

## Managerial Commentary – Q3 2024

### Introduction

This quarter was filled with excitement, as the final period of offsite activity and a move back into our home. Summer camps were successful in two locations, at the Aurora Town Square Program Room 1 and the Aurora Armoury. While our move-in date shifted, we continued to manage our operations from Town Hall and then, starting September 2, from our offices at Aurora Town Square. Production elements and office storage items were facilitated over the months of August and September.

We are grateful for the incredible partnerships we built over the last 4 years being offsite. Trinity United Church, Aurora Armoury, St. Andrews College, Senior's Centre, Theatre Aurora, and of course the **Town of Aurora** welcomed us throughout the community. We are grateful for the positive communication, the patience as things changed for us regularly, and the kind friendships we shared and will continue to foster.

We launched in Aurora Town Square with exhibits in the galleries and two performing arts events during the Aurora Town Square grand opening. Our educational program relaunched in the Shining Hill Visual Arts Studios and complementary spaces, greeting our students with new equipment and afresh start to the season.

During this period, the Board of Directors and staff signed a temporary amending agreement outlining our roles and responsibilities in Aurora Town Square. We have such optimism for the opportunities for the Aurora Cultural Centre in this next phase of our programming and services to the residents of Aurora and surrounding communities.

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## A SNAPSHOT OF AURORA CULTURAL CENTRE Q3 OPERATIONS July - September 2024

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Canada Day with Town of Aurora

July 1, 2024

Community Zone at Lambert Willson Park

Summer camp staff were on-site at Lambert Willson Park within the Town of Aurora Canada Day festivities. They connected with the community about our summer camp programming while providing fun art activities for the kids!

## **Farmer's Markets & Fresh Food Markets**

Richmond Hill Fresh Food Market: July 10, 2024

Newmarket Fresh Food Market: July 11, 2024

Aurora Farmer's Market: July 13 and August 10, 2024

Aurora North Fresh Food Market: July 24, 2024

Bradford Farmer's Market: August 3, 2024

Outreach Intern Finley Roberts, along with staff and volunteers, extended our reach this summer from the Aurora Farmer's Market to farmer's and fresh food markets throughout York Region, including Richmond Hill, Newmarket and Bradford. These community hubs provide a wonderful opportunity to connect with the public about our concerts, camps, classes and volunteer opportunities available to Aurorans and others throughout York Region.



*Aurora Cultural Centre staff connect with community at the Aurora Farmer's Market.*

## **Stouffville 55+ Club**

July 15, 2024

Another exciting new Outreach activity this summer was a visit to the Stouffville 55+ Club. During this visit, community members had the opportunity to learn about the diverse offerings of the Aurora Cultural Centre and discover ways to get involved as a volunteer or patron. We emphasized that residents don't have to travel to Toronto to experience high-quality performances, as we bring exceptional shows right here to our community. Additionally, we provided information on how to volunteer at our newly renovated space, fostering a deeper connection with the arts. We also shared details about our upcoming art exhibit, "Congruent by Definitions," and encouraged attendees to participate as contestants, further enriching their engagement with the Centre.

## **Market Brewing Bingo**

July 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2024

Market Brewing Company

We teamed up with Market Brewing Company every Thursday in July from 7-9 PM. Every purchase of a bingo book contributes support to the Aurora Cultural Centre. Thank you Market Brewing Company for collaborating with different charitable organizations each month, hosting bingo events with the proceeds supporting that month's organization. Fun for staff and bingo enthusiasts alike, with the bonus of giving back to local charities!

## **Aurora Town Square Re-opening**

September 21, 2024

Aurora Town Square

After 4.5 years, we were delighted to return home to the incredibly beautiful arts hub of Aurora Town Square. Festivities included the Town of Aurora's official ribbon-cutting in the outdoor

square, a Summer Camp Reunion party in Brevik Hall celebrating the opening of our Camp Retrospective, and the unveiling of our fall exhibitions.

## **Galleries Launch**

September 21, 2024

Homeroom Galleries

Members of the public joined us in celebration on Saturday, September 21 for our long-anticipated return home to our galleries within the beloved heritage location of Church Street School; now within the larger, vibrant cultural ecosystem of Aurora Town Square. Starting with a summer camp drop in reunion in Brevik Hall for parents and children who built the art in our camp retrospective installation in Great Hall gallery from 2-3pm. Festivities run in partnership with the Aurora Museum & Archives started at 4 pm with a Land Acknowledgement and welcome in Homeroom Galleries. Lauri Hoeg, Anishinaabe visual artist and member of the Chippewas of Georgina artist led us through a song and welcome to the galleries. Artist talks were programmed throughout the event to 7pm. Light refreshments were available, as well as music between scheduled events. This event welcomed participants of all ages.

## **Discovery Days**

September 21 – 28, 2024

Aurora Town Square

The 2024 Discovery Days offered free, bite-sized introductions to various arts classes! Participants met the artist-educators for a brief intro & demo and opportunity to give classes a try! All classes are offered in the Fall program.

## **Up Close & Musical Season Launch**

September 25, 2024

Performance Hall

The Aurora Cultural Centre was proud to invite VIPs and special guests to attend the launch of our Up Close & Musical 2024-25 Performing Arts Season. This special evening was hosted by comedian Martha Chaves and singer Steven Taetz, and featured live musical performances by singer/trombonist Charlotte McAfee-Brunner. Prior to the show, guests enjoyed refreshments while exploring Aurora Town Square, dropped in on a Discovery Days Printmaking Class Demo, and strolled through our new Gallery exhibitions.

## **A Concert for Truth & Reconciliation**

September 30, 2024

Performance Hall

The Aurora Cultural Centre was honoured to commemorate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation through the power of music. Attendees joined Indigenous musicians and leaders for an evening which featured reflections in song. Indigenous talent for the concert was curated by Elaine Bomberly (Anishinaabe/Cayuga, Six Nations of the Grand River). This event welcomed all ages, who were encouraged to wear orange to honour thousands of Survivors of residential schools.

## **PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS**

There were no live performances scheduled in July or August. Our first performance of the inaugural Aurora Town Square season (and our 15<sup>th</sup> season) took place at the end of September.

### **Barbra Lica + Charlotte McAfee-Brunner**

September 27, 2024 at 7:30pm

Aurora Town Square Performance Hall

<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/2024-25-barbra-lica/>

Barbra Lica is a Canadian JUNO-nominated singer-songwriter who has performed her songs around the world, from New York City's legendary Birdland to international music festivals in North America and Japan. Her music – a blend of folk, jazz, and country – spans 5 full-length albums and has amassed millions of streams worldwide. Her debut album *That's What I Do* (2012) landed her on CBC Radio's Top 5 Jazz Singers list. She toured with her band to Japan for a debut at the Tokyo International Jazz Festival in 2015, winning thousands of new fans. Follow-up albums including *I'm Still Learning* (2016) and *You're Fine* continued to push on the edges of jazz along with folk and Americana elements. In 2023 Barbra was awarded the CMRRA Song of the Year for *The Ghost of Me* (2022) and was earlier this year nominated for two Canadian Folk Music Awards (2024). In addition to performing, Barbra writes for artists including Matt Dusk, rising K-Pop star Harumi and Taiwanese pop recording artist Morrison Ma. A vocalist and songwriter of exceptional talent, receiving accolades for her unique vocal ability that stresses subtlety, grace, and expression combined with her genuine warmth and engaging stage presence.



Barbra Lica

*"Lica smiles when she sings. You can hear it. When you see her in concert, you'll see it too. In a word, refreshing."* Tim Tamashiro, CBC Radio.

### **Charlotte McAfee-Brunner**

"Trombone Charlotte" is the upstart discovery of the Toronto jazz and roots music scene who has a voice and poise that is arresting crowds. Her charm and passion was infectious and her trio showcased the venue.

## **GALLERY PROGRAM**

In-person gallery visits in July & August were in the temporary gallery space on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Aurora Town Hall. As of late September, exhibitions are shown at the Homeroom Galleries, Lower Hall, and Great Hall Galleries at Aurora Town Square.

## ***Early Bird Gets The Worm***

Featuring Phuong Nguyen, Carrie Perreault, Joejene C. Santos, Jonah Strub, and David Trotter

In person: May 16 – August 10

Online: May 23 – August 30, 2024

Temporary Gallery Location: Aurora Town Hall, Second Floor

<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/early-bird-gets-the-worm/>

*Early Bird Gets the Worm* focuses on the annual re-awakening of yard-sale season through a curation of kitschy, curious, and questionable works by artists of varying practices, cultures, and identities.

Throughout the Spring-Summer season, homes across the region open their doors for an annual purge of personal goods. Driving through the town of Aurora on a crisp, Saturday morning, one may find streets and boulevards painted with neon Bristol board signs, scribbled with arrows and addresses in permanent marker – directions to nearby sales. Beneath the sun at first light, neighbours that may be friends, acquaintances, or strangers spill contents of their interior life out the front of their home in hopes for a quick profit from passersby or seasoned bargain hunters.



*The Barn at Mitchell Corners* (2012) by David Trotter.  
Photo credit: Oh Canada Creative

*Early Bird Gets the Worm* meditates on the sentimental relationship that humans have with the objects that they choose to collect, keep, and/or discard throughout the timeline of their life. Pulling together a collection of object-orientated works by five artists, this exhibition is a deep-dive into what compels us to our inanimate counterparts. Featured artworks span across a diverse range of media, and include paintings, a 240+ piece drystone installation, ceramics, and leatherwork amongst other explorations.

### **Featured Artists:**

Phuong Nguyen, Carrie Perreault, Joejene C. Santos, Jonah Strub, and David Trotter

### **Artist Talk + Leatherwork Demo with David Trotter**

Exhibition Activation

Wednesday, July 10, 6:00 pm

Temporary Gallery Location: Aurora Town Hall, Second Floor

<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/event/david-trotter-talk/>

Orono-based leather artist David Trotter discussed his research of Aurora's agricultural history, and how it has influenced the artworks he has exhibited in *Early Bird Gets the Worm*. Participants had the opportunity to try their own hand at leatherwork by making their own leather key chain charms to take home.

## ***Fool's Gold***

A pop-up installation by Laura Fedynyszyn

In person: June 11 – August 21, 2024

Location: Front Foyer, Aurora Family Leisure Complex

<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/fools-gold/>

*Fool's Gold* by Laura Fedynyszyn continued through the summer months as our third offsite art installation at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex.

*Fool's Gold* calls attention to the increasing population of invasive goldfish in Ontario's fresh waters, and particularly within Aurora.

Saturday, September 21 marked our long-anticipated return home to our galleries within the beloved heritage location of Church Street School; now within the larger, vibrant cultural ecosystem of Aurora Town Square. The Aurora Cultural Centre celebrated the event with the launch of three new exhibits.



*Fool's Gold at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex*

## ***Camp Retrospective: A Journey Through Young Artistry***

September 21 – October 14, 2024 Upper Hall Gallery

<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/camp-retrospective-2024/>

Camp Retrospective returned as part of Grand Opening and Culture Days 2024. Focusing on the young, creative minds in our community, this exhibition features over 100 artworks made by children (ages 4-12) from our 2024 Summer Camps. Involving the young artists early in their summer camp days, they play an integral role in forming the exhibition by selecting their proudest pieces to include in the show. The Aurora Cultural Centre would like to thank our Summer Camp Staff for their dedication to the young artists in our programs, and for their role in organizing work for this important exhibition celebrating creativity in our younger generation.

## ***Expressions of Critical Thought***

Curated by Carousel Collective

September 21 Homeroom Galleries

We wish to acknowledge and express deep thank yous to the artists for their work: Curators: Chantal Hassard, Megan Hassard, Chafic Mouharam Artists: Hala Alsalman, Alberto Castillo, Vridhhi Chaudry, Chantal Hassard, Renaissance, and Emeral Repard-Denniston

## ***Future Grounds***

In partnership with Oddside Arts

Supported by the Town of Aurora

Beginning September 21, 2024

Aurora Town Square (multiple sites) and digitally on the Artivive app  
<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/future-grounds/>

In collaboration with the Town of Aurora and Oddside Arts, we were excited to unveil Future Grounds: a series of eight larger-than-life augmented reality (AR) activated artworks scattered across Aurora Town Square.

Each of the eight artworks within this project was designed by a youth artist, developed over months of creative mentorship and collaboration with GTA/Durham-based art collective, Oddside Arts. Featured youth artists include Sydney Achtermeier, Niya Ahmed Abdullahi, Justina Kandiotis, Narmin Khurram, Madison Kwok, Nazia Munir, Joycelyn Ng, and Luna QuijanoBarraza.

AR was incorporated into each of the artworks, viewable through the Artivive app, which is downloaded for free through any App store. When scanned through the app, each artwork becomes animated, revealing imagery and hidden meaning beyond what is visible upon the surface.

**Opening and Artist Panel  
Exhibit Activation  
Sunday, September 22  
Brevik Hall**

Nico Taylor and Queen Kukoyi (Oddside Arts), Luna Quijano-Barraza, Narmin Khurram, and Joycelyn Ng discussed their creative ideas and process behind their work in Future Grounds. A public Q&A and reception followed.

## ***The Living Corridor***

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



*The Living Corridor*

This mural brings together the creative minds of Annwin Arts and Joaquin Varela, two artist collaborators from our 2022 Aurora Bell Box Murals Project. Responding to Call to Action #83 of

the TRC report, the project brought together indigenous and non-indigenous artists to conceptualize and paint nine murals on Bell utility boxes across Aurora.

Over 80 ft in length, The Living Corridor wraps around the lower hall gallery of the Cultural Centre as a sentiment of reconciliation as we re-opened our doors to Church Street School for the first time in five years.

Featured Artists: Annwin Arts and Joaquin Varela

Annwin Arts & Joaquin Varela Artist Talk  
Exhibit Activation  
Saturday, September 21  
Lower Hall Gallery

Audiences of all ages were welcomed to a family-friendly public gathering including an artist talk with the team behind The Living Corridor.

## 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Arranging Early Bird Gets the Worm</b>                | Early Bird Gets the Worm | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dc1MLlejkE&amp;list=PLm2UcSbw79AnUmsFQYUd_cQ5m9GGQleHn&amp;index=67">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dc1MLlejkE&amp;list=PLm2UcSbw79AnUmsFQYUd_cQ5m9GGQleHn&amp;index=67</a>   |
| <b>Build Your Alter-Ego with Jonah Strub</b>             | Early Bird Gets the Worm | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M14UMzO_KNE&amp;list=PLm2UcSbw79AnUmsFQYUd_cQ5m9GGQleHn&amp;index=68">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M14UMzO_KNE&amp;list=PLm2UcSbw79AnUmsFQYUd_cQ5m9GGQleHn&amp;index=68</a> |
| <b>Fool's Gold at Aurora Family Leisure Complex</b>      | Fool's Gold              | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6aHudWDKCHw&amp;list=PLm2UcSbw79AnUmsFQYUd_cQ5m9GGQleHn&amp;index=69">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6aHudWDKCHw&amp;list=PLm2UcSbw79AnUmsFQYUd_cQ5m9GGQleHn&amp;index=69</a> |
| <b>Artist Talk + Leatherwork Demo with David Trotter</b> | Early Bird Gets the Worm | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BrIjcSxVcQ8&amp;list=PLm2UcSbw79AnUmsFQYUd_cQ5m9GGQleHn&amp;index=70">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BrIjcSxVcQ8&amp;list=PLm2UcSbw79AnUmsFQYUd_cQ5m9GGQleHn&amp;index=70</a> |
| <b>Making The Living Corridor</b>                        | Living Corridor          | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jOoySUKclzA&amp;list=PLm2UcSbw79AnUmsFQYUd_cQ5m9GGQleHn&amp;index=71">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jOoySUKclzA&amp;list=PLm2UcSbw79AnUmsFQYUd_cQ5m9GGQleHn&amp;index=71</a> |

## EDUCATION PROGRAM

### Summer Art Camps

Our popular summer camp programs had a busy season throughout July and August. Staffed with seven arts camp counsellors, each week was filled with a variety of arts projects and fun. Each week had its own theme to set the stage for creativity and exploration of new art topics. This year, week-long camps included both ½ and full day options for different ages groups in two locations: the Aurora Public Library and the NC Aurora Armoury. There was less demand for ½ day programs generally so we will be moving to two full day camps (one per age group) in 2025.

<https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/summer-camps/>

| Program                                              | Dates           | Age    |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|
| The Wonderful World of Nature and Animals (1/2 day)  | July 2 - 5*     | 4 - 6  |
| The Wonderful World of Nature and Animals (full day) | July 2 - 5*     | 4 - 6  |
| The Wonderful World of Nature and Animals (1/2 day)  | July 2 - 5*     | 7 - 12 |
| Artistic Imaginations (1/2 day)                      | July 8 - 12     | 4 - 6  |
| Artistic Imaginations (full day)                     | July 8 - 12     | 4 - 6  |
| Artistic Imaginations (1/2 day)                      | July 8 - 12     | 7 - 12 |
| Art & Science Fusion (1/2 day)                       | July 15 - 19    | 4 - 6  |
| Art & Science Fusion (full day)                      | July 15 - 19    | 4 - 6  |
| Art & Science Fusion (1/2 day)                       | July 15 - 19    | 7 - 12 |
| Eco-Art (1/2 day)                                    | July 22 - 26    | 4 - 6  |
| Eco-Art (full day)                                   | July 22 - 26    | 4 - 6  |
| Eco-Art (1/2 day)                                    | July 22 - 26    | 7 - 12 |
| Art Around the Globe (1/2 day)                       | July 29 - Aug 2 | 4 - 6  |
| Art Around the Globe (full day)                      | July 29 - Aug 2 | 4 - 6  |
| Art Around the Globe (1/2 day)                       | July 29 - Aug 2 | 7 - 12 |
| Art Through the Ages (1/2 day)                       | Aug 6 - 9*      | 4 - 6  |
| Art Through the Ages (1/2 day)                       | Aug 6 - 9*      | 7 - 12 |
| Art Through the Ages (full day)                      | Aug 6 - 9*      | 7 - 12 |
| Visual Art & Music Harmony (1/2 day)                 | Aug 12 - 16     | 4 - 6  |
| Visual Art & Music Harmony (1/2 day)                 | Aug 12 - 16     | 7 - 12 |
| Visual Art & Music Harmony (full day)                | Aug 12 - 16     | 7 - 12 |
| Famous Artists & Their Styles (1/2 day)              | Aug 19 - 23     | 4 - 6  |
| Famous Artists & Their Styles (1/2 day)              | Aug 19 - 23     | 7 - 12 |
| Famous Artists & Their Styles (full day)             | Aug 19 - 23     | 7 - 12 |
| Now Streaming: Animation! (1/2 day)                  | Aug 26 - 30     | 4 - 6  |
| Now Streaming: Animation! (1/2 day)                  | Aug 26 - 30     | 7 - 12 |
| Now Streaming: Animation! (full day)                 | Aug 26 - 30     | 7 - 12 |

\*short week due to statutory holiday

### Fall Term Education Classes

The majority of the Fall term education programs begin in September, including workshops and PA Day programs. For classes started in September, we offered 23 programs across multiple artistic disciplines including visual arts and music. Our commitment to providing a vibrant and inclusive learning environment was evident in the range of classes offered and the positive feedback received from participants. Below is a listing of those programs and their target age group. To see current educational offerings please visit: <https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/adult->

| Program                                                | Dates                      | Age    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| Watercolours: The Basics                               | September 23 – November 25 | 55+    |
| Comic Drawing for Children                             | September 23 – November 25 | 7 - 13 |
| Acrylic & Oil Paint Pouring                            | September 23 – November 12 | 16+    |
| Wood Carving                                           | September 23 – November 25 | 16+    |
| Watercolours: Level 1 (55+)                            | September 24 – November 12 | 55+    |
| Watercolours: Level 2 (55+)                            | September 23 – November 25 | 55+    |
| Expand Your Horizons in Acrylics Level 2               | September 24 – November 12 | 16+    |
| You Can Uke It! Beginner & Novice                      | September 25 – November 13 | 16+    |
| Ukulele – Beginner & Intermediate (2 sessions running) | September 25 – November 13 | 16+    |
| Guitar – Beginner & Intermediate                       | September 25 – November 13 | 16+    |
| Watercolours: Intermediate & Advanced                  | September 25 – November 13 | 16+    |
| Drawing Fundamentals (55+)                             | September 26 – November 28 | 55+    |
| Watercolours: Basics & Beyond                          | September 16 – November 14 | 16+    |
| Acrylic Painting Intermediate (55+)                    | September 26 – November 28 | 55+    |
| Acrylic Painting Beginner (55+)                        | September 26 – November 28 | 55+    |
| PA Day 4 to 7 years                                    | September 27               | 4 - 7  |
| PA Day 7 to 12 years                                   | September 27               | 7 - 12 |
| Lil' Jammers Caregiver & Child                         | September 28 – November 23 | 1 - 3  |
| Rhythm Kids                                            | September 28 – November 23 | 3 - 6  |
| Children's Visual Art 1                                | September 28 – November 30 | 4 - 7  |
| Children's Visual Art 2                                | September 28 – November 30 | 7 - 13 |
| Crepe Paper Flowers                                    | September 29               | 16+    |

## ACTIVITY STATS YTD Q3 2024

|    | 2024                    | Q1     | Q2     | Q3      |
|----|-------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| 1  | Educational Programs    | 41     | 40     | 50      |
| 2  | Volunteer hours donated | 440    | 499    | 527     |
| 3  | Art Exhibitions         | 1      | 2      | 6       |
| 4  | Art Bytes               | 5      | 4      | 1       |
| 5  | Art Bytes Online Views  | 382    | 166    | 86      |
| 6  | Artists Exhibited       | 18     | 56     | 56      |
| 7  | Virtual Gallery Views   | 2,149  | 330    | 552     |
| 8  | Performing Arts Events  | 6      | 6      | 1       |
| 9  | Free Community Events   | 2      | 2      | 1       |
| 10 | Public Meeting          | 0      | 2      | 1       |
| 11 | Visitors                | 88,324 | 43,944 | 101,562 |

## Organizational Information

### **CENTRE HOURS**

|                    |                  |                                                    |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Business Hours     | Monday – Friday  | 8:30 am – 4:30 pm                                  |
| Staff Office Hours | Monday to Friday | 8:30 am – 4:30 pm plus in-person programming needs |
| Gallery Hours      | Monday to Friday | 8:30 am – 10 pm                                    |
|                    | Saturday         | 8:30 am – 6 pm                                     |
|                    | Sunday           | 8:30 am – 5 pm                                     |
| Events & Classes   | As programmed    |                                                    |

### **AURORA CULTURAL CENTRE STAFF** (as of September 30, 2024)

|                                        |                    |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Executive Director                     | Suzanne Haines     |
| Administrative Assistant (part time)   | Helena Barkla      |
| Communications Manager                 | Jane Taylor        |
| Audience & Digital Services Supervisor | Matthew Knox       |
| Marketing Assistant                    | <i>Vacant</i>      |
| Development Officer                    | Glenn Coulson      |
| Development Assistant                  | Jordana Polito     |
| Gallery Manager                        | Samantha Jones     |
| Gallery Assistant                      | Adora Lau          |
| Education Manager                      | Aitak Sorahitalab  |
| Education Coordinator                  | Jessica Falcioni   |
| Performing Arts Manager                | Derek Andrews      |
| Production Manager/Technical Director  | Robert Hess        |
| Technicians (part time)                | Caitlin Stafford   |
|                                        | Erwin Lau          |
|                                        | Hussein Esmail     |
|                                        | Jonny Juffs        |
|                                        | Mikaila Strickland |
|                                        | Shawn McNamara     |

Audience Services Manager  
Finance Associate  
Administrative Assistant (on leave)

Alyssa Spear  
Melanie Ryan  
Jennifer Marrocco

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Q3 at end of September 2024

### **EXECUTIVE**

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| President      | John De Faveri  |
| Vice President | Morry Patoka    |
| Treasurer      | Michelle Lockie |
| Secretary      | Anita Townsend  |

### **DIRECTORS**

Edlene Antonio  
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\*Councillor 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)**

Government of Canada

Ontario Creates

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,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SH', followed by a horizontal line.

*Suzanne Haines*, Executive Director