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# **Kelly Langgard**—Director and CEO of Toronto Arts, on 50 years of impact, a bold new vision, and the people driving the city's cultural future.



TORONTO ARTS\_ With sustained investment, we've seen the arts strengthen communities, celebrate diversity and drive economic growth. We invite you to invest in the next 50 years of Toronto Arts.

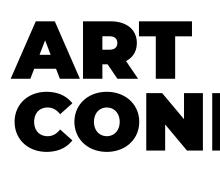
In 2024, we marked our 50th anniversary—five decades of growing and supporting the arts in Toronto through grants and programs. We took stock of all we've done, shared this with the public, celebrated with our community, and are making plans for the next 50 years of growth—with you at our side.

This time of transformation and renewal saw Toronto Arts Council & Foundation take on several major projects. We collaborated with the City of Toronto on their 10-year action plan, Culture Connects, that aims to bring arts and culture to every Torontonian. We're hard at work developing our new Strategic Plan, an ambitious vision for city-building through the arts. And we've refreshed our look with an exciting rebrand that truly embodies our identity: we're modern, connected and bold.

All of this work is powered by people. I would like to offer my deepest thanks to the mayor and city council, city colleagues, and to our staff, board members, partners, sponsors and donors whose commitment fuels this essential work. Finally, thanks to the talented artists and dedicated culturemakers of Toronto who inspire us every day. Together, we're committed to building a thriving cultural sector in this city for the benefit of everyone who lives here.

# **ART MOVES** ACTION

To ensure a thriving cultural future, we invite you to advocate, volunteer, create and participate. Together, we can build a dynamic, inclusive and sustainable arts ecosystem in Toronto for generations to come.



By partnering with artists and investing in culture, we strengthen the bonds between individuals and communities. We enrich lives and shape a more resilient Toronto. Join us in building the future, one creative act at a time.



#### TORONTO **ARTS\_COUNCIL**

Celia Smith—Chair, Toronto Arts Council, on trust, advocacy, and the role of artists in shaping the city's cultural legacy.

For 50 years, Toronto Arts Council has stood alongside artists, building deep trust. Our work remains artist-led, grounded in the belief that those closest to the creative process must help guide its support.

As both a Board Member and an arts leader myself, I know first-hand the vital role artists play in shaping our city's identity and strengthening our communities. From projects animating libraries, schools, and parks around the city, to big artistic visions created and shared, Toronto Arts Council, through its grants, aims to

protect the long legacy of art in Toronto and shepherd it through the next 50 years.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to my fellow board members for their dedication and insight, and to Mayor Olivia Chow and Toronto City Council for their ongoing commitment to the arts and belief in Toronto Arts Council. Thank you to you, as well, for joining us in David Pecaut Square to celebrate our 50th Anniversary in June 2024, and for raising your voices to support an increased budget for Toronto Arts Council for the next five years.



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#### **TORONTO ARTS\_FOUNDATION**

Sara Diamond—Chair, Toronto Arts Foundation, on uniting artists, donors, and civic leaders to shape Toronto's cultural future.

At Toronto Arts Foundation, city-building is at the heart of all we do. From championing access to supporting newcomer artists, we believe the arts are essential in shaping inclusive, forward-looking communities.

We could not do this work without you – our supporters and communities. Last year, you joined us at the Mayor's Arts Lunch and a renewed Mayor's Evening for the Arts, bringing civic leaders, donors and artists together

in one space to celebrate the power of creativity. Thank you to our exceptional board, who bring diverse expertise from across sectors-including arts, business, law and urban development, to name just a few. Their skills reflect the scope of our work and our commitment to collaboration. And thank you to the donors, sponsors, and partners who help turn our vision into impactful and meaningful action.

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WE FUEL TORONTO'S CREATIVITY BY SUPPORTING A BROAD SPECTRUM OF ARTISTS AND ARTS ORGANIZATIONS TO MAKE AND SHARE THEIR WORK, BY ADVOCATING FOR THEM, AND BY BUILDING PATHWAYS FOR GREATER INCLUSION, INNOVATION AND FUTURE STRENGTH.

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TORONTO IS A VIBRANT, GLOBAL CITY WHERE CREATIVITY IS PART OF DAILY LIFE, WHERE ARTISTS THRIVE BECAUSE THEY ARE VALUED, AND WHERE THE ARTS INSPIRE CONNECTED, WHOLE COMMUNITIES FOR ALL.



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TO A\_ AS TORONTO'S PUBLIC FUNDING BODY FOR THE ARTS, WE SUPPORT ARTISTS AND ARTS ORGANIZATIONS TO FLOURISH THROUGH ACCESSIBLE GRANTS AND SERVICES, AND WE LEVERAGE OUR CONVENING POWER TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO THE ARTS SECTOR.

Established in 1974, Toronto Arts Council is the City of Toronto's funding body for the arts. We work to build a vibrant, inclusive and dynamic arts community that benefits all residents. Through accessible and equitable grant programs, we support a wide range of artists and arts organizations to create and connect with audiences in every corner of the city.

Each year, we grant more than \$25 million in public investment from the City of Toronto to a wide range of creative activity, including artistic creation, community-based arts initiatives, and arts organizations large and small across the city. Guided by a peer-review process that involves artists, these grants result in impactful arts experiences—from festivals and performances to exhibitions, readings and workshops—reaching more than five million people annually and enriching life throughout Toronto.

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Toronto Arts Foundation is a citybuilding force for the arts in Toronto. We empower artists to thrive and work to ensure all Torontonians-especially those in equity-deserving and under-served communities—can access and benefit from the arts. We believe that vibrant. creative communities are essential to a strong, inclusive city.

Since 1995, the Foundation has worked in partnership with Toronto Arts Council, complementing public investment with private support to expand the reach and impact of the arts. Through research, community engagement and strategic initiatives, we intervene where support is most needed—amplifying voices, bridging gaps and advocating for meaningful change across Toronto's cultural landscape.

#### TORONTO'S CITY-WIDE CHARITY FOR THE ARTS, WE MOBILIZE INDIVIDUALS AND PRIVATE FUNDING PARTNERS TO SUPPORT AND CELEBRATE **ARTISTS AND CREATIVES, TO STRENGTHEN THE ARTS SECTOR, AND TO CONNECT COMMUNITIES** TO THE TRANSFORMATIVE BENEFITS OF THE ARTS.

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#### TORONTO ARTS\_FOUNDATION

Engages private support and philanthropic partners to operate programs, awards and research.

#### WHAT WE DO

- Registered charitable status
- Impact reports
- Board of Directors
- Sector resiliency through strategic support
- Artist career support through workshops, mentorship and ArtWorksTO
- Recognition through Awards
   Audience and volunteer engagement through Arts in the Parks

#### RESPONSIBLE

To our <u>donors</u> to be transparent and accountable

To the arts community to support creativity and innovation in all areas

 Bringing arts events to parks throughout the city for free through Arts in the Parks
 Free services for artists and arts board members

To the public to make arts programming accessible in all areas of the city

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A ROBUST AND ACCESSIBLE ARTS ECOSYSTEM HAS A MEASURABLE AND SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES, AND ON THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE.

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> STREET VOICES MEDIA TRAINING WORKSHOPS. PHOTO BY SELINA MCCALLUM.

"The arts are often seen as a 'nice to have' in policy making, rather than cornerstones of Canadian thought and development, and seldom as the major economic drivers they are." — Tim Jennings, The Globe and Mail



The arts contribute approximately \$60 billion to Canada's GDP every year and support more than 270,000 jobs in Ontario alone.

Our city is an important economic hub for the industry: Toronto is home to 40% of Canada's artists and arts workers. And that's a huge benefit: for every dollar granted by Toronto Arts, the city sees \$15 dollars in returns to the local economy.

And yet, 74% of individual artists and 53% of arts organizations in Toronto reported unstable financial situations in 2024.

Considering the many returns of the arts, it's crucial we contribute to the arts in return.

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Just 26% of arts funders in Canada have funding programs targeted towards specific communities, including Black, Indigenous, artists with disabilities and Newcomer artists.

That's why Toronto Arts provides grants and support, such as the **Black** Arts Program and Accessibility Grants, aimed at including everyone in the Toronto arts community.

NEILSON PARK CREATIVE CENTRE. PHOTO BY MIA BUONO.

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#### In any given year, 1 in 5 **Canadians experiences mental** health challenges. By the age of 40, 1 in 2 have or have had a mental illness.

Toronto Arts knows that involvement in the arts, as a creator or as a participant, makes a meaningful impact on mental and physical wellness. A 2024 literature review conducted by the World Health Organization, UK government and Frontier Economics shows that frequent engagement in arts and culture increases the self-esteem of children, improves the mental health of young adults, raises the general health of adults, and decreases dementia and frailty in older adults.



CORPUS. PHOTO BY JAE YANG.

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#### **AT TORONTO ARTS-SUPPORTED EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY, WE HEAR FIRST-HAND HOW THE PRESENCE OF LOW-COST AND FREE ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAMS IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY'S QUALITY OF LIFE.**

ARTS IN THE PARKS. PHOTO BY KAT RIZZA.









**"IT MAKES** 

THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE

**INTO MAGIC!**"

ROSSROADS THEATRE, NDING HOME. HOTO BY KAT RIZZA.

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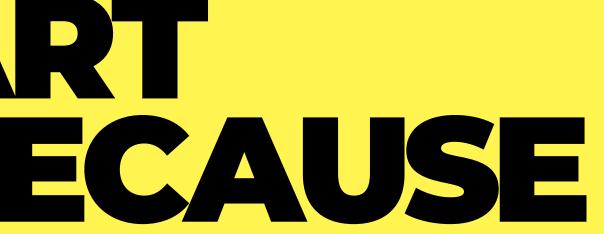
**HUMAN BEINGS** 

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#### -STATEMENTS FROM ARTS IN THE PARKS 2024 ATTENDEES

#### "IT CHANGES HOW PEOPLE VIEW THE WORLD. IT ALLOWS FOR PEOPLE TO EXPRESS THEIR THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS. ART SPREADS LOVE."





" IT'S A UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE. IT MOVES

YOU AND

LIFTS YOU."

TOESFORDANCE. PHOTO BY KAT RIZZA.

# **INFORMED BY RESEARCH** OUR LOVE OF THE ARTS IS BACKED BY FACTS

NEWCOMER INTEGRATION

"Many people feel more comfortable expressing themselves through the arts, especially if English isn't their first language. There's another language they can use—a visual language." —**StoryCentre Canada**, FIT-ART report

This past year, Toronto Arts powered its support and advocacy with research, reporting and data to drive smarter decisions and greater impact. By turning evidence into action, we're better able to demonstrate the value of the arts and the impact of cultural funding.

TORONTO ARTS\_ Last year, we concluded Fostering Integration Through the Arts: Learning from Toronto Arts Council's Programs for Newcomers and Refugees, a research partnership with the Excellence Chair in Migration and Integration (CERC Migration) at Toronto Metropolitan University, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).

Only 2% of Canada's arts funders have programs explicitly for newcomers and Toronto Arts Council is one of them. With newcomers making up 46.6% of Toronto's population and 29.5% of newcomers settling in the city, there is an urgent need for more outreach and support.

Two key report recommendations are to strengthen mentorship opportunities and to prioritize sustainable, multi-year funding models to ensure stability and longevity, something Toronto Arts is aiming to achieve with its Newcomer and Refugee programs powered by the Neighbourhood Arts Network. CELIA SMITH, CHAIR MICHAEL HERRERA, CPA. CA: TREASURER MAYOR OLIVIA CHOW

ILLUSTRATIONS BY DANIELLE TASCHEREAU

FOR FUNDING MATTERS.

**FUNDING** MATTERS Toronto Arts Council initiated

HOSTING THE PUPPET AMAL - A PUPPET OF A TEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL THAT HAS WALKED FROM SYRIA

REST OF THE WORLD.

Funding Matters — a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)–funded project in partnership with University of Toronto Scarborough - to examine public arts funding perceptions through interviews and discussions. Here are just some of the things people said about how important it is to fund the arts:

"The Arts Council remains one of the most critical life rafts, if you will, for lots of artists and small nonprofits and artist collectors."—Betty Xie, fundraiser and filmmaker.

"With the current economy and the way that the structure of arts organizations has evolved, most of the programming would not be possible without Toronto Arts Council." — Ivan Lo, Education & Outreach Manager, Opera Atelier.

With support from the public and private sectors, TAC/F's research aims to help the arts community thrive, not simply survive.

**THE ARTS IMPACT PROJECT** 

#### A significant achievement in 2024 was securing funding for The Arts Impact Project,

a seven-year project led by Toronto Metropolitan University, York University, and Mass Culture. The research aims to better understand the civic impact of art and build an evidence-informed case for the value of the arts in Canadian life.



ARTISTS NEED TO LIVE.

TAC IS ABOUT ACCESSIBILITY FOR PEOPLE WHO NORMALLY WOULD NOT HAVE THOUGHT OF ARTS AS PART OF THEIR FAMILY BACKGROUND. ARTS IS A GREAT WAY TO MEET OTHERS & LEARN ABOUT THE CITY.

#### **MUCH OF THE ARTS** COMMUNITY **IS STILL IN** RECOVERY MODE, MAKING FUNDING MORE CRUCIAL THAN EVER.

SOURCE: 2024 ARTS COMMUNITY PULSE SURVEY CONDUCTED BY CONTEXT RESEARCH GROUP (CRG)

"Our partnership in this longterm research, coupled with a strategic shift to data-driven storytelling, strengthens our evidence-based approach to Research and Impact." -Kadija de Paula, Senior Manager, Research, Impact & Evaluation

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FALL FOR DANCE NORTH. PHOTO BY MARLOWE PORTER.



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\$23,853,422

**VALUE OF GRANTS AWARDED** 

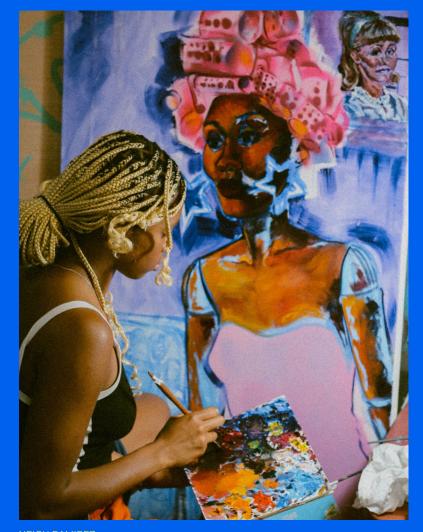
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**NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS** RECEIVED



**APPLICATION SUCCESS** RATE





IOTO BY THULASI MADHURI

FU-GEN ASIAN CANADIAN PHOTO BY DAHLIA KATZ





# 22,500 + ARTISTS WERE PAID FEES **OR SALARIES BY COUNCIL-FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS**

# 12,692 PEOPLE VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME WITH COUNCIL-FUNDED ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

# **RESIDENT OF TORONTO**







MOONHORSE DANCE THEATRE. PHOTO COURTESY OLGA BARRIOS.

CRITICAL DISTANCE CENTRE FOR CURATORS. PHOTO BY TONI HAFKENSCHEID.



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TORONTO OUTDOOR PICTURE SHOW. PHOTO BY REBECCA TISDELLE-MARCIAS.

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BREAKTHROUGHS FILM FESTIVAL.



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**TORONTO ARTS COUNCIL-FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS...** 

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SOURCE: 2024 ARTS ACROSS ONTARIO, COMMISSIONED BY ONTARIO ARTS COUNCIL AND CONDUCTED BY BASED ON STATISTICS CANADA, CANADIAN FRAMEWORK FOR CULTURE 2011.

...LEVERAGE \$1 **RECEIVED FROM TORONTO ARTS TO GENERATE** MORE THAN \$3 IN TICKET SALES. \$6 IN **DONATIONS AND PAY OUT \$5 IN ARTIST** FEES—AN ALMOST \$15 **RETURN FOR EVERY DOLLAR GRANTED.** 

DANCE IMMERSION. PHOTO BY DAWIT TIBEBU.

SOURCE: NANOS' 2024 NATIONAL SURVEY CONDUCTED FOR BUSINESS/ARTS AND THE NAC

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ANNUAL REPORT

# ONTARIANS EVE

**OF ONTARIANS SAY THAT THE ARTS MAKE THEIR COMMUNITY** A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.



AGREE THAT PARTICIPATING IN ARTS ACTIVITIES BUILDS A **SHARED SENSE OF COMMUNITY IDENTITY.** 



SAY THAT THE ARTS IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH.



#### **GRANTING HIGHLIGHTS**



MUSLIM LITERARY FESTIVAL. PHOTO BY HANA ABDUL-RAWOOF.

The inaugural Muslim Literary Festival took place in June and featured professional development panels, workshops and networking activities with authors and industry professionals. The festival aims to cultivate and support Muslim writers and their careers by connecting them with community, resources and access to the publishing industry.

The Muslim Literary Festival was supported through the Literary Projects grant and hosted nine professional artists and 142 attendees.

### LAUNCHING **NEW AND INCLUSIVE INITIATIVES**

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#### **FILAMENT**



FILAMENT FORTUNE. STILL COURTESY BEAU GOMEZ.

Filament Fortune is a video artwork by Beau Gomez exploring radical care and tenderness between people living with HIV. In it, the artist stages a reverse-arranging of funerary flowers, stitched together with video fragments and

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### DEVELOPING **NEW WORKS FROM** UNDERREPRESENTED ARTISTS

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personal accounts of navigating stigmatized illness. *Filament Fortune* was supported through the Media Artists: Creation grant and had its World Premiere at TIFF Lightbox as part of the Viral Interventions conference and exhibition.



### ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

#### COMMUNITY

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#### GUILD

Grounded in community-building, Community Arts Guild fosters connection and creativity in East Scarborough through inclusive, collaborative artmaking. The organization brings together professional artists and residents of all backgrounds, who may otherwise never meet, to co-create performances and installations that reflect community voices, strengthen belonging and support vibrant neighbourhoods.

Community Arts Guild was supported through the Creative Communities Projects grant.

COMMUNITY ARTS GUILD. PHOTO BY KATHERINE FLEITAS.





NOVA DANCE. PHOTO BY HAYLEY HRUSKA.

#### NOVA

Nova Dance's Offerings at Ishpadinaa finalist for the Margo Bindhart and Rita Davies activated Spadina Museum with performances Cultural Leadership Award at Toronto Arts shaped by consultation with Indigenous, Black Foundation's Mayor's Arts Lunch awards in 2025. and POC artists. These public works reflect the interconnectedness of cultures impacted Offerings at Ishpadinaa was supported by colonialism and celebrate collective through the Animating Historic Sites grant, resistance and joy-building bridges through employing 10 artists, engaging 12 community conversation attendees and welcoming 367 shared storytelling and creative reclamation of space. Nova Bhattacharya, the Founding audience members. Artistic Director of Nova Dance, was also a

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### **EXAMINING TORONTO'S HISTORY WITH A CONTEMPORARY LENS**

#### DANCE



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# NEW INVESTMENTS, BIGGER IMPACT



**CONCERNS WE HEARD FROM ARTISTS AND** 

**IN RESPONSE TO THIS** FEEDBACK, THE 10-YEAR **CULTURE PLAN PRIORITIES** 



As the City of Toronto's arms-length arts funding agency, it's our role to advise our colleagues at the City and advocate for the needs and opportunities of Toronto's arts communities, who contribute to a healthier, more vibrant city.

In 2024, Toronto City Council approved the City's brand-new, ambitious, 10-year Culture Plan. As part of our commitment to advocating on behalf of Toronto's arts community, Toronto Arts was there along the way to guide policy, meet with artists, participate in discussions and ensure the plan was reflective of the needs and ambitions of Toronto's arts community.

**WE NEED PRESERVATION** AND RECOGNITION OF OUR ARTS AND CULTURE. WHAT MORE DO WE HAVE TO DO? THE GLASS CEILING FEELS CONCRETE FOR OUR COMMUNITY HERE."



**INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES** FOR EVERYONE TO ENGAGE IN THE **ARTS THROUGH EXPANDED, FREE PROGRAMMING ACROSS THE CITY** 

> **"IF FUNDING** DISAPPEARS, **PEOPLE NOT ONLY LOSE** JOBS AND ART CAN'T BE MADE, **BUT ENTIRE** COMMUNITIES FALL APART."

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**"HOW CAN WE THRIVE** WHEN WE'RE JUST SURVIVING?"





TREATING

**TORONTO'S CREATIVE SECTOR AS ESSENTIAL TO SHARED** PROSPERITY AND COMMUNITY **WELL-BEING** 

**"MAKETHE** ARTS AVAILABLE FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY, NOTJUSTTHE **PEOPLE WHO** CAN AFFORD IT."

**CREATING NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND ELIMINATING BARRIERS TO ACCESS FOR INDIGENOUS, BLACK, ARTISTS WITH DISABILITIES AND EQUITY-DESERVING COMMUNITIES** 



Culture Connects: An Action Plan for Culture in Toronto was adopted by City Council in late 2024. In anticipation of the release of the Plan, \$400K was added to our base budget to address the Plan's urgent priorities. We immediately invested the funds in programs where need and priorities met: Our Black Arts programs, Indigenous Arts Projects, Newcomer and Refugee Artist Mentorship, Newcomer and Refugee Arts Engagement, as well as Strategic programs for more arts access outside the downtown core.

MORE TO DO: TORONTO **ARTS COUNCIL** RECEIVES **MORE STRONG** GRANT APPLICATIONS THAN IT HAS FUNDING FOR.

In 2024, peer reviewers identified an additional 740 applications worthy of funding, representing \$9,210,911 in projects that could not be funded.

This year, City Council approved a \$2 million increase to our budget, with planned cumulative increases of \$2 million in the following four years. This funding is an important start, allowing us to prioritize the crucial work being done by organizations both large and small in Toronto, while making investments in cutting-edge art being done by artists traditionally left out of funding conversations. This continued investment lays the groundwork for Toronto's creative revitalization.

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# THE 50TH



# CELEBRATION



THE PUBLIC **EVENT, ATTENDED BY 1,200 PEOPLE, SHOWCASED JUST** SOME OF THE **ARTISTS THAT** TAC SUPPORTS, **INCLUDING THE YOUTH STEEL PAN BAND PAN FANTASY, INDIGENOUS CELLIST AND COMPOSER CRIS DERKSEN** AND MORE.

"Looking back, we saw what was possible when we believed in the arts," says Kelly Langgard, Director and CEO of Toronto Arts. "That belief will carry us forward."

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In 2024, Toronto Arts Council marked 50 years of unwavering support for the artists, collectives and arts organizations that have shaped our city's identity. Since its founding in 1974, TAC has invested more than \$420 million in the cultural life of Toronto, recognizing the essential role the arts play in building communities, strengthening the economy and fostering belonging.

To commemorate the milestone, TAC launched the Believe in Art campaign—a call to remember why art matters and a reminder of the profound impact public investment in creativity has had across generations. With equity, access, and care at the heart of its mission, TAC remained a trusted partner to artists and a catalyst for cultural growth.

ALL PHOTOS ARE COURTESY OF THE ARTISTS FOR THE 50TH CELEBRATION CAMPAIGN.



"The value that [TAC] brought for 50 years—that's a hell of a story." — **David Crombie** 



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#### **50 YEARS OF ART AND ADVOCACY**

Long before Toronto Arts Council was established in 1974, the city had a rich arts and culture scene. There was the symphony orchestra, the ballet, the emergence of the Gerrard Street Village in the '50s, and Yorkville after that in the '60s. "By the time we get into the '70s, we're not just expecting to import talent, but to produce it," says David Crombie, former Mayor of Toronto, who helped establish the Council when he was in office. "We had good quality folks here who had something to say."

The birth of the idea for Toronto Arts Council started with William Kilbourn, author, historian, professor and politician, who began thinking about ways in which the City could assist a new generation of artists through funding.

In 1973, City Council, under Mayor Crombie's leadership, established a nine-person Working Group on Participation in Artistic and Cultural Affairs — four artists and five arts entrepreneurs — to advise on the City's role in cultivating cultural life. The following year, writer Robert Fulford submitted their proposal for a Toronto Arts Board to administer grants. This visionary plan insisted on two principles that endure today: a majority of working artists must govern the Board, and it must remain independent of political influence.

"It was considered that if you're going to establish a body that was going to make judgments about other people getting public money... there should not be political meddling. That's why you have an arm's-length agreement," Crombie says.

With City Council's endorsement, the Board began with a modest \$315,000 budget, and the name Toronto Arts Council was soon adopted. In its first year, grants went to 14 organizations, including the Harbourfront Reading Series, which provided a weekly platform for Canadian and international authors. By its second year, TAC awarded its first grant to the Festival of Festivals, now the Toronto International Film Festival.

The 1980s marked TAC's emergence as a vigorous arts advocate. After nearly a decade as an entirely volunteer-run organization, Rita Davies was hired as Executive Director in 1982, followed by policy architect Tom Hendry. Davies credits their success to collaboration: "One of the things I learned from Tom was that 'Numbers are really just the symbols of the aspirations of our citizens [...] We got to count everything up and present that to City Hall.' So we started to count."

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Former Toronto Mayor, Art Eggleton affirmed, "The arts are not a cost in the community, but an investment; not a luxury, but a necessity; not something for a narrow elite, but vitally important for the mainstream of life here."

In 1995, TAC created **Toronto Arts Foundation** to mobilize private-sector support. Three years later, City Council unanimously appointed TAC as the official arts funder for the new amalgamated city.

At the turn of the millennium and into the aughts, TAC seeded nowrenowned organizations like Soulpepper, ArtReach and Manifesto Community Projects, cementing its legacy as an important part of arts incubation in Toronto.

As the city's needs change, TAC continues to adapt and answer urgent calls for help. With newcomers comprising nearly half Toronto's population, TAC launched mentorship and engagement grants to integrate newcomers and refugees into the city's arts fabric. Specialized grants such as Black Arts Projects and Indigenous Arts Projects were built with input from the city's

community of artists to provide equitable access to funding, and Accessibility Grant Support was added as a resource for those who need accommodations in the grant application process.

In 2024, the year we celebrated our 50th anniversary, Toronto City Council leveraged TAC's expertise to create its 10-year Culture Plan, which champions equitable and accessible arts and culture experiences for all.

With decades of artist support and advocacy under our belts, TAC continues to expand its work of growing and protecting the arts in Toronto—especially as the sector faces massive challenges, including the affordability crisis, the rise of artificial intelligence, and the geo-political and social issues affecting Torontonians and people around the world. As we look to the next 50 years, TAC is working to increase our impact and formalize our commitment to access and equity in our upcoming Strategic Plan.





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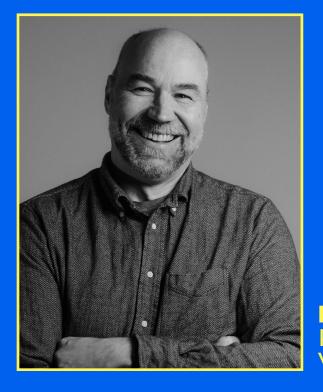
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# OUR ROOTS ARE GRASSROOTS MEMORIES OF DEADLINE DAY



**BY PETER KINGSTONE,** PROGRAM MANAGER, VISUAL/MEDIA ARTS



TORONTO ARTS COUNCIL ARCHIVE.

I remember applying for grants before artists could apply online, before I worked here. Like any good artist, I waited for the deadline day to hand in my application in-person at our old location at 141 Bathurst Street.





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I would go to Kinkos, photocopying five versions of my application. The place would be filled with artists. We would chat, eye each other up. I'd feel like there was no way I would get the grant if she was applying; or I'd think, "His work was so amazing, why should I even apply?" I had worked so hard writing my statement, collecting my images, that I might as well apply.

Then, I got on my bike and went to Toronto Arts Council. On the way, I wondered if it was the right day. Are the offices still open? Biking to the back of the parking lot, I realized there was nowhere to lock my bike. I considered just turning around and biking back home. No one would want my grant. But I persisted, so I leaned my bike on the building and hope it was still there when I returned.

Walking in the doors, my concerns melted away by the smiling face of Michelle Parson. She diagnosed what I was looking for before opening my mouth and pointed me towards the boardroom. In the boardroom, I was met by the smiling face of Wiliam Huffman. He welcomed me by name and offered me a candy and a "thank you very much" for applying for the grant. My application was important. My work was wanted.

Leaving, Michelle told me that she was watching out for my bike and wished me a good day.

Now that we have online applications, I still hope that everyone who applies understands that their applications are wanted, and I cherish reading them.



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SHANA HILLMAN. PHOTO BY KAT RIZZA



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# **ARTS IN THE PARKS**



### BRINGING ART TO YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Arts in the Parks is an annual summer-long, inclusive arts initiative that brings arts events to parks in every corner of the city, from Etobicoke to Scarborough and North York to the downtown core. Events are free and family-friendly and include theatre, music concerts, film screenings and workshops.



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ARTS IN THE PARKS 2024. PHOTOS BY KAT RIZZA.





**877** ARTISTS CONTRIBUTED TO BRINGING THESE ARTS EVENTS TO LIFE AND RECEIVED MEANINGFUL WORK IN THEIR COMMUNITIES



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ARTS IN THE PARKS 2024. PHOTOS BY KAT RIZZA.







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# **ENJOY** ART



**"THIS EXPERIENCE MAKES ME WANT TO ATTEND MORE ARTS EVENTS."** 

"PLEASE SUPPORT THIS ART AT ALL COSTS. WE REALLY ENJOYED THE SHOW."

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# CREATIVE CHAMPIONS NETWORK



# **BUILDING BETTER ARTS LEADERSHIP**

Creative Champions Network provides opportunities for senior arts leaders, staff and board volunteers in Toronto to gather and gain crucial knowledge around things like advocacy, governance and fundraising through workshops led by Michelle Yeung. These participants receive critical training, peer support and capacity-building to create deeper impact in their respective organizations.

"This was a blockbuster session and I was so grateful to attend. Thank you for bringing community together to advance more strategic governance for the benefit of the arts sector."

-Creative Champions **Network workshop** attendee

CREATIVE **CHAMPIONS NETWORK HOSTED 5 WORKSHOPS WITH 7 SPEAKERS AND** PARTICIPANTS.

**BECAUSE OF THE IMPACTFUL WORK OF CREATIVE CHAMPIONS NETWORK, DONATIONS TO TORONTO ARTS FOUNDATION BENEFIT NOT ONLY OUR ORGANIZATION, BUT MANY ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE CITY.** 

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# **NEIGHBOURHOOD ARTS NETWORK**



### **SUPPORTING A GRASSROOTS NETWORK OF ARTISTS**

Neighbourhood Arts Network is a strategic initiative of Toronto Arts Foundation composed of a network of over 1,900 members including artists, arts organizations, cultural workers and community agencies working throughout the City of Toronto. NAN collects and shares research, offers free professional development workshops and networking events to members, and helps artists and community organizations do what they do best: enrich Toronto and transform it into a more vibrant, beautiful, liveable city.



ArtWorksTO connects IBPOC youth and newcomer creatives with the skills, mentorship and work experience needed to thrive in Toronto's media arts and arts education sectors. It is a partnership between Toronto Arts Foundation's Neighbourhood Arts Network, City of Toronto, The Remix Project and OCAD University.





**THE FOUNDATION PROVIDED MORE THAN \$100K IN PAID CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES TO THIS** YEAR'S COHORT, AND AN ADDITIONAL \$120,000 OF **INDUSTRY CONTRACTS WERE AWARDED TO PROGRAM ALUMNI.** 

**ARTWORKSTO RECEIVED THE CITY'S MANAGER'S AWARD** FOR EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION.



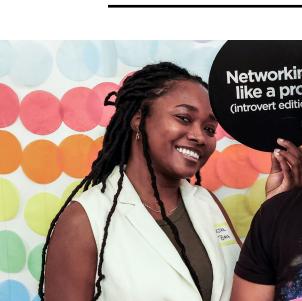


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#### **AT THE END OF 2024, ARTWORKSTO** MADE MEANINGFUL EXPANSIONS THROUGH **AN INDIGENOUS ARTIST AND NEWCOMER ENTREPRENEURSHIP STREAM THANKS TO ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE CITY OF TORONTO AND TD BANK GROUP.**



"ArtWorksTO has been a powerful opportunity for The **Remix Project to** support emerging creatives through group learning and one-onone mentorship. By connecting participants with mentors in their fields, we've seen how tailored guidance and shared experiences can spark confidence, growth, and real momentum in the creative industries." ---Remix



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#### **The Mentor-in-Residence**

program assists artists working in all disciplines by providing mentorship support in career planning, project development and entrepreneurial skills through virtual consultation sessions.

NAN WORKED WITH 18 MULTI-DISCIPLINARY **MENTORS WHO** CONTRIBUTED **MORE THAN 245 MENTORSHIP** HOURS, PROVIDING **SUPPORT TO 95 MENTEES.** 



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### **INITIATIVES** NEWCOMER **SPOTLIGHT**

**2024 Newcomer Spotlight Program**, sponsored by RBC, was designed to connect and inspire the City's best newcomer artists, who are Toronto's new generation of cultural leaders and innovators.

Each year, NAN hosts an exhibit of visual art created by newcomer artists, curated by newcomer artists. The exhibition introduces their work to the Toronto public and offers them a platform to share their stories.

#### ART BY DANA PIETRO

"As a newcomer to Canada, I arrived in a strange environment feeling isolated—no friends, working a job unrelated to art, and constantly questioning whether I should stay on this path. Participating in the City Hall exhibition transformed that uncertainty into inspiration. From submitting my piece to seeing it displayed alongside works by fellow newcomer artists, I felt welcomed and supported." —Hannah Sum, artist

As part of the Newcomer Spotlight, the **Toronto Arts Foundation Newcomer Artist** Award provides prizes of \$2,500 each to six newcomer artists. The award aids the integration of newcomer artists into Toronto and Canada by supporting their artistic careers.

"This award gave me confidence and helped me connect with new artists in Toronto. It also made my work more visible to audiences in Toronto, which is very important for me as a newcomer."

#### -Gaby Albotros, 2024 **Newcomer Artist Award Winner**

ART BY DANA PIETRO



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ART BY DANA PIETRO.

Supported by RBC through the Newcomer Spotlight Program, the **Space** Award, originally launched to support artists with affordable studio space through Akin, expanded in 2024 in response to growing demand. We partnered with Factory Theatre, Small World Music and Unity Charity to provide venues for performing artists, while Akin remains available for visual artists. Artists can use the award for rehearsal, recording, showcasing, workshops, postproduction, studio time and exhibitions.

SIX RECIPIENTS-THREE VISUAL AND THREE PERFORMING ARTISTS-EACH RECEIVED \$500 AND \$2,000 IN SPACE CREDIT.



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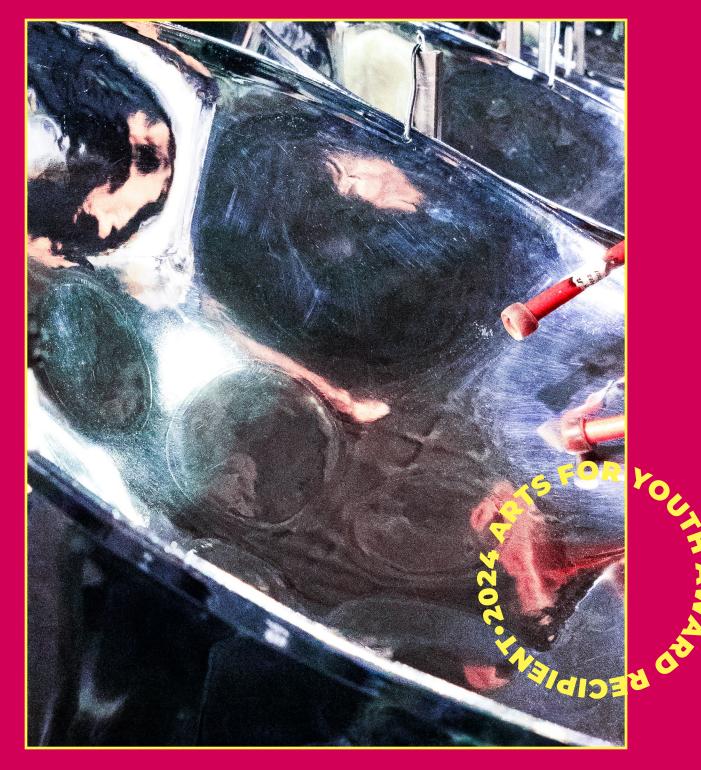
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## PAN FANTASY



"It is a true honour. We are proud of the recognition as we continue to engage youth and support our youth members as they learn leadership skills through the performing arts." —**Pan Fantasy Steelband** 

MORE THAN A TROPHY—BY DONATING TO TORONTO ARTS FOUNDATION AND CONTRIBUTING TO OUR AWARDS, YOU'LL SUPPORT CRUCIAL CULTURAL PROGRAMMING— LIKE PAN FANTASY—ACROSS THE CITY.

Pan Fantasy Steelband is a youth arts program that celebrates steelpan culture while fostering community and leadership. For nearly 40 years, it has mentored hundreds of young people through performance and teamwork, operating under the North York Inter-Community Youth Group with a focus on inclusion, community-building and cultural pride.

"It helps us mentally, to free our mind, to free our spirit," says Wendy Jones, CEO of Pan Fantasy. "It gives them an opportunity to say they belong somewhere. It gives them a chance to learn something new."

Pan Fantasy is a volunteer-driven non-profit, and membership to its programming is free and open to all skill levels.

PAN FANTASY. PHOTO PAGE 72 BY SELINA MCCALLUM. PAGE 73 KAT RIZZA.



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SUPPORTING NEWCOMER ARTISTS

In 2024, Toronto Arts Foundation continued to invest in the creative potential of newcomers and refugees through targeted programs that foster artistic growth, mentorship, and community engagement.

"People in Toronto, we need this kind of diversity show because our show is telling stories of migration," -Abebe Atlebachew, **Circus and** Cultural **Ethiopian Dance Show** 

The Foundation's Newcomer Artist Award recognized six outstanding emerging artists who arrived in Canada within the past seven years, each receiving a \$2,500 microaward. These awards celebrate early-career immigrant and refugee artists working across disciplines and living in the Greater Toronto Area. "Awards offer artists both encouragement and practical support," said Mahsa Alikhani, a 2024 Newcomer Award Recipient. "They help amplify voices, create opportunities, and strengthen artistic careers by providing visibility and financial assistance."

The Foundation's Arts in the Parks program also supports newcomer artists, providing them with job opportunities in their community and a platform to share their work with their new neighbours.

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stories of migration," Abebe Atlebachew, a performer with Circus and Cultural Ethiopian Dance Show, said at an Arts in the Parks performance in 2024. "To Arts in the Parks, I really want to say thank you, because they helped me a lot to make [this performance] happen."

In 2025, the Foundation plans to expand its support for newcomer and refugee artists. Thanks to a three-year, \$1 million grant from TD Bank Group through the TD Ready Challenge, we're building a new workforce development program. This initiative will better connect newcomer artists to sustainable career pathways and strengthen their presence in creative industries.

Together, these initiatives reflect our commitment to inclusion, ensuring the Toronto arts sector remains responsive, diverse and welcoming to all.



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## NIEUPORT AVIATION STEWARDING ARTS CHAMPIONS OPENING DOORS



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For Nieuport Aviation, the operator of Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, supporting the arts isn't just a cultural commitment—it's a strategic investment in Toronto's future. With a firm belief that the arts are essential to city-building, Nieuport's partnership with the Toronto Arts Foundation underscores how creativity drives both community wellbeing and economic growth.

"Arts bring people together, strengthen neighbourhoods, and support thriving local economies," says Jennifer Quinn, CEO, Nieuport Aviation. "As a private-sector partner, we see firsthand how investing in the arts not only enriches the lives of travellers and staff, but also elevates the experience and journey we facilitate."

Nieuport's support for events like the Mayor's Evening for the Arts reflects their philosophy that artists are contributors to Toronto's social and economic vitality.

"What an incredible event! The Nieuport Aviation team was thrilled to be part of celebrating the arts as a foundational element of what makes our city so vibrant," says Quinn. "It was so much more than a fundraiser; it featured a range of speakers. performers, artists and business leaders, and it brought together Toronto's diverse communities. It was an example of how everyone benefits from the arts."

From showcasing local creators in the airport terminal to sponsoring the work we do at Toronto Arts, Nieuport Aviation is committed to ensuring the arts are accessible, visible, and valued.

"As Toronto evolves, we want Billy Bishop Airport to be part of that momentum not just as a transportation hub, but as a civic space that reflects and supports the city's creative identity," Quinn says. "A strong arts sector helps build a strong Toronto."

#### **TORONTO HAS A BRIGHT FUTURE AS A WORLD-CLASS CITY FOR THE ARTS. JOIN NIEUPORT AVIATION IN PROVIDING CRITICAL SUPPORT TO TORONTO ARTS**



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BILL COLEMAN DANCE. PHOTO BY WAYNE EARDLEY.

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- **Recipients: individuals**
- Auditors' report



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2024 COMMITTEES

Toronto Arts Council committees review Operating

grant applications, make grant recommendations,

and/or advise our Board of Directors on the needs of

Toronto's arts community. The peer review process is

a vital part of TAC's operating structure, ensuring the

integrity of our grant review panels and allocation of

funding. All committee members are volunteers with

extensive experience in their artistic fields, who bring

that expertise to hundreds of grant applications

served on our committees in 2024.

throughout the year. Many thanks to all those who

#### CREATIVE COMMUNITIES **OPERATING**

Cole Forrest Eva Hellreich Victoria Mata, Chair Kristina McMullin Spencer Phillips Cheyenne Scott Flora Shum

#### DANCE OPERATING

Nicole Inica Hamilton Amanda Hancox Shannon Litzenberger Jera Wolfe

#### LARGE INSTITUTIONS

maxine bailey Matthew Fava Tania Senewiratne Trina Moyan Bell Sonia Sakamoto-Jog

#### LITERARY OPERATING

Baraa Arar Kristyn Dunnion Roland Gulliver Jennifer Alicia Murrin

#### **MUSIC OPERATING**

Andrew Adridge Cheryl Duvall Paolo Griffin Olivia Shortt Vanese Smith

#### **THEATRE OPERATING**

Naz Afsahi Jonathan Heppner Monique Mojica Michael Sinclair Andrea Vagianos Annemieke Wade ted witzel

#### **VISUAL ARTS/MEDIA ARTS OPERATING**

Naomi Johnson Sean Lee Jenifer Papararo Alana Traficante Deanna Wong

#### **BLACK ARTS OPERATING**

Mark Campbell Sedina Fiati Paulina O'Kieffe-Anthony Onika Powell

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# **GRANT REVIEW PANELS**

#### BLACK ARTS PROJECTS

Lionel Akagah Sandra Brewster Declan David Jordan Hayles Dalton Higgins Keosha Love Vanessa Magic Deborah Maitland Tawiah Ben M'Carthy Ahmed Moneka Tasha Schumann Dianah Smith Kibra Tsegaye

#### CREATIVE COMMUNITIES PROJECTS Apè

Christie Carrière Sam Egan Paola Gomez Eva Hellreich Daniel Jelani Nevine Sedki Irma Villafuerte Wy-J

#### **DANCE PROJECTS**

Sze-Yang Ade-Lam Ankita Alemona Catalyst Tamla Matthews Hons Victoria Mata Roxana Menzies Neeraja Nagarajan Mary-Margaret Scrimger

#### **THEATRE PROJECTS**

Naz Afsahi Kira Allen Jordan Campbell Lucy Eveleigh Waawaate Fobister Rong Fu Shawn Henry Rob Kempson Marium Masood Morgan Norwich

#### VISUAL ARTISTS

Ghazaleh Avarzamani Lise Beaudry Susan Blight Jim Terry Bravo Chris Curreri Jess Dobkin Linda Duvall Eunice Luk Camille Rojas Joy Wong Alize Zorlutuna

#### **PLAYWRIGHTS**

Sébastien Bertrand Kole Durnford Mel Hague Daniel Jelani Ellis Vincent Leblanc-Beaudoin Heather Marie Annis Charlie Petch

#### LITERARY PROJECTS

David Alexander Jennifer Alicia Kelly Baron Tamara Faith Berger Derek Mascarenhas Elizabeth Mudenyo Cason Sharpe Sennah Yee

#### VISUAL/MEDIA ARTS PROJECTS

Mitra Fakhrashrafi Fernanda D'oro Fontes Naomi Johnson Raven Lam Sean Lee Armando Perla Jaclyn Quaresma Kalpana Srinarayanadas Blair Swann Alana Traficante

#### **MUSIC PROJECTS**

Dawn Cattapan Rebecca Cuddy Matthew Fava Clairmont II Humphrey Toronto Arts Council grant review panels are made up of artists and arts workers with deep knowledge and expertise. Peer assessors are selected by TAC program managers based on the content and variety of the grant application pool. Peer assessors are also chosen to reflect the diversity of the arts labour force and the population of the City of Toronto. Thank you to the peer assessors who reviewed grant applications in 2024.

Tracy Jenkins Miranda Mulholland Danae Olano Garcia Tony Rabalao Lucas Silveira Saye Skye

#### INDIGENOUS ARTS PROJECTS

Rebecca Baird Amanda Bernard Yolanda Bonnell Cole Forrest Rhonda Lucy Natasha Naveau Graham Paradis Jamie Whitecrow Ravyn Wngz

#### ANIMATING TORONTO PARKS

Zahra Harriet Badua Yang Chen Kumari Giles Ifrah Hussein Ange Loft Logan M MacDonald Elizabeth Rodriguez Jaclyn Rodrigues Rose C. Stella Paul-Daniel Torres Kseniya Tsoy

#### NEWCOMER AND REFUGEE ARTS ENGAGEMENT

Christina Chu Mania Elendari Paola Gomez Petrina Ng Leslie Ting

#### NEWCOMER AND REFUGEE ARTIST

**MENTORSHIP** Kieran Heralall

Nour Kaadan Shady Khalil Jeanette Kong Miquelon Rodriguez

#### WRITERS

Cody Caetano Jody Chan Aisha Sasha John Chris W. Kim Natasha Ramoutar Rebecca Rosenblum Paul Ruban Hana Shafi Lisa Whittington-Hill

#### COMMUNITY MUSIC MAKING

Colin Clarke Jennifer Collins Vivian Moens Mitchell Pady

#### ANIMATING HISTORIC SITES

HISTORIC SII Susan Blight Angela Sun Ashima Suri Marilyn Yogarajah

#### TAC - CS DIGITAL SOLUTIONS INCUBATOR

Evangeline Y Brooks Jet Coghlan Pratishtha Kohli Richard Lachman Nerupa Somasale

#### MEDIA ARTISTS

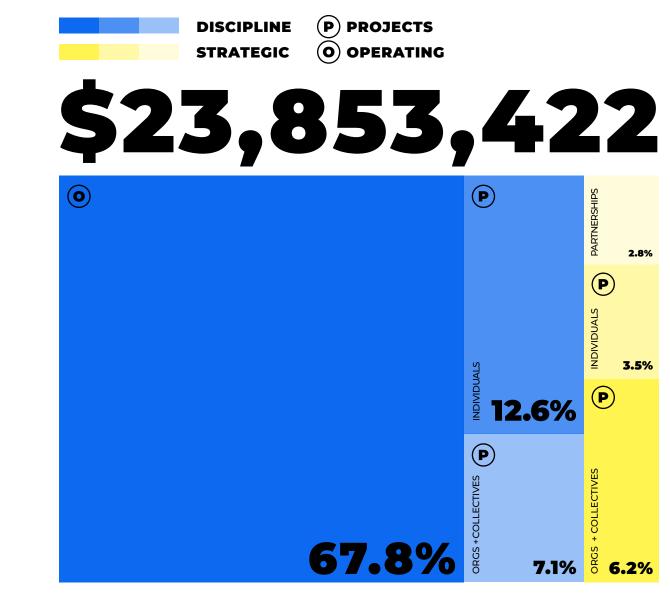
Mohammed Al-Darraj Dennis Chan Aisha Ghali Kim Tomczak

#### MCAR

Anne Bourne Kellylee Evans Jory Nash Sate Säye Skye



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INDIVIDUALS

#### PROGRAM

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Animating Historic Sites and Museum Animating Toronto Parks ArtReach Black Arts **Creative Communities** Dance Indigenous Arts Media Artists Creation Music Creation and Audio Recording Playwrights Newcomer and Refugee Artist Mentor Visual and Media Art Presentation Visual Artists Creation Writers

#### **ORGS + COLLECTIVES**

Animating Historic Sites and Museum Animating Toronto Parks ArtReach ArtReach Partnerships Black Arts Creative Communities Dance Digital Solution Incubator **Education Partnerships** Indigenous Arts Large Institutions Literary Literary Partnerships Music Newcomer and Refugee Arts Engageme Newcomer and Refugee Partnerships Research Partnerships Theatre Visual and Media Arts

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	21	197,776	5	59,700	24%
	195	2,467,801	53	587,470	27%
	34	315,294	12	104,300	35%
	81	962,512	19	203,805	23%
	25	257,873	16	160,368	64%
	252	3,314,498	34	427,000	13%
	254	2,005,480	77	601,650	30%
	117	664,000	25	140,000	21%
rship	78	780,000	24	240,000	31%
	16	192,204	1	7,600	6%
	254	1,980,450	51	425,450	20%
	252	2,100,000	58	490,000	23%
	1647	\$16,858,454	393	\$3,823,713	24%

	926	\$28,630,188	491	\$20,029,709	53%
	90	2,697,329	59	1,986,900	66%
	168	5,138,418	83	3,370,900	49%
	2	45,000	2	45,000	-
	1	130,000	1	130,000	-
ent	34	680,000	10	200,000	29%
	138	3,143,141	91	2,414,715	66%
	1	120,000	1	120,000	-
	31	445,352	17	292,100	55%
	10	6,580,000	10	6,275,000	-
	4	60,000	3	40,500	75%
	1	160,000	1	160,000	-
	13	200,000	7	110,000	54%
	76	2,024,256	58	1,609,958	76%
	127	2,579,015	67	1,548,405	53%
	40	948,630	19	410,500	48%
	1	196,200	1	196,200	-
	82	919,574	19	273,947	23%
	93	2,151,070	39	742,710	42%
าร	14	412,203	3	92,874	21%

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\$23,853,422 34%



## **RECIPIENTS—ORGS+COLLECTIVES**

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#### **Bad Dog Theatre Company** Bad Hats Theatre Bad Pony Productions Ballet Creole Ballet Jörgen Canada Batuki Music Society Beats + Skates Black Artists' Networks In Dialogue Gallery and Cultural Centre Black Pledge Collective Black Women Film Blue Bird Theatre Collective

Blue Ceiling Dance BoucharDanse Braeburn Neighbourhood Place Incorporated Breaking Canada (Toronto) Breakthroughs Film Festival Brick Literary Collective Buddies in Bad Times Theatre CADA/East Cahoots Theatre Caliban Arts Theatre Canadian Chamber Orchestra Canadian Children's Opera Company Canadian Contemporary Dance Theatre Canadian Dance Assembly / Assemblée canadienne de la danse Canadian Opera Company Canadian Reggae Music Association Canadian Stage Canadian-Caribbean Arts Network (C-CAN) CanAsian Dance Festival Canvas Arts Action Programs CARFAC Ontario CaribbeanTales Cathedral Bluffs Symphony Orchestra Centre for Indigenous Theatre CFMDC Children's Peace Theatre Chinese Artists Society of Toronto Chinese Feminism Toronto Citadel + Compagnie Clay and Paper Theatre Clic Clac Collective Coco Collective coexisDance Toronto Common Boots Theatre Community Arts Guild Community Music Schools of Toronto Compania Carmen Romero Concerts in Care Ontario



CORPUS Craft Ontario Crossroads Theatre Crows Theatre Cue Art Projects

Confluence Concerts

Continuum Contemporary Music Ensemble



Dance Immersion Ontario Dance Migration Project Dance Ontario Association DANCE TOGETHER FESTIVAL Dancemakers DanceWorks Dia de los Muertos Collective **Directors Lab North** Doris McCarthy Gallery, University of Toronto Scarborough Draft Collective Drawing Into Threads Dreamwalker Dance Company Dusk Dances Inc. Echo Women's Choir Eldritch Theatre Incorporated Eliana Cuevas Music Collective Emerging Writers Emotionart Engaged Communities Esmeralda Enrique Spanish Dance Company Etobicoke Community Concert Band Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra Exultate Chamber Singers FabCollab Factory Theatre FADO Performance Inc. Fall for Dance North Festival Inc. Fashion Art Toronto Flaunt It Movement Focus Media Arts Centre Friends of Allan Gardens Friends of Parkway Forest Park fu-GEN Theatre Company Fujiwara Dance Inventions Fusion Cardio Toronto Gallery 44 Centre for Contemporary Photography Gendai Collective Generator Performance GHANAFEST Golha Initiative for Music and Culture G-Power'd Inc. Groupe artisanal féminin francophone de l'Ontario Guild Festival Theatre Habi Habi Po Collective Hand Eye Society Haneen Organization



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Hercinia Arts Collective Heritage Skills Development Center (HSDC) Horizon Youth Academy Hot Docs Human Cargo IC Contemporary imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival Indigenous Curatorial Collective Inside Out Lesbian and Gay Film Festival Inc. Inspirad@s InterAccess International Readings at Harbourfront Ipsita Nova Dance Projects Ismailova Theatre of Dance It's OK Community Arts Jaberi Dance Theatre



Jamii Jasad Dance Projects Jeng Yi Jubilate Singers **Jumblies** Theatre Kaeja d'Dance Kaha:wi Dance Theatre KasheDance Kensington Market Jazz Festival KJ Bit Korean Artists Society of Canada Korean Dance Studies Society of Canada Kune Global Music Kuru Crew Kwentong Bayan Collective La Cueva Labyrinth Musical Workshop Ontario LAL Inc. Latin American Art Projects Latino Canadian Cultural Association Lay-Up Youth Basketball Le Laboratoire d'Art Le Theatre francais de Toronto League of Canadian Poets Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto Little Pear Garden Dance Company Long Winter Loop Sessions Toronto



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#### Native Earth Performing Arts Inc. Native Women in the Arts Ndabaga Collective Necessary Angel Theatre Company New Music Concerts New Tradition Music Next Generation Arts Nia Centre for the Arts Nightswimming Repertory Theatre Nightwood Theatre Northern Visions Independent Video & Film Association November Theatre Obsidian Theatre Company Inc. Onsite Gallery at OCAD University Ontario Association of Art Galleries Open Book Foundation Open Studio **Opera** Atelier Opera in Concert OperaQ ORAL METHOD Orchestra Toronto Organization of Calypso Performing Artistes (OCPA) Oriana Women's Choir

Orpheus Choir of Toronto Outside Looking In Outside the March Theatre Company Inc Palan Pan Arts Network Panoply Theatre Collective Paprika Theatre Festival Pemmican Collective Pencil Kit Productions

Peripheral Theatre

PRATIBHA ARTS

Project Nowhere Project ReDefine Arts

Project: Humanity Inc.

Racial Justice Fund

Puppetmongers Theatre

Red Pepper Spectacle Arts Red Sky Performance Regent Park Film Festival

Renaissance Projects

Ronald Taylor Dance Roseneath Theatre

Shadowland Theatre

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STEPS Public Art

Studio 180 Theatre

Tafelmusik

Sugar Plum Collective

SummerWorks Performance Festival

SUPPORT NETWORK FOR INDIGENOUS WOMEN & WOMEN OF COLOUR

Strange Maker Collective

Strife Collective Strings Attached Theatre

Shakespeare in the Ruff Shoot For Peace SICK MUSE ART PROJECTS

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Salon du Livre de Toronto Sara Porter Productions

PhemPhat Entertainment Group

pounds per square inch performance

Prologue to the Performing Arts Public Recordings Performance Projects

R.I.S.E Arts and Community Services

REAson d'etre dance productions Reassemblage Collective

Raging Asian Women Taiko Drummers

Reggae Toronto Renaissance Canadian Theatre Company

Scarborough Made Scarborough Philharmonic Orchestra

Pinceles Latinos Art Studio

Playwrights Guild of Canada Pleiades Theatre

ProArteDanza Performance Inc

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Tangled Art + Disability Tapestry Music Theatre Tarragon Theatre TDot Batu Percussion Arts Group Inc. Textile Museum of Canada That Arts Group The Art of Time Ensemble The Baechain Collective The Cabbagetown Community Arts Centre The Chez Moi Collective

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The Chimera Project Dance Theatre The Dance Umbrella of Ontario The Disability Collective The Elmer Iseler Singers The Esprit Orchestra The Fringe of Toronto Theatre Festival The George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art The Goodtimes The Hannaford Street Silver Band The Howland Company The Joan and Martin Goldfarb Gallery of York University (formerly the AGYU) The Listening Party The Lost Scribe Collective The Music Callery The Musical Stage Company The National Ballet of Canada The Neighbourhood Group Community Services The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery The Purple Stage The Remix Project The Royal Conservatory of Music The Smile Company - Theatrical Productions The Storytellers School of Toronto The Theatre Centre <u>The Toronto</u> Consort The Word On The Street Theatre ARTaud Theatre Direct Canada Theatre Gargantua Theatre Passe Muraille Theatre Smith-Gilmour ThunderCrows Kids tiger princess dance projects inc. Tirgan Centre for Art and Culture TOES FOR DANCE INC. Toronto Alliance for the Performing Arts Toronto All-Star Big Band Toronto Animated Image Society Toronto Animation Arts Festival International Toronto Arab Film Toronto Bach Festival Toronto Black Film Festival Toronto Blues Society Toronto Burlesque Festival Toronto Chamber Choir Toronto Children's Chorus Toronto Dance Community Love-In Toronto Dance Theatre

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## AUDITORS REPORT

Report of the independent auditor on the summary financial statements

#### OPINION

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the summary statements of revenues and expenses and changes in net assets, and cash flows for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial statements of Toronto Cultural Advisory Corporation (operating asToronto Arts Council) (the "Corporation") for the year ended December 31, 2024.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are a fair summary of the financial statements, on the

following criteria by management:

a) The information in the summary financial statements is in agreement with the related information in the complete financial statements; and
b) The summary financial statements contain all the information necessary to avoid distorting or obscuring matters disclosed in the complete financial statements, including the notes therein.

#### SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the Corporation's audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

#### THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OUR REPORT THEREON

In our report dated May 27, 2025, we expressed an unqualified audit opinion on the audited financial statements.

#### MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

#### AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are a fair summary of the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

Hogg. Shain & Scheck PC

TORONTO, ONTARIO MAY 27, 2025

Authorized to practise public accounting by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024

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#### **NET ASSETS**

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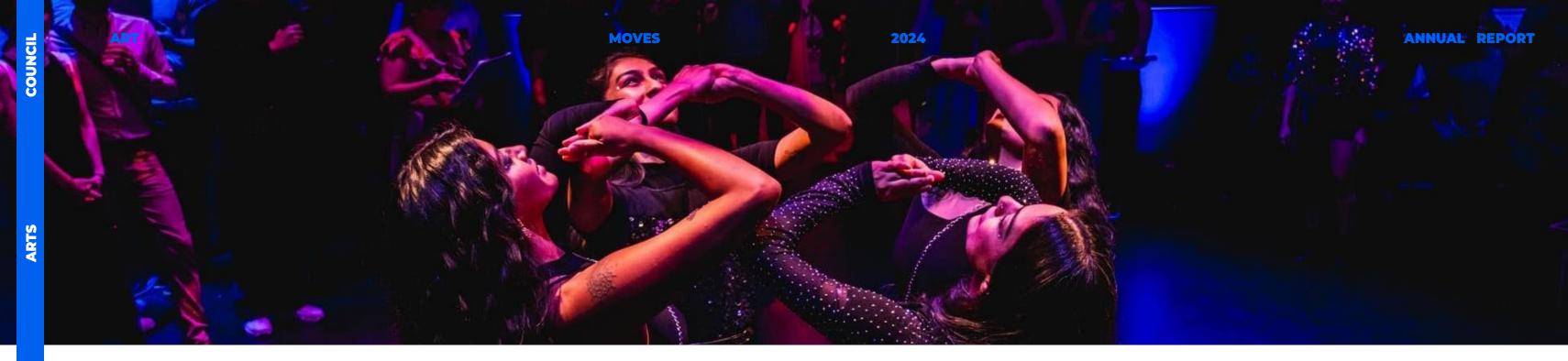


#### TORONTO CULTURAL ADVISORY CORPORATION

#### **TORONTO ARTS COUNCIL**

CURRENT	2024	2023
Cash	805,237	522,499
Short-term investments	2,760,365	2,522,339
Accounts receivable	41,460	50,141
Harmonized Sales Tax recoverable	39,129	18,888
Prepaid expenses	41,938	13,505
Due from Toronto Arts Foundation	—	6,217
	\$ 3,688,129	\$ 3,133,589
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Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	32,274	44,427
Grants payable	2,836,715	44,427 2,645,533
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NOVA DANCE. PHOTO BY JAE YANG.

	CURRENT	2024	2023
REVENUES	Grants - City of Toronto	26,394,600	25,854,600
	Interest	388,753	291,859
	Contribution - Toronto Arts Foundation	75,000	75,000
	Rescinded allocations	73,967	147,200
	Rental	15,600	12,680
	Other grants and contributions	5,629	11,000
		26,953,549	26,392,339
EXPENSES	Grants and awards	23,853,422	23,583,007
EAPENSES	Salaries, wages and benefits	2,223,328	2,105,725
	General and administration	246,929	238,169
	Adjudication costs	240,852	239,472
	Materials and supplies	180,520	102,339
	National Arts Database	22,570	20,250
	Amortization of capital assets		7,694
		26,767,621	26,296,656
	EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	185,928	95,683
	<b>NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	443,629	347,946
	NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 629,557	443,629

## OPERATING ACTIVITIES

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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024

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CURRENT	2024	2023
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 185,928	95,683
Add items not involving cash: Amortization of capital assets	_	7,694
	185,928	103,377
Changes in non-cash working capital items:	8,681	(36,284)
Accounts receivable	(20,241)	(1,166)
Harmonized Sales Tax recoverable	(28,433)	982
Prepaid expenses	20,800	6,150
Due to / from Toronto Arts Foundation	(12,153)	(10,047)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	191,182	(516,013)
Grants payable	175,000	-
Deferred grants		
	334,836	(556,378)
Cash flows from (used by) operating activities	520,764	(453,001)
INVESTING ACTIVITY		
Proceeds from sale (purchase of)		
of short-term investments	(238,026)	774,340
Cash flows from (used by)		
investing activities	(238,026)	774,340
INCREASE IN CASH	282,738	321,339
CASH - BEGINNING OF YEAR	522,499	201,160
CASH - END OF YEAR	\$ 805,237	522,499



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SHAKESPEARE IN ACTION. PHOTO BY MATT HERTENDY





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#### **ARTS FOR YOUTH AWARD**

Recipient prize of \$20,000 supported by Jim Fleck, Martha Burns and Sandra & Jim Pitblado. Finalist prizes of \$2,000 supported by TAF general donations.



#### **BREAKTHROUGH JAZZ ARTIST AWARD**

Recipient prize of \$10,000 and finalist prizes of \$1,000 supported by Michael Bourgeois and Marilyn Legge. Presented in partnership with the Toronto Jazz Festival.

#### DÁNAE OLANO - RECIPIENT SANAH KADOURA - FINALIST VIRGINIA MACDONALD - FINALIST

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#### BREAKTHROUGH **ARTIST AWARD**

Recipient prize of \$10,000 sponsored by The Azrieli Foundation. Finalist prizes of \$2,000 supported by Toronto Arts Foundation's general donations.

#### **DESTINIE ADÉLAKUN - RECIPIENT JENNIFER ALICIA - FINALIST KANIKA AMBROSE - FINALIST**

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#### **CELEBRATION OF CULTURAL LIFE AWARD**

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Recipient prize of \$10,000 and finalist prizes of \$2,000, supported by Maureen and Victor Dodig. The 2024 recipient also received a complimentary week-long stay at Valleyview Artist Retreat.

**RINA FRATICELLI – RECIPIENT DAVID ANDERSON - FINALIST BEATRIZ PIZANO - FINALIST** 

#### **MURIEL SHERRIN AWARD**

Finalist prize of \$10,000 supported by The Murriel Sherrin Endowment Fund. Finalist prizes of \$1,000 supported by Toronto Arts Foundation's general donations. The 2024 recipient also received a complimentary week-long stay at Valleyview Artist Retreat.

#### LAURENCE LEMIEUX - RECIPIENT **RONALD TAYLOR - FINALIST** LUA SHAYENNE – FINALIST

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Six recipient prizes of \$2,500 each, sponsored by RBC through the Newcomer Spotlight Program.

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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024

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## AUDITORS REPORT

Report of the independent auditor on the summary financial statements

TO THE **DIRECTORS OF** TORONTO ARTS

FOUNDATION

#### **OPINION**

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024 and the summary statement of operations and changes in net assets, are derived from the audited financial statements of Toronto Arts Foundation (the "Foundation") for the year ended December 31, 2024. In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are a fair summary of the financial statements, on the following criteria by management:

a) The information in the summary financial statements is in agreement with the related information in the complete financial statements; and b) The summary financial statements contain all the information necessary to avoid distorting or obscuring matters disclosed in the complete financial statements, including the notes therein.

Management determined that the statement of cash flows does not provide additional useful information, and as such has not included this as part of the summary financial statements.

#### SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the Foundation's audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

#### THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OUR REPORT THEREON

In our report dated May 20, 2025, we expressed an unqualified audit opinion on the audited financial statements.

#### MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the summary financial statements in accordance with the criteria disclosed above.

#### AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are a fair summary of the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements

Hogg, Shain & Scheck PC

Professional Accountants of Ontario

TORONTO, ONTARIO MAY 27, 2025

Authorized to practise public accounting by the Chartered

LIABILITIES

#### **NET ASSETS**

#### **REVENUES**

#### **EXPENSES**

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#### ANNUAL REPORT

CURRENT	2024	2023
Cash	144,293	184,346
Accounts receivable	122,089	86,926
Harmonized Sales Tax receivable	74,351	58,745
Due from Toronto Arts Council	14,583	—
Prepaid expenses	25,619	_
	380,935	330,017
INVESTMENTS	1,964,256	2,059,590
	2,345,191	\$ 2,389.607
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	27,301	27,372
Due to Toronto Arts Council	—	6,217
Deferred contributions	450,000	419,004
	477,301	452,593
UNRESTRICTED	1,867,890	1,937,014
	2,345,191	\$ 2,389,607
Grants and donations	1,147,478	1,072,527
Mayor's Evening for the Arts	935,049	917,184
Investment income	231,181	114,315
Arts Awards	179,001	169,500
Endowment income	2,189	2,021
	2,494,898	2,275,547
Program delivery	1,949,885	1,778,919
Mayor's Evening for the Arts Arts Awards	405,271	424,262
Grants to Toronto Arts Council	183,402	199,395
Investment management fees	75,000	75,000
	17,234	18,172
	2,630,792	2,495,748
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS	(135,894)	(220,201)
CHANGE IN FAIR MARKET VALUE OF INVESTMENTS	66,770	114,490
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,937,014	2,042,725
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	1,867,890	1,937,014



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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Toronto Arts Foundation is a catalyst and a connector. We work to ensure that our donor's contributions directly support the communitybuilding power of the arts and the vitality of the arts and culture sector in Toronto. 2024 marked a pivotal year of strategic growth and strengthened fiscal health at Toronto Arts Foundation.

#### **FISCAL YEAR** 2024 2023 2022 2021 REVENUES 4,653,874 2,615,417 2,494,898 2,275,547 EXPENSES 2,630,792 2,495,748 4,645,471 2,695,464 EXCESS/DEFICIENCY -135,894 -220,201 8,403 -80,047 CHANGE IN FAIR MARKET VALUE OF INVESTMENTS -379.531 91,842 66.770 114,490 EXCESS/DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES -69.124 -105,711 -371,128 11,795 NET ASSETS/RESERVES - BEGINNING OF YEAR 1,937,014 2,042,725 2,413,853 2,402,058 NET ASSETS/RESERVES - END OF YEAR 1,867,890 1,937,014 2,042,725 2,413,853

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These funds have been deferred to align with the program's growth timeline, ensuring long-term sustainability and alignment with community needs.

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continued our planned strategic investments into increased gramming and staff capacity. We budget by 2025—one full year ahead

THIS ACCELERATION **REFLECTS BOTH THE STRENGTH OF OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP** AND THE SUCCESS OF OUR **STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS.** 

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IN SUPPORT OF OUR PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES. OF THIS TOTAL, \$945,300 WAS **RECEIVED IN 2024, CONTRIBUTING TO OUR ROBUST YEAR-END FUNDRAISING RESULTS AND HELPING SET THE STAGE** FOR FUTURE IMPACT.

Revenues and expenses do not include the generous pro-bond support we receive, in legal and human resources, research support and donated media advertising ice. valued at more thar

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