Ali Hassan
October 5, 2024 at 7:30pm
Aurora Town Square Performance Hall
Attendance: 107 (capacity 235)
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/2024-25-martha-chaves-papers/



Nicaraguan-Canadian comedy celebrity and émigré returns to Aurora with a focus on immigration to Canada. Newcomers to the country are shaping the identity of our culture and Martha loves to poke fun at all the issues arising. Prominent nationally from her appearances on CBC Radio's Because News, The Debaters and Laugh Out Loud she will appear in "I Got My Papers" alongside Fiona O'Brien, Danish Anwar, and hosted by Ali Hassan.

Ali Hassan is host of Laugh Out Loud (CBC Radio & Sirium XM) boasting a 1 million+ audience. A Canadian Comedy Award nominee, he is a regular performer with the Just For Laughs Festival in Montreal and Toronto, the Winnipeg Comedy Festival and has performed across Canada, in the US, the Middle East and in the UK. Ali was also part of the Just for Laughs cross-country Comedy Night In Canada tour hosted by Rick Mercer, performing 23 shows across Canada over 25 days. Ali's solo show Muslim Interrupted brought the house down at the world-renowned Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and then toured to over 30 cities across Canada, receiving accolades and an enormous amount of press coverage along the way. Author of the comedic memoir Is There Bacon In Heaven? was published in 2022. He is on teaching faculty at Queen's University DAN School of Drama, and co-hosts two podcasts: This Podcast is Delicious (with Marco Timpano) and Doctor vs. Comedian (with Dr. Asif Doja).

Pop! Pop!

Carousel Players
October 26, 2024 at 11:30am
Aurora Town Square Brevik Hall
Attendance: 136 (capacity 150)
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/2024-25-pop-pop/

Carousel Players bring us an underwater puppet adventure of colourful sensory experiences with characters “Hide” and “Seek”, designed for the youngest of our audiences. Magic Carpet morning performance at Brevik Hall.



A magical morning for the young audience at Pop! Pop!

Upcoming Performing Arts Events

Old Man Luedecke Supported by Mehdi Rostami
November 1, 2024 at 7:30pm
Aurora Town Square Performance Hall
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/2024-25-old-man-luedecke/

Amanda Martinez + Eliana Cuevas
November 16, 2024 at 7:30pm
Aurora Town Square Performance Hall
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/2024-25-amanda-martinez/

Canadian Brass
November 22, 2024 at 7:30pm
Aurora Town Square Performance Hall
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/2024-25-canadian-brass/

Steven Taetz
November 30, 2024 at 7:30pm
Aurora Town Square Performance Hall
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/2024-25-steven-taetz/

Gallery Programs

Future Grounds
In partnership with Oddside Arts
Supported by the Town of Aurora
In person Beginning September 21, 2024
Aurora Town Square (multiple sites) and digitally on the Artivive app

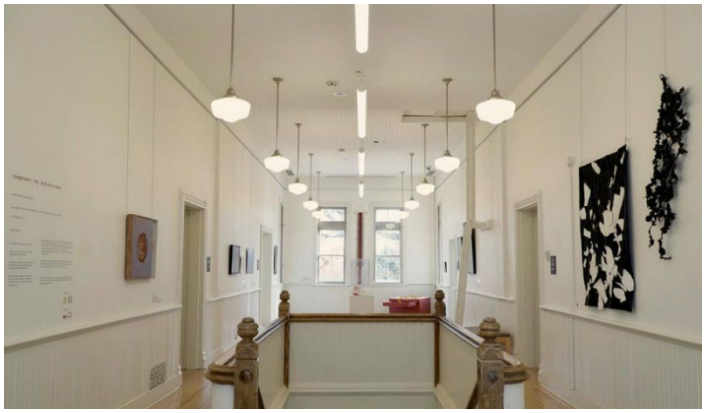
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/future-grounds/

The Living Corridor

A temporary mural by Annwin Arts and Joaquin Varela
In person: September 21 – January 19, 2025
Lower Hall Gallery
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/lower-hall-mural/

Congruent (by definitions)

In person: October 24, 2024 – January 26, 2025
Location: Great Hall Gallery



Congruent (by definitions) officially opened October 24, 2024 in the Upper Hall Gallery

Congruent (adj.) defined is "in agreement or harmony".

Congruent (by definitions) touches on themes of metamorphosis and cyclical patterns, bringing together artists restructuring their personal narratives through visual manifestations. Recounting lived experiences and restraints from systemic, societal and environmental barriers, the selected artists materialize their contemplations into a blend of art forms: photography, textiles, found objects, drawing/painting, and more. Through recontextualization, their work becomes a visual testimony, a declaration and acknowledgement of the past, while also a statement of empowerment for the future.

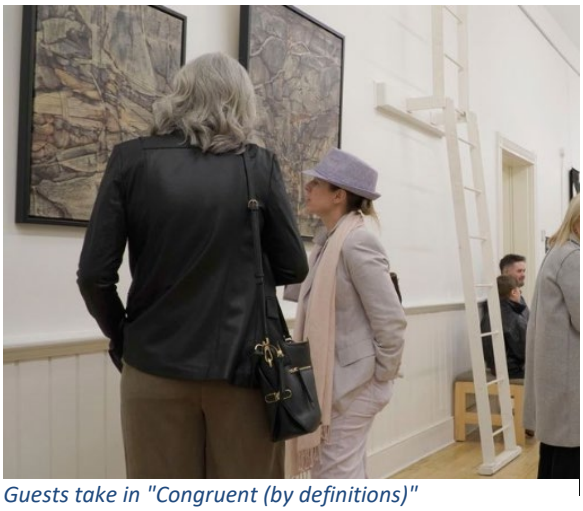
While history is unchanged, the materialization of an experience shifts the power dynamic, affirming artists as creators, reframing their story of breakthroughs, defiance, and resilience as theirs to tell.

This exhibition features artworks by Amanda Blake, Phoebe Chen, Judith Livingston, Christina Margaretha, Vishwa Patel, and Susan Wood. It is curated by gallery assistant, Adora Lau.

Public Reception – Congruent (by definitions)

October 24, 2024
Upper Hall Gallery

The public was invited to join the public reception of Congruent (by definitions), a group exhibition contemplating themes of cyclical patterns, relapse, growth, metamorphosis, and more, manifested through new and traditional media practices. Light refreshments were provided, and all were welcome to this event.



Guests take in "Congruent (by definitions)"

Artist Space
Weekly on Wednesdays from October 9, 2024 through December 18, 2024
10am – 4 pm
Art Activity Room
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/events-for-artists/

Crit Club
October 24, 2024
7pm – 9pm
Art Activity Room
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/events-for-artists/

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
No new Art Bytes in October		

Upcoming Gallery Events

Artist-Poet Gathering
Saturday, November 9, 11 am – 1 pm
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/artist-poet-gathering/

"The Living Corridor" Exhibit Activation
Sunday, November 17, 11 am – 1 pm
[URL TBD]

"Seven Masters" Public Reception
Thursday, November 28, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
[URL TBD]

Two Exhibition Walk & Talks
Saturday, December 7, 3:15 – 5 pm
https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/dec-7-walk-n-talk/

Education Programs
Term Classes, Workshops and Short Courses

The Fall term education programs begin in September and run into November, including workshops and PA Day programs. In addition to the 23 programs which began in September, in October an additional five programs or workshops ran. To see current educational offerings please visit: https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/adult-classes/ or https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/childrens-classes/

Program	Dates	Age
Sumi-e Japanese Ink Painting (All Levels)	October 1 – October 22	16+
Cultural Centre PA Day	October 21	4 – 7 years
Cultural Centre PA Day	October 21	7 – 13 years
FREE Artists' Professional Development Workshop Series	October 24 – November 28	16+
Hallowe'en Family Workshop	October 26	5+

Kaleidoscope in the Schools (KITS)

No activity in October. The staff worked on right-sizing the program for 2025.

Administration

- Material complaint regarding the gallery exhibit continued to be a prominent piece of work for senior staff.
- New Sponsor and donor tours continue with the Development team
- Staff connecting with program team at APL to discuss collaborative programming and promotion

Human Resources

- A big thank you to Laura Beaton, who was with the company since 2013, working as a Facility Supervisor, then Customer Service Representative, and finally as a Front of House Manager. Laura resigned her position, focusing her attention elsewhere in her life. We wish her the best and look forward to seeing her at our upcoming shows.
- Please welcome Jenny Burton, Marketing Assistant who started with us on October 17, 2024
- We continue to recruit part time and contract technicians to support our production services. We expect to need a roster of 20-25 part-time technicians to fulfill the production requirements in Aurora Town Square.
- We are recruiting PT Front of House Managers to support Aurora Town Square operations. Deadline to apply is November 15, 2024. Here is the posting: FOHM Posting

Facilities/Aurora Town Square

- HVAC systems are still not fully operational in 22 Church Street facility affecting ACC office spaces and ACC galleries. Town staff are aware and working on a solution.
- Internet/WIFI services are sometimes challenged in our office space. IT Town staff are aware and working on a solution.
- Office setup continues as staff get more embedded in the office. We are cleaning up and planning what will go on our freshly painted walls.
- We are aware there are sound tuning challenges for some setups in the Performance Hall and are working with the production team to learn/adapt/prepare a plan for equipment adjustment with SME and the Town.
- We continue to refine roles and responsibilities for internal and external users with Town Staff.

Board Activities

Development Committee Meeting: November 7
Finance & Audit Committee Meeting: October 29 (review of Budget Presentation), November 11
Outreach Committee Meeting: November 4
Interview for Outreach Committee: November 1
Governance & Nominating Committee Meeting: November 12
Interviews for Governance & Nominating Committee: October 17
Onboarding for new Governance & Nominating Committee Member: October 28

Community Connections/Artistic Events

- Monthly meeting with Director of Community Services
- Aurora Arts, Culture and Heritage Network monthly meeting
- Tour with Soundstreams – November 5
- Presentation to Aurora Optimist Club – November 6
- Community Tourism Plan – Session 3 – November 12

Respectfully Submitted by

Suzanne Haines
Executive Director