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#### ART MOVES INNOVATION— RENEWED VISION SHARED **FUTURE**



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.

#### **TORONTO** ARTS\_

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.

> 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.

2024

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.



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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.

## ART MOVES CONNECTION—

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\_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.

**MOVES** 



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.



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.

**TORONTO** 

**ART** 

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



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.

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.

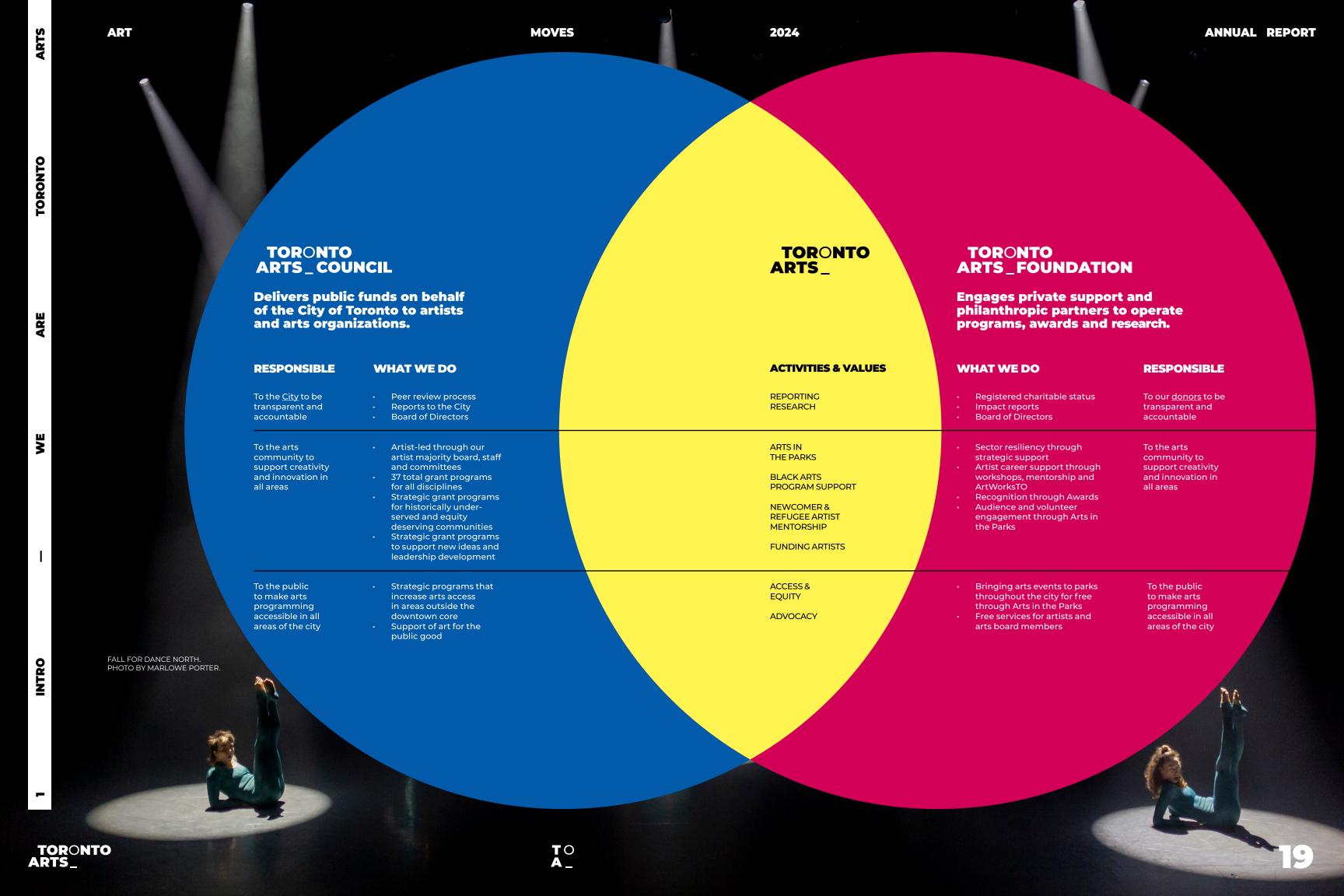
### TORONTO ARTS\_FOUNDATION

NAGATA SHACHU. PHOTO BY KAT RIZZA Toronto Arts Foundation is a city-building 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.



AS 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.



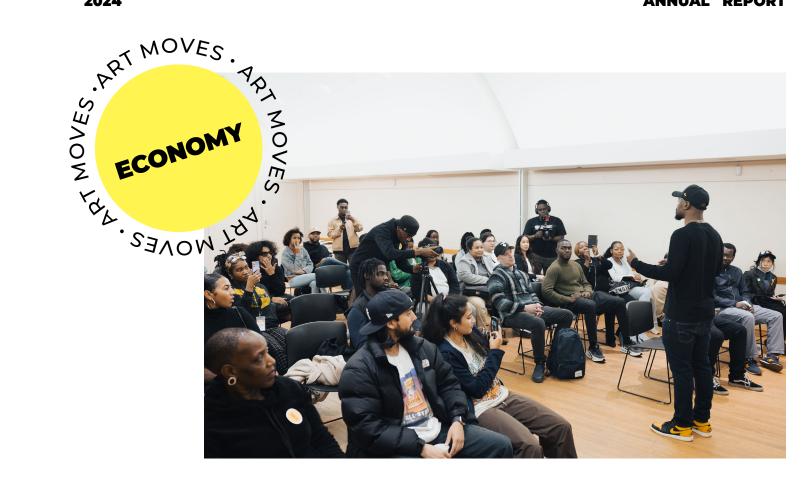
## ART



JAMII. PHOTO BY JAE YANG

### NOVES

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



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.

"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* 

STREET VOICES

MEDIA TRAINING

PHOTO BY SELINA

# "TORONTO REATIVE Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow

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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.

#### 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.



NDING HOME. HOTO BY KAT RIZZA.

"IT CONNECTS THROUGH

#### **HUMAN BEINGS** THE SOUL."



TOESFORDANCE. PHOTO BY KAT RIZZA.

"IT'S A **UNIVERSAL** LANGUAGE. **IT MOVES YOU AND** LIFTS YOU."

"IT MAKES THE HUMAN **EXPERIENCE INTO MAGIC!**"



TOESFORDANCE. PHOTO BY KAT RIZZA.

# ECAUSE

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

**—STATEMENTS FROM ARTS IN THE PARKS 2024 ATTENDEES** 

**MOVES** 

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

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.

#### **NEWCOMER** Last year, we concluded Fostering Integration Through **INTEGRATION** 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

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.

is one of them. With

need for more outreach

newcomers making up 46.6% of Toronto's population and 29.5% of newcomers settling in the city, there is an urgent

"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

HOSTING THE PUPPET AMAL-A PUPPET OF A TEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL THAT HAS WALKED FROM SYRIA ALL OVER THE WORLD - WAS A QUINTESSENTIAL TORONTO STREET ART COMMUNITY CONNECTION THAT CONNECTED US TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.



ARTISTS NEED TO LIVE. ARTISTS NEED TO BE HOUSED. ARTISTS NEED TO BE ENCOURAGED. THEIR ARTWORK NEEDS FUNDING : SUPPORT.

**MOVES** 



CELIA SMITH, CHAIR MICHAEL HERRERA, CPA. CA: TREASURER MAYOR OLIVIA CHOW

ILLUSTRATIONS BY DANIELLE **TASCHEREAU** FOR FUNDING

#### **FUNDING MATTERS**

Toronto Arts Council initiated 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.

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



#### **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)

#### **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 evidenceinformed case for the value of the arts in Canadian life.



"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** 

# TORONTO ARTS\_COUNCIL



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\$**23,853,422** 

**VALUE OF GRANTS AWARDED** 

2,548

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

**35**%

APPLICATION SUCCESS RATE



NEIGH RAMIREZ. PHOTO BY THULASI MADHURI



\$ 7 6 8 6 GRANTED TO THE ARTS FOR EACH RESIDENT OF TORONTO

FU-GEN ASIAN CANADIAN THEATRE COMPANY. PHOTO BY DAHLIA KATZ.



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





DIS ASSEMBLY. PHOTO BY TONI HAFKENSCHEID.

**ORGS AND COLLECTIVES** 

**FIRST-TIME GRANT RECIPIENTS** 

CRITICAL DISTANCE CENTRE FOR CURATORS. PHOTO BY TONI HAFKENSCHEID.

MOONHORSE DANCE THEATRE. PHOTO COURTESY OLGA BARRIOS.







BREAKTHROUGHS **FILM FESTIVAL** 



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TORONTO ARTS COUNCIL-FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS...

#### ...GENERATE \$288M TOWARDS TORONTO'S GDP.

SOURCE: 2024 ARTS
ACROSS ONTARIO,
COMMISSIONED BY
ONTARIO ARTS COUNC
AND CONDUCTED BY
NORDICITY CONSULTIN
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.

**MOVES** 

# ONTARIANS BELIEVE IN ART

90%

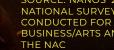
OF ONTARIANS SAY THAT THE ARTS MAKE THEIR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.

87%

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

78%

SAY THAT THE ARTS IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH.





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#### **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**

**MUSLIM** 

**LITERARY** 

**FESTIVAL** 

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

**FILAMENT** 

2024

**FORTUNE** 



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

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

#### **ARTS**

#### **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.

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

**NOVA** DANCE

Nova Dance's Offerings at Ishpadinaa activated Spadina Museum with performances shaped by consultation with Indigenous, Black and POC artists. These public works reflect the interconnectedness of cultures impacted by colonialism and celebrate collective resistance and joy—building bridges through shared storytelling and creative reclamation of space. Nova Bhattacharya, the Founding Artistic Director of Nova Dance, was also a

finalist for the Margo Bindhart and Rita Davies Cultural Leadership Award at Toronto Arts Foundation's Mayor's Arts Lunch awards in 2025.

Offerings at Ishpadinaa was supported through the Animating Historic Sites grant, employing 10 artists, engaging 12 community conversation attendees and welcoming 367 audience members.





#### NEW INVESTMENTS, BIGGER IMPACT





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



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

"MAKE THE ARTS AVAILABLE FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY, NOT JUST THE PEOPLE WHO CAN AFFORD IT."

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



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.

#### 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.

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.

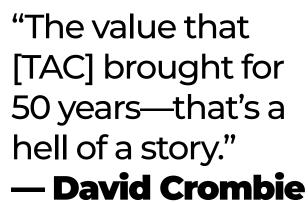
ALL PHOTOS ARE COURTESY OF THE ARTISTS FOR THE 50TH CELEBRATION CAMPAIGN.

"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."



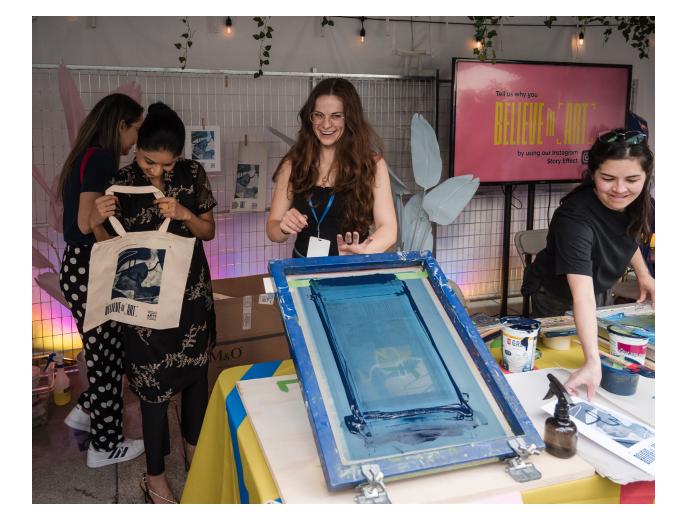












#### **50 YEARS OF ART AND ADVOCACY**

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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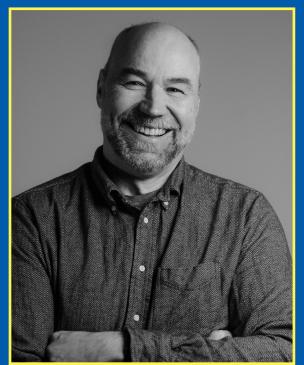


ARE

DAY

2024

#### OUR ROOTS GRASSROOTS MEMORIES DEADLINE



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.

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.



ART MOVES 2024

**PROGRAMS & IMPACT** 

#### 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.



35 CHAMPIONS VOLUNTEERED 302 HOURS

ARTS IN THE PARKS 2024.

295
EVENTS TOOK
PLACE ACROSS
33 PARKS IN
18 WARDS

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







AUDIENCE MEMBERS CAME OUT TO ENJOY ART IN THEIR BEAUTIFUL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS

**MOVES** 









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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

223
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.

#### 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.

#### INITIATIVES ARTWORKSTO

**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.

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.

#### **INITIATIVES**

#### **MENTOR** IN RESIDENCE



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.



growth, and real momentum in the creative industries." —Remix

"ArtWorksTO has

been a powerful

Remix Project to

support emerging

creatives through

group learning

one mentorship.

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**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.



"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



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, post-production, 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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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

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.

**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.

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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

# Abebe Atlebachew, Circus and Cultural Ethiopian Dance Show



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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 micro-award. 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.

"People in Toronto, we need this kind of diversity show because our show is telling 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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# AVIATION STEWARDING ARTS CHAMPIONS AND OPENING OUR DOORS



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."

PHOTO BY KAT RIZZA

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





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 throughout the year. Many thanks to all those who served on our committees in 2024.

# 2024 COMMITTEES

#### **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

TORONTO MENDELSSOHN РНОТО ВУ JAE YANG.



# 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**

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

#### **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 Mudenvo 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 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.

Toronto Arts Council grant review panels are made up of artists

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 Na 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**

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-Darrai Dennis Chan Aisha Ghali Kim Tomczak

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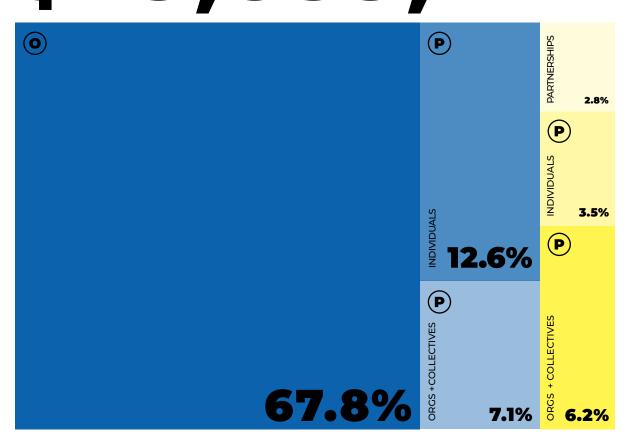
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# GRANT ALLOCATION





#### **INDIVIDUALS**

PROGRAM	APPLI- CATIONS	AMOUNT REQUESTED	SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS	AMOUNT AWARDED	SUCCESS RATE
Animating Historic Sites	21	602,002	4	124,840	19%
Animating Toronto Parks	47	1,018,564	14	247,970	30%
ArtReach	21	197,776	5	59,700	24%
Black Arts	195	2,467,801	53	587,470	27%
Creative Communities	34	315,294	12	104,300	35%
Dance	81	962,512	19	203,805	23%
Indigenous Arts	25	257,873	16	160,368	64%
Media Artists Creation	252	3,314,498	34	427,000	13%
Music Creation and Audio Recording	254	2,005,480	77	601,650	30%
Playwrights	117	664,000	25	140,000	21%
Newcomer and Refugee Artist Mentorship	78	780,000	24	240,000	31%
Visual and Media Art Presentation	16	192,204	1	7,600	6%
Visual Artists Creation	254	1,980,450	51	425,450	20%
Writers	252	2,100,000	58	490,000	23%
	1647	\$16,858,454	393	\$3,823,713	24%

#### **ORGS + COLLECTIVES**

GRAND TOTAL	2573	\$45,488,642	884	\$23,853,422	34%
Subtotal	926	\$28,630,188	491	\$20,029,709	53%
Visual and Media Arts	90	2,697,329	59	1,986,900	66%
Theatre	168	5,138,418	83	3,370,900	49%
Research Partnerships	2	45,000	2	45,000	-
Newcomer and Refugee Partnerships	1	130,000	1	130,000	-
Newcomer and Refugee Arts Engagement	34	680,000	10	200,000	29%
Music	138	3,143,141	91	2,414,715	66%
Literary Partnerships	1	120,000	1	120,000	-
Literary	31	445,352	17	292,100	55%
Large Institutions	10	6,580,000	10	6,275,000	-
Indigenous Arts	4	60,000	3	40,500	75%
Education Partnerships	1	160,000	1	160,000	-
Digital Solution Incubator	13	200,000	7	110,000	54%
Dance	76	2,024,256	58	1,609,958	76%
Creative Communities	127	2,579,015	67	1,548,405	53%
Black Arts	40	948,630	19	410,500	48%
ArtReach Partnerships	1	196,200	1	196,200	-
ArtReach	82	919,574	19	273,947	23%
Animating Toronto Parks	93	2,151,070	39	742,710	42%
Animating Historic Sites	14	412,203	3	92,874	21%

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# RECIPIENTS—ORGS+COLLECTIVES

12022958 CANADA INSTITUTE 15629004 CANADA FOUNDATION A Space Gallery Act 3 Theatre **Actors Repertory Company** Adelheid Dance Projects African Women Acting AWA Afrique Like Me AFROWAVETO Aga Khan Museum Against the Grain Theatre Inc. Aiding Dramatic Change in Development Aluna Theatre Amadeus Choir of Greater Toronto Amici Chamber Ensemble Angela Blumberg Dance (ABD) ANIVIA Collective Arab Community Centre of Toronto Art Bar Poetry Series Art Museum University of Toronto Art Starts Artist Film Exhibition Group

Arts Inter-Media Canada/Dance Collection Danse

ArtsPond / Étang d'Arts Ashe/Axé/Ase Ashkenaz Foundation Asian Arts and Culture Trust AstroSankofa Arts Initiatives b current Performing Arts Co. Bach Children's Chorus of Scarborough

Arts4All Creative Society



#### **Bad Dog Theatre Company**

Blue Bird Theatre Collective

Bad Hats Theatre Bad Pony Productions Ballet Creole Ballet Jörgen Canada Batuki Music Society Black Artists' Networks In Dialogue Gallery and Cultural Black Pledge Collective Black Women Film Blackhurst Cultural Centre

BoucharDanse Braeburn Neighbourhood Place Incorporated Breaking Canada (Toronto) Breakthroughs Film Festival Brick Literary Collective Buddies in Bad Times Theatre 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 Music Centre 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 Charles Street Video 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 Confluence Concerts

Continuum Contemporary Music Ensemble

Blue Ceiling Dance



#### CORPUS Craft Ontario Crossroads Theatre Crows Theatre

Cue Art Projects



#### **Dance Immersion Ontario**

Dance Migration Project Dance Ontario Association DANCE TOGETHER FESTIVAL Dancemakers Dancer Transition Resource Centre DanceWorks Dia de los Muertos Collective Diaspora Dialogues **Directors Lab North** Doris McCarthy Gallery, University of Toronto Scarborough **Draft Collective** 

Drawing Into Threads Dreamwalker Dance Company

Duo Cichorium 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

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

Hercinia Arts Collective Heritage Skills Development Center (HSDC) Horizon Youth Academy

Human Cargo

imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival Indigenous Curatorial Collective

Inside Out Lesbian and Gay Film Festival Inc. 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

JAYU Festival Inc. Jubilate Singers Jumblies Theatre Kaeja d'Dance Kaha:wi Dance Theatre KasheDance Kensington Market Jazz Festival Koffler Centre of the Arts 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 Lookup Theatre **Loop Sessions Toronto** 





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Lua Shayenne Dance Company Lula Music and Arts Centre MABELLEarts MAKING ART.MAKING CHANGE Mammalian Diving Reflex Theatre Group Marginalized Majority

Mayworks Festival

Media Arts Network of Ontario Mercer Union, A Centre for Contemporary Visual Art

MillO Dance Projects

Mixed Company Theatre Mobile Arts Programming Association

Modern Batik Couture

Modern Times Stage Company

Moonhorse Dance Theatre

Mural Routes Inc.

Museum of Toronto History

Music Africa of Canada Inc.

Music From Hope

Music Toronto

Muslim Literary Festival

Nagata Shachu Japanese Taiko and Music Group National Shevchenko Musical Ensemble Guild of Canada



#### Native Earth Performing Arts Inc.

Native Women in the Arts Ndabaga Collective

Necessary Angel Theatre Company

**New Tradition Music** 

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

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

Pan Arts Network

Panoply Theatre Collective Paprika Theatre Festival

Pax Christi Chorale

Pemmican Collective Pencil Kit Productions Red Sky Performance Regent Park Film Festival Reggae Toronto

Renaissance Canadian Theatre Company

Renaissance Projects

Peripheral Theatre

Planet in Focus

<u>Pleiades Theatre</u>

PRATIBHA ARTS

Project Nowhere Project ReDefine Arts

Project: Humanity Inc.

Racial Justice Fund

Puppetmongers Theatre

Reassemblage Collective

Red Pepper Spectacle Arts

PhemPhat Entertainment Group

pounds per square inch performance

Professional Association of Canadian Theatres

Pinceles Latinos Art Studio

Playwrights Guild of Canada

ProArteDanza Performance Inc

Prologue to the Performing Arts

Public Recordings Performance Projects

R.I.S.E Arts and Community Services

REAson d'etre dance productions

Raging Asian Women Taiko Drummers

Ronald Taylor Dance

Roseneath Theatre

Salon du Livre de Toronto Sara Porter Productions

SAVAC

Scarborough Made

Scarborough Philharmonic Orchestra

Shadowland Theatre



#### Shakespeare in the Ruff

Shoot For Peace SICK MUSE ART PROJECTS

Silverfish Magazine

Sinfonia Toronto

Sistema Toronto Academy

SKETCH Working Arts for Street-involved

and Homeless Youth

Small World Music Society

SoCirC

Soulpepper Theatre Company SoundCheck Youth Arts Inc.

Soundstreams

Southern Currents Film & Video Collective

STEPS Public Art Strange Maker Collective

Strife Collective Strings Attached Theatre

Studio 180 Theatre

Sugar Plum Collective SummerWorks Performance Festival

SUPPORT NETWORK FOR INDIGENOUS

WOMEN & WOMEN OF COLOUR

Tafelmusik

Tamil Arts Collective

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



#### The Chimera Project Dance Theatre

The Dance Umbrella of Ontario

The Disability Collective

The Elmer Iseler Singers

The Fringe of Toronto Theatre Festival

The George R. Gardiner Museum

of Ceramic Art

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 Gallery

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

The Toronto Consort

The Unknown Floor Force

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 Downtown Jazz Society

Toronto Festival of Comics and Graphic Arts

Toronto Jewish Film Foundation/Festival

Toronto Mendelssohn Choir

Toronto Metropolitan Media Inc

Toronto Operetta Theatre

Toronto Outdoor Picture Show Toronto Palestine Film Festival

Toronto Performance Art Collective

Toronto Photographers Workshop

Toronto Queer Media & Arts Centre
Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival

Toronto Sketch Comedy Festival Inc.

Toronto Summer Music Foundation Toronto Symphony Orchestra Toronto Tabla Ensemble

TRIA Theatre Company

Tribal Crackling Wind for the Arts Trinity Square Video

Twisted Dog Theatre

U.N.I.T. Productions **UMA Foundation** 

Uma Nota Culture **Unbridled Theatre Collective** 

Unit 2

Unity Charity
Universal Collective of Artists

**University Settlement** 

Urbanvessel Vanguardia Dance Projects

VEMU Estonian Museum Canada Venus Fest Inc.

Vesnivka Choir Inc.

VIBE Arts VideoCabaret

VIVA! Youth Singers of Toronto, Inc.

Vivi'r LGBTQ+ Voices from Diaspora Volcano Non-Profit Productions Inc.

Waleed Ansari

Vox Choirs Vtape

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#### **Wavelength Music Arts Projects**

WeeFestival of Arts and Culture West End Micro Music Festival Whippersnapper Gallery Inc Why Not Theatre

Wildseed Centre for Art and Activism Woman, Art, Resilience

Women From Space

Women's Musical Club of Toronto Workman Arts Project of Ontario

Xenia Concerts Inc. **Xpace Cultural Centre** 

WIAprojects

Young People's Theatre

Young Women's Christian Association of Greater Toronto (Inspirations Studio)

YYZ Artists' Outlet





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# RECIPIENTS—



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**Dorsett Veronica** Drianovski Kornelia

> Edralin Martin Eleen Martha Elendari Mania Elliott Joel Elmizadeh Azadeh

Endicott-Douglas Vivien Erlich Shay **Evans Tyler** 

Fantahun Shewankochew Farhia Mohamed Farkhari Ahmad Behzad Fathi Ava Fedida Holly

Ferrando Rita Feura Fieschi-Rose Benjamin Fitzpatrick Anna Foad Lisa

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# AUDITORS REPORT

Report of the independent auditor on the summary financial statements

TO THE
DIRECTORS
OF TORONTO
CULTURAL
ADVISORY
CORPORATION
(OPERATING AS
TORONTO ARTS
COUNCIL)

#### 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 as Toronto 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

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

Authorized to practise public accounting by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario

TORONTO, ONTARIO MAY 27, 2025

TORONTO CULTURAL
ADVISORY CORPORATION
OPERATING AS
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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024

	CURRENT	2024	2023
ASSETS	Cash	805,237	522,499
ASSETS	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
LIABILITIES	Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	32,274	44,427
	Grants payable	2,836,715	2,645,533
	Due to Toronto Arts Foundation	14,583	_
	Deferred grants	175,000	_
		\$ 3,058,572	2,689,960
NET ASSETS	UNRESTRICTED	629,557	443,629
NEI ASSEIS		\$ 3,688,129	3,133,589

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

DIRECTOR

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NOVA DANCE. PHOTO BY JAE YANG.

	CURRENT	2024	2023
REVENUES	Grants - City of Toronto	26,394,600	25,854,600
REVENUES	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
LAPLNSLS	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

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024

<b>OPERATING</b>
OPERATING
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024

**CURRENT** 

Excess of revenues over expenses  Add items not involving cash:	\$ 185,928 —	95,683 7,694
Amortization of capital assets	185,928	103,377
Changes in non-cash working capital items:	8,681	(36,284)
Accounts receivable Harmonized Sales Tax recoverable	(20,241) (28,433)	(1,166) 982
Prepaid expenses Due to/from Toronto Arts Foundation	20,800 (12,153)	6,150 (10,047)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Grants payable	191,182 175,000	(516,013) -
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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## MAYOR'S ARTS LUNCH

AN AWARDS CELEBRATION



# 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 PHOTO BY SELINA MCCALLUM.

PAN FANTASY - RECIPIENT COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOLS OF TORONTO - FINALIST XENIA CONCERTS - 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

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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# COMMUNITY ARTS AWARD

Recipient prize of \$10,000 and finalist prizes of \$1,000 sponsored by MOD Developments Inc.

ANTHONY GEBREHIWOT -RECIPIENT SID JACKSON - FINALIST ASHLEY MCKENZIE-BARNES - FINALIST

# **NEWCOMER ARTIST AWARD**

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

MAHSA ALIKHANI GABY AL BOTROS ANDREA NIRMALA WIDJAJANTO JELICA MIJANOVIĆ LEANDRO MATOS NILOUFAR ZIAEE

#### SPACE AWARD

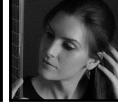
Prizes of \$500 in cash and \$2,000 in credit at Akin Studios for shared studio or exhibition space. The Space Award is supported by RBC through the Newcomer Spotlight Program.

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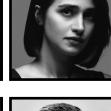




























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# AUDITORS REPORT

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

Authorized to practise public accounting by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario

TORONTO, ONTARIO MAY 27, 2025

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024

	CURRENT	2024	2023
ASSETS	Cash	144,293	184,346
A33213	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
LIABILITIES	Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	27,301	27,372
LIADILITIES	Due to Toronto Arts Council	_	6,217
	Deferred contributions	450,000	419,004
		477,301	452,593
NET ASSETS	UNRESTRICTED	1,867,890	1,937,014
NEI ASSEIS		2,345,191	\$ 2,389,607
REVENUES	Grants and donations	1,147,478	1,072,527
REVERS	Mayor's Evening for the Arts	935,049	917,184
	Investment income	231,181	114,315
	Arts Awards	1 <b>79,</b> 001	169,500
	Endowment income	2,189	2,021
		2,494,898	2,275,547
	Program delivery	10/0 005	1 779 010
<b>EXPENSES</b>		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
APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD	DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS	(135,894)	(220,201)
ask	CHANGE IN FAIR MARKET VALUE OF INVESTMENTS	66,770	114,490
DIRECTOR	NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,937,014	2,042,725



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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 community-building 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	2,494,898	2,275,547	4,653,874	2,615,417
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	66,770	114,490	-379,531	91,842
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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT COURTNEY FIDDIS, SENIOR MANAGER, DEVELOPMENT AT 416-392-6802 EXT. 214 OR COURTNEY@TORONTOARTS.ORG.

TO A\_ REVENUES . REVENUES

Fundraising efforts in 2024
yielded significant support
for our **NEWCOMER ARTIST PROGRAM**, enabling us to plan for
an expanded and more impactful
offering beginning in 2025.

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

SEVENUES . RELEAS

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# OUR INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS

delivering high returns that significantly improved our year-end financial position. These gains allowed us to reduce our planned operating deficit beyond initial projections, aligned with our long-term goals in support of increased fundraising capacity.

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EXCESS/DEFICIENCY

We continued our planned strategic investments into increased programming and staff capacity. We are now on track to achieve a balanced budget by 2025—one full year ahead of our original 2026 target.

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

THE MAYOR'S EVENING FOR THE ARTS
WAS A MAJOR HIGHLIGHT OF OUR

FUNDRAISING YEAR, GENERATING

\$1.04 M

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.

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Revenues and expenses do not include the generous pro-bono support we receive, in legal and human resources, research support and donated media advertising space, valued at more than

\$300k

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