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<u>Kingston Arts Council Launches Pocket Gallery Exhibition</u> <u>Program</u>

New gallery initiative offers \$600 artist fee and a platform for local creativity exclusively for KAC Members

The Kingston Arts Council (KAC) is excited to announce the launch of a new paid exhibition program exclusively for its members. Through this initiative, the KAC will present 12 exhibitions annually in its onsite gallery space called **The Pocket Gallery**, previously known as Unit 115 Arts Space. Each selected artist, collective, or group will receive a **\$600 artist fee** for their participation. This new program reflects the KAC's ongoing commitment to valuing artistic labour and supporting Kingston/Katarokwi's creative economy.

Located in the KAC office on the ground floor of the Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning, The Pocket Gallery is a small, but mighty venue designed to showcase the creative voices of KAC's newly established membership program. With approximately 190 square feet of wall space and 130 square feet of floor space, this flexible gallery is perfectly suited for intimate, experimental, and thought-provoking exhibitions of all mediums.

The Pocket Gallery may be modest in size, but it offers big opportunities. This space is a launching pad for emerging artists, a home for collectives, and a platform for professional creatives to try something new. It's accessible, adaptable, and artist-driven, reflecting the arts community here in Kingston/Katarokwi.

Exclusively open to active KAC members, The Pocket Gallery invites applications from individual artists, collectives, and arts organizations based in Kingston/Katarokwi and the surrounding region. Twelve exhibitions are programmed annually, with shows typically running for four to six weeks. Artists are supported throughout the process, from installation to promotion, and are encouraged to propose workshops, talks, or experimental activations to accompany their exhibits. Additionally, **the program now provides an artist fee of \$600** to further assist in artist development and promote the arts economy in Kingston/Katarokwi.

Interested artists can apply via an easy-to-complete online form. The KAC also offers feedback for unsuccessful applicants and encourages resubmissions.

To learn more about The Pocket Gallery, eligibility, and how to apply, visit the <u>KAC website</u> for more details!.

About the Kingston Arts Council

The Kingston Arts Council (KAC) is the region's primary resource for arts information and support. Through communications, programming, advocacy, and funding administration, the KAC promotes the creation, development, and appreciation of the arts in Kingston. The KAC supports artistic growth and engagement for arts organizations and artists at all levels of their careers. The KAC also administers key funding programs, the City of Kingston Arts Fund (CKAF) and the Nan Yeomans Grant for Artistic Development.

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