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## Kingston Arts Council Launches the *Artist Prosperity Project*

The Kingston Arts Council (KAC) is proud to launch the **Artist Prosperity Project**, a research initiative aimed at better understanding the economic realities and creative practices of artists in Katarokwi/Kingston and the surrounding region.

The project kicks off with the **Artist Prosperity Survey**, which invites visual artists, musicians, and performing artists to share information about their artistic practice, income sources, access to opportunities, barriers, and more. The data collected will form the basis of a publication intended to offer a snapshot of the local arts economy, support advocacy efforts, and promote sustainable practices across the sector.



“This is about visibility, value, and real information,” says B.C. Gorrie, Program and Communications Coordinator at KAC. “We know artists are working incredibly hard in this region, but without data, it’s difficult to advocate for what they need. This project will help us shed some light onto the realities artists face in our own city.”

Open to all self-identified artists in the region working in visual arts, music, and the performing arts. The survey is anonymous, takes approximately 15–20 minutes to complete, and is open until **11 July 2025**.

Artists can complete the survey online at [www.artskingston.ca/artist-prosperity-project](http://www.artskingston.ca/artist-prosperity-project)

The KAC encourages all artists, whether emerging, mid-career, or established, to participate in the survey; a strong response rate is essential to ensure the data collected is meaningful and representative. Broad participation will help us shape a stronger, more informed arts economy.

The Artist Prosperity Project is funded by the Community Foundation for Kingston & Area, and supported by participation from community partners including Tourism Kingston – Music Office, Agnes Etherington Art Centre, Kingston Theatre Alliance, Spider Web Show, and Modern Fuel.

## 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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