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Kingston Arts Council and the City of Kingston announce 2020 City of Kingston Arts Fund Recipients

The Kingston Arts Council (KAC) and the City of Kingston are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2020 City of Kingston Arts Fund (CKAF). An annual fund administered by the KAC on behalf of the City, CKAF provides operating and project grants to local arts organizations and collectives to foster creativity at all levels and enrich how Kingston residents experience and engage with the arts. Operating grants foster sustainability among leading arts organizations by providing funding for operations and programming and project grants fund the creation and presentation of arts projects.

“The City of Kingston Arts Fund has provided critical support for the local cultural sector since its inception in 2007,” explains Kirsi Hunnako, Executive Director and Chair of the CKAF Grants Committee. “This year’s grants come during a moment of unique challenge brought on by the global COVID-19 pandemic, which has had a significant impact on the sector. The continued support of the arts through funding programs like the CKAF is critical and will ensure the sector’s sustainability, now as artists help us deal with the pandemic and in the longer term as part of the broader economic recovery that lies ahead.”

This year, the total CKAF amount available was \$610,267 with approximately 70 per cent going towards operating grants and 30 per cent to project grants. Applications were reviewed by the Grants Committee jury that was comprised of representatives of the arts including arts professionals, practitioners and supporters of the arts with high standing and expertise of the arts and the Kingston community. Ex-officio members of the Grants Committee support the work of the jury and bring forward broad community perspectives, provide information on the City of Kingston objectives for the CKAF program, and are present to ensure transparency and fairness in the process. This year, the adjudication meetings were hosted digitally, through the video conferencing platform Zoom.

Operating Grants

Jurors:

David Parker

Sadaf Amini

Dinah Jensen

Liam Karry

Ex-officio:

Felix Lee, Grants Coordinator, Kingston Arts Council

Laura Chaignon, Programming and Communications Coordinator, Kingston Arts Council

Kirsi Hunnako, Executive Director, Kingston Arts Council

Colin Wiginton, Cultural Director, Cultural Services, City of Kingston

Bridget Doherty, City Councillor

Number of Applications: 11

Total Requested: \$ 477,000

Number of Grants Awarded: 11

Total Awarded: \$419,569

Recipients:

Agnes Etherington Art Centre \$75,000

Cantabile Choirs of Kingston \$27,998

Centre culturel Frontenac \$16,608

H'art Centre \$12,097

Kingston Canadian Film Festival \$45,755

Kingston Symphony Association \$75,000

Kingston WritersFest \$42,589

Modern Fuel Artist-Run Centre \$50,000

Reelout Queer Film Festival \$22,042

Theatre Kingston \$42,230

Union Gallery \$10,250

Project Grants

Jurors:

Reena Kukreja

Paul Smith

Cassel Miles

Andrea Haughton

Ex-officio:

Felix Lee, Grants Coordinator, Kingston Arts Council

Laura Chaignon, Programming and Communications Coordinator, Kingston Arts Council

Kirsi Hunnako, Executive Director, Kingston Arts Council

Colin Wiginton, Cultural Director, Cultural Services, City of Kingston

Jim Neal, City Councillor

Number of Applications: 19

Total Requested: \$290,299

Number of Grants Awarded: 15

Total Awarded: \$189,625

Recipients:

Aqua Nova, Aqua Nova Collective, \$14,544

Electric Circuits Festival 2021, Electric Circuits Collective, \$19,000

Emergence, Vox Intima, \$9,000

Festival of Live Digital Art (foldA) 2021, SpiderWebShow, \$17,000

Fun House Concert Series, Kingston Punk Productions, \$8,000

GO/NO GO, GO/NO Collective, \$14,000

HYDRA (Water Parade), Calliope Collective, \$16,205

King Con 2020/2021, King Con Collective, \$13,000

Kingston Intercultural Arts Festival, Kingston Community Health Centres,
\$12,856

Live Wire Music Series 2020-2021, Live Wire Music Series, \$2,550

Music You Love Played by People You Know, Orchestra Kingston, \$2,040

Skeleton Park Arts Festival, Skeleton Park Arts Festival, \$18,525

The Juvenis Festival 2021, Blue Canoe Productions, \$16,000

Tone Deaf Festival and Satellite Concerts 2020-2021, Tone Deaf Collective,
\$14,004

Voces Feminarum, Melos Choir and Period Instruments, \$12,901

To view the 2020 CKAF Report to Council, [click here](#).

About the City of Kingston Arts Fund (CKAF)

The City of Kingston Arts Fund (CKAF) aims to nurture the capacity of the arts, artists and the arts sector in Kingston while fostering creativity, encouraging social cohesion, enhancing quality of life and stimulating economic development through direct investment.

In 2007, Kingston City Council established the City of Kingston Arts Fund. The Kingston Arts Council was contracted to administer CKAF. Each year, the KAC submits a plan for administering the CKAF and it is approved by City Council. CKAF enables the City to continue to invest in and support the arts, heritage and culture in Kingston. The City has invested \$7.1 million in the local arts community since 2007 through this program.

<http://www.artskingston.ca/city-of-kingston-arts-fund-2/>

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