

KAC in Conversation: Activators Recap

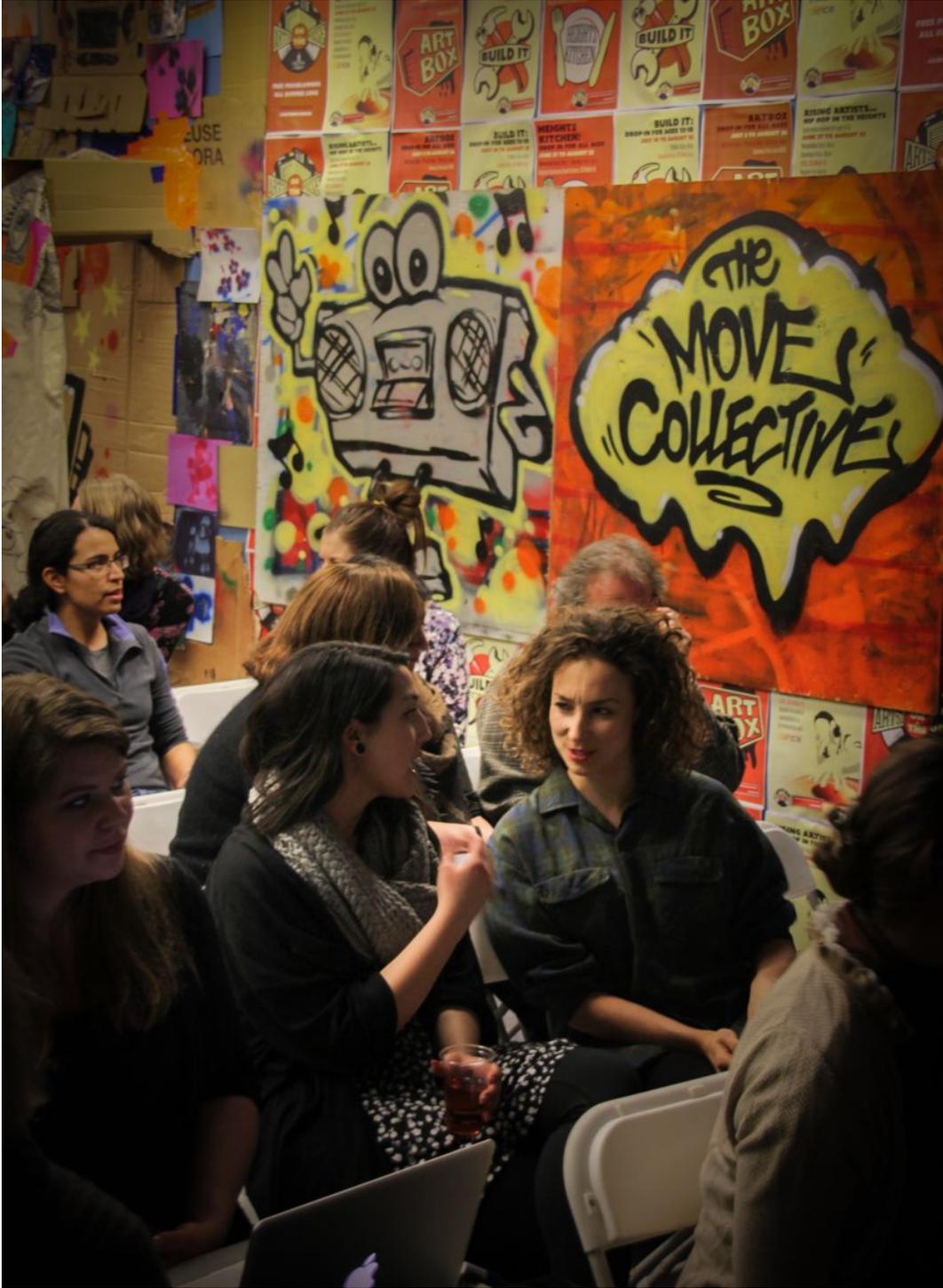
On Thursday, January 28, we launched a new program called KAC in Conversation, an ongoing series of talks, podcasts, and blogs, that explores a variety of themes and arts practices and aims to connect disciplines and create dialogues. KAC in Conversation is a platform for the community to come together; to convene, question and connect.



As part of KAC in Conversation, we hosted an Artist Talk featuring five artists and cultural leaders who are activating communities and using the arts to connect and challenge. Our speakers, which included Mat Poirier and Kala Seraphin of Arts on the Rise and the MOVE Collective, Erin Sutherland and Jennifer Hardwick of the Kahswentha Indigenous Knowledge Initiative, and Heather Haynes, The Courage Wall. We also held a reception to celebrate the launch of Dreamscape Interviews, a book compiled by Irina Skvortsova featuring interviews with local artists working in community arts.



held the event is a fully-accessible, empty storefront in downtown Kingston located at the corner of Queen and Wellington. It was extremely bare when we first arrived but by event day, our artists had completely activated and transformed the space. We hung works by Jeff Mann, and installations by the MOVE Collective and Irina Skvortsova, plus nine portraits from Heather's Courage Wall.



We had a full house with over 70 people from the community attend and we were so happy to have such an engaged, curious, and supportive audience.

Next up for KAC in Conversation: we have new interviews that will go up on the blog, our podcast from the event will be posted soon, and

stay tuned for the announcement of the next theme we'll be focusing on!

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