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## **2021 City of Kingston Arts Fund Operating and Project Grant Recipients Announced**

The Kingston Arts Council (KAC) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2021 City of Kingston Arts Fund (CKAF). An annual fund administered by the KAC on behalf of the City of Kingston, 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.

This year, the total CKAF amount available was \$583,052 with \$423,718 available for Operating Grants and \$159,334 available for 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. Adjudication meetings were hosted digitally on May 25 (Operating) and May 27 (Project).

### **Operating Grants**

#### **Jurors:**

Dinah Jansen  
Christianne Wojcik  
Sadaf Amini  
Jane Kirby  
Nicholas Crombach

#### **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

Danika Lochhead, Manager, Arts and Sector Development, City of Kingston

Simon Chapelle, City Councillor

**Number of Applications:** 11

**Total Requested:** \$ 463,730

**Number of Grants Awarded:** 11

**Total Awarded:** \$423,718

**Recipients:**

Agnes Etherington Art Centre \$75,000

Cantabile Choirs of Kingston \$28,630

Centre culturel Frontenac \$15,000

H'art Centre \$12,803

Kingston Canadian Film Festival \$46,000

Kingston Symphony Association \$75,000

Kingston WritersFest \$43,500

Modern Fuel Artist-Run Centre \$50,000

Reelout Queer Film Festival \$22,555

Theatre Kingston \$42,230

Union Gallery \$13,000

**Project Grants**

**Jurors:**

Céline Klein

Danuta Sierhuis

Alex McLean

Caroline Kwok

**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  
Danika Lochhead, Manager, Arts and Sector Development, City of Kingston  
Jim Neill, City Councillor

**Number of Applications:** 23  
**Total Requested:** \$297,872  
**Number of Grants Awarded:** 15  
**Total Awarded:** \$159,334

**Recipients:**

Abolition City, Abolition City, \$8,000  
Drumming Connections, Sistema Kingston, \$8,520  
Electric Circuits Festival of Electronic Music, Performance, and Digital Art,  
Electric Circuits Collective, \$12,000  
Festival of Live Digital Art (FOLDA) 2022, SpiderWebShow, \$11,250  
Homegrown Live Concert Series, Homegrown Live Music Productions, \$7,314  
KPP at 20, Kingston Punk Productions, \$7,200  
Shortwave Theatre Festival, CFRC 101.9FM, \$13,500  
Skeleton Park Arts Festival, Skeleton Park Arts Festival, \$14,300  
The GroundUP Dance Festival, Movement Market Collective, \$7,500  
The Juvenis Festival 2022, Blue Canoe Productions, \$12,000  
The Longest Night Midwinter Celebration, Calliope Collective, \$12,750  
The Makers and Shakers Society Audio Drama, Radioland Media Collective,  
\$11,250  
The Storge Project, SweetnFab Collective, \$11,250  
Tone Deaf 2021-2022 Festival and Satellite Concerts, Tone Deaf Collective,  
\$12,000  
We're All in Jeopardy!, PeerLess Productions, \$10,500

To view the 2021 CKAF Report to Council, [click here](#).

**About the City of Kingston Arts Fund (CKAF)**

In 2007, Kingston City Council established the City of Kingston Arts Fund (CKAF). The Kingston Arts Council (KAC) 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.  
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