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City of Kingston Arts Fund Adapt Grant Recipients Announced

The Kingston Arts Council (KAC) is pleased to announce the recipients of the City of Kingston Arts Fund (CKAF) Adapt Grant, a COVID-19 responsive funding program that support projects that address pandemic-related challenges through new ways of working. \$100,000 was available through the Adapt Grant.

In 2021, Kingston City Council allocated \$200,000 in one-time funding to support individual artists and non-profit arts organizations in recognition of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Two new grants were established to administer this funding including Adapt Grants and Resiliency Grants. This is in addition to the annual City of Kingston Arts Fund Operating and Project Grants.

Adapt Grants fund projects that include **creating, presenting, or adapting artistic work, building partnerships, and creating innovative solutions for community needs**. Individual artists, artist collectives or ad-hoc groups, and non-profit arts organizations were eligible to apply, including recipients of other CKAF grants. Applicants who received Operating, Project, or Resiliency CKAF grants had to demonstrate their Adapt proposal was separate and distinct from activities funded by other City grants. Applications were evaluated and grants were awarded by a jury of artists and arts professionals including Megan Hamilton, Mike Sheppard, and Alexandra Simpson. Grants are a minimum of \$4,000 and a maximum of \$10,000.

Number of Applications: 22
Total Requested: \$ 189,457
Number of Grants Awarded: 15
Total Awarded: \$100,000

2021 Adapt Grant recipients:

2022 Community Radio Week, \$4,250
A project by KPP Concerts

2022 Summer Musical, \$5,625
A project by Blue Canoe Productions

"a work in progress", \$6,160
A project by Inner Harbour Collective

A return to nature, \$7,410
A project by Tracy Olan

Back to Life, \$4,980
A project by Calliope Collective

Both Sides Now: Live Performance in the Post-Pandemic World, \$6,160
A project by Michelle Kasaboski

Finding Our Purpose, \$8,500
A project by H'art Centre

From One Place to Another: Wandering Art, \$8,530
A project by Union Gallery

Kingston WritersFest Podcast, \$5,600
A project by Kingston WritersFest

Live at The Grad Club, \$8,000
A project by The Grad Club

Micro-Residency Studios in Solitude at Agnes, \$6,800
A project by Agnes Etherington Art Centre

Ode to Joy, \$6,395
A project by Kingston Symphony Association

Shallow Dives, \$8,000
A project by Modern Fuel

Unfinished Business: A Kingston Swirl, \$6,395
A project by Harry Symons

Young Artist Mentorship Program, \$7,195
A project by Glocca Morra Studio

To read more about the funded projects, please visit the Kingston Arts Council website at <http://www.artskingston.ca/adapt-apply-to-the-city-of-kingston-arts-fund/>

About the City of Kingston Arts Fund (CKAF)

In 2007, Kingston City Council established the City of Kingston Arts Fund, comprised of \$100,000 from the Healthy Community Fund Program and an additional \$400,000 in new funding. The Kingston Arts Council was contracted to administer CKAF and Kingston City Council has continued to invest in the funding program growth each year as part of its commitment to supporting arts and culture in Kingston. Through this program, the City of Kingston has invested close to \$7.1 million since its inception.

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