

Mississauga Arts Council

Arts for Business Directory

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About MAC & Arts for Business

About our Arts for Business Directory

MAC's Arts for Business Directory is a roster of professional performers, musicians, visual artists, instructors, photographers, and more. Every artist in this collection are available to be hired out for corporate events and team-building activities. Whether you're looking for entertainment for your company barbecue, or an interactive art class to bring your employees together, why not support local Mississauga artists while doing it!

Each artist in this directory is a member in good standing of the Mississauga Arts Council, and each has notable experience in their respective arts discipline. If you are interested in hiring an artist for their services, **please refer to the clickable social media icons on their page** as well as their direct contact information.

Need assistance with booking an artist? Questions? Contact Mike Douglas at mike@macarts.ca. If you hire an artist from this directory, please let us know! We're happy to share your experience and tag you on our social media channels to an audience of 36,200+!

About MAC

The Mississauga Arts Council is dedicated to enabling the growth of the arts by creating opportunity and connection between artists and residents in Mississauga and beyond. Our vision, mission, values and strategy all point to growing Mississauga's arts economy by providing Mississauga artists with opportunities to enhance their skills and enrich our city's quality of life.

Musicians

POP PERFORMANCE

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Arlene

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Arlene is an award-winning singer-songwriter from Mississauga. Since 2010, she has performed across Canada, UK, Europe and the US. Her ability to perform cover songs, current and classics, can provide a sweet ambiance and easy listening vibe to your event and venue.

She performs solo vocals with a piano/keyboard or as a duo with either a violinist, guitarist, or saxophonist (depending on who is available).

If you're looking for live music that will create an easy-going and lounge-like event, you are best to have Arlene perform and will leave you wanting more.

Check out Arlene's EPK for even more information:
www.officialarlene.com/epk



PRICES*

Solo: \$450-\$600

Duo: \$650-\$800

*Rates vary depending on length of time artist is performing, which duo is requested and if sound gear/PA has to be provided by the artist.



CONTACT

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Musicians

POP/ROCK PERFORMANCE

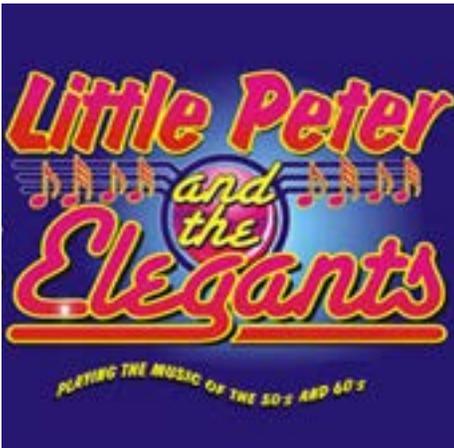
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Little Peter & The Elegants

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Little Peter & The Elegants band began in 1973, during a time of nostalgia with the theatre production Grease, the movie American Graffiti, and the TV show Happy Days. The band members have changed over the years and still play the hits like you first heard them on the radio. Pop music for all age groups - a "generation bridge"!



Through the Mississauga News Readers Choice Awards, the band was voted "Best Local Band" in 2020 and "Best Local Entertainment" in 2021. They drew some of the largest crowds to Port Credit Memorial Park for the Sunset Concert Series in 2011, 2012 and 2013. The Port Credit BIA requested the band to perform along Lakeshore Road at the Moonlight Madness evening every year from 2000 to 2007.

PRICES

The band's price can be between \$1,600-\$4,000.



CONTACT

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Musicians

POP PERFORMANCE

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Mauve

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Mauve is Mississauga's electrifying pop songstress who infuses the best of genres to deliver breathtaking & soulful vocals. Mauve was chosen to perform at the **Canadian Music Week Festival** for three consecutive years! She has been celebrated with nominations for 4 *Mississauga Music Awards*, and has been twice nominated for **Solo Vocalist** at the *MARTY Awards!*



Mauve would love to have the opportunity to play at your venue and provide a lively atmosphere for your guests! She has entertained thousands of people across southern Ontario and is available to perform as **a solo vocalist, acoustic duo, or with a full band.**

Mauve and her band cover a wide repertoire of genres to captivate audiences and create an enjoyable atmosphere. Music from the **70s, 80s, 90s, 2000s, 2010s, 2020s... you name it!**

PRICES

Please kindly contact for a quote as pricing depends on location, length of performance time, and how many band members you would like join for the performance.



CONTACT

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Musicians

POP/JAZZ/INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE

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Natalie G Music

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Natalie Gergis is a talented multi-instrumentalist based in Mississauga. Mastering the flute and learning the guitar at a young age, she has performed at many events such as Carassauga, Mississauga World Music Festival, Taste of the Middle East, Dixie Bloor Summerfest, 'Twas the Bite Before Christmas, the Living Arts Centre's 25th anniversary, the Festival of Arabic Music and Arts, the Canadian Egyptian Festival at Celebration Square, the Port Credit Canada Day Parade, Art Galleries, and many more. She's received many awards such as Top 30 Arab-Canadian Under 30, Civic Award from Mayor Bonnie Crombie for Achievement in the Arts, an MPP Honorary Scroll for her musical contributions to Mississauga, and the John Haranchek Music Award.



Natalie is a member and volunteer in the Mississauga Symphony Youth Orchestra and Canadian Arabic Orchestra, and has established a substantial social media presence with over 20K followers on her pages "Natalie G Music". In addition to her musical performances, Natalie has also taken up leadership roles within music, such as a Youth Ambassador for the Glimpse Team Project, former Music Council President and band section leader at her school. Natalie is dedicated to sharing the joy of music with her community and bringing people together through her music.

PRICES

30-45 minute performance (flute/guitar & vocals): \$350

CONTACT

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Musicians

POP PERFORMANCE

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Sarah Catharine

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Award-winning vocalist and singer-songwriter Sarah Catharine brings magic to every performance with her passion, typically drawing heartfelt emotions from her audience after every performance.

Sarah performs acoustically solo, accompanied by guitar or piano, and enjoys performing a mix of both her original songs and pop covers, especially Taylor Swift. Sarah writes and produces her songs independently and has over 30,000 streams on Spotify and Apple Music.



When she isn't writing original music, she's blowing up on Tik Tok with her famous mashups of Taylor Swift songs, with multiple videos with over 1 million views and over 28,000 followers.

PRICES*

\$150-\$500 depending on performance type and length
30-45 minute performance: \$150 (solo vocalist + piano or guitar)

**Extra fees may be required for extra sound equipment that needs to be provided by performer*



CONTACT

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Musicians

POP/ROCK PERFORMANCE

VOICE/PIANO LESSONS

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Stephanie Braganza

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Stephanie Braganza is a dynamic vocalist, seasoned music instructor, and versatile performer available for weddings, corporate events, and community engagements.

With a powerhouse voice and an electrifying stage presence, she blends pop, rock and multiple influences to deliver high-energy performances that leave a lasting impression.



A dedicated music educator since 2008, Stephanie offers voice and piano lessons virtually, bringing high-quality instruction directly to students in the comfort of their homes. A former instructor at Long & McQuade, she has helped students successfully audition for musicals and post-secondary music programs with a 100% success rate. Her expertise, passion, and proven track record make her a sought-after mentor for aspiring musicians.

PRICES*

PERFORMANCES:

Duo: \$500-\$650 | Trio: \$600-\$800 | Full Band (4-5 piece): \$1200-\$2000+



** All prices include Stephanie Braganza (the performer), but costs vary depending on accompaniment, if gear will be provided, and length of performance. Travelling expenses required if outside Ontario.*

ONLINE PRIVATE VOICE + PIANO LESSONS:

\$60/hour

CONTACT

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Musicians

POP PERFORMANCE

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Troubador (David C King)

 troubador.ca

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Troubador is a Solo singer/guitarist to entertain you with covers of classic ballads and love songs from the 1950's onwards. Listen or sing-along as Troubador performs music from artists like Neil Diamond, Simon & Garfunkel, John Denver, the Eagles, Leonard Cohen, the Bee Gees and many, many more.

Troubador performs at pubs/restaurants (e.g. Blackbird Bistro, Graydon Bar), Seniors' homes (e.g. Parkland on the Glen), public events (e.g. Taste of Cooksville, Cooksville sign unveiling, Streetsville Farmers Market, MAC events - WestEdge CC, Amphitheatre at Celebration Square), and private events - home or backyard.

PRICES

Troubador will perform for two, three, or four sets. Prices range between \$150 and \$250. Professional audio equipment is included in the price.



CONTACT

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Musicians

HIP HOP, ELECTRONIC, POP PERFORMANCE
LYRIC-WRITING WORKSHOPS

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Vivek Mehmi

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Vivek Mehmi is an independent music artist and facilitator blending conscious hip-hop, pop, and electronic music with personal storytelling and healing-centered themes. His live performances are energetic, uplifting, and connective, making them well suited to community festivals, arts events, and discovery-driven programming.



In addition to performance, Vivek offers lyric-writing and creative expression workshops that use songwriting as a tool for self-reflection, emotional processing, and authentic communication. These accessible workshops are designed for youth, adults, and community groups, with no prior musical experience required.

PRICES

From \$200 - \$1,500



Price is dependent on length of set or workshop, location of event, amount of performers needed i.e DJ, Instrumentalists, Sound Healers etc.

** All prices are open to negotiation*

CONTACT

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Musicians

POP/FUSION PERFORMANCE

GUITAR CLASSES, MUSIC PRODUCTION

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ZyRuP

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ZyRuP is a vibrant musical duo featuring producer/multi-instrumentalist Vayanga and singer-songwriter Dilini. Combining powerful vocals with versatile productions, they deliver a unique sound that blends emotion, creativity, and energy. Vayanga is also a guitar and piano instructor at BluPrint Academy.

With experience in live performances, music production, and dynamic arrangements, ZyRuP offers a professional yet personal touch to their craft. Whether it's soulful ballads, upbeat tracks, or custom projects, their passion for music shines through every note. Perfect for events, collaborations, or studio work, ZyRuP is dedicated to creating memorable and engaging musical experiences. ZyRuP released their first EP in 2025 and are now working on their 2026 Album. ZyRuP is capable of performing at your event and to produce your next hit track.



PRICES

30 Minute ZyRuP duo performance - \$350

30 Minute ZyRuP duo + Percussionist - \$500

Music Production - Starting from \$400 (Rock, EDM, Dubstep, etc)

Guitar Classes

30 Minute Individual Class - \$30

1 Hour lessons are also available



CONTACT

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Musicians

MOTOWN/SOUL PERFORMANCE

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U.N. Jefferson

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 [@unjeffersonband](https://www.facebook.com/unjeffersonband)

U.N. Jefferson is a 9 piece band that combines a Soul inspired sound with an engaging live show. Blending traditional and modern elements, the band draws from everything Soul music has to offer, from Motown and Funk to aspects of Jazz and Gospel.

The diverse musical backgrounds within the band, which includes Juno award winners, contribute to their dynamic sound and the intensity of their live performance. The songs are uplifting and the show is designed to have audiences leave with a sense of positivity.

The band brings people together with a highly energetic and entertaining musical experience.



PRICES

Please contact U.N. Jefferson for details.



CONTACT

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Musicians

JAZZ/CLASSICAL/OPERA PERFORMANCE

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Anna Wojcik

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Anna Wojcik is a young Polish-Canadian soprano who has already performed for audiences across Canada, the US, Poland, and Germany. She is hailed as “one to watch” (Opera ramblings, 2019).

Anna has won countless competitions including the 69th ACPC Marcella Kochańska-Sembrich Vocal Competition and the Oakville Chamber Orchestra Concerto Competition. Anna has performed multiple opera roles including Annina in Verdi’s *La traviata* (SOLT) and Sister Osmina in Puccini’s *Suor Angelica* (GGS). As the co-founder of Nóżki Opera, Anna played The Queen of the Night in Mozart’s *Magic Flute*, Madame Herz in Mozart’s *Impresario*, Susanna in Mozart’s *Marriage of Figaro* and Anne Frank in Livingston’s *Singing Only Softly*.



Anna is a graduate of The Royal Conservatory of Music’s Glenn Gould School. As a first-generation Canadian, Anna’s passion is discovering the little-known repertoire of Polish composers.

Anna is available to sing at special celebrations and corporate events.

PRICES

Please contact Anna to discuss details and pricing.

CONTACT

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Musicians

JAZZ PERFORMANCE

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Cat Bernardi

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Cat Bernardi has been entertaining audiences all over Ontario and beyond for almost two decades. She is a jazz vocalist, composer, band leader and arranger who sings in English, Italian, French and Spanish.

Cat performs for festivals, corporate events, private concerts, weddings and other special events – for which she caters her repertoire choices and performance-style for the individual needs of each event and or/client. She is available to perform as a solo artist, in a duo, trio, quartet or quintet. Cat's original music has been featured on Jazz FM 91.1, PopCan Radio, and Canadian Beats.



PRICES

- Solo: \$300-\$600+HST
- Duo: \$450-\$750+HST
- Trio: \$650-\$1000+HST
- Full Band (4-6 piece): \$1500-\$3000+HST



CONTACT

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Musicians

JAZZ PERFORMANCE

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Ivetta Melkumyan

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Ivetta Melkumyan is a classically trained pianist turned jazz singer and pianist, blending technical mastery with deep emotional expression and a captivating stage presence.

She is a versatile musician, performing a wide range of styles from classical piano music of Chopin and Ennio Morricone to pop and smooth jazz.



In addition to all this, she brings a rich and diverse repertoire, performing European classics and Brazilian Bossa Nova with authenticity, warmth, and artistic flair.

Ivetta is also a creative arranger and inspired composer whose sensual, expressive voice and refined, poetic piano artistry create a deeply intimate and elegant atmosphere.

Whether performing as a singer-pianist in a cozy, candlelit setting, offering graceful background music, or shining as the radiant focal point of the evening, she enchants audiences with her artistry and sensitivity.

PRICES

Range from \$200-\$1,000

Price range depends on commute time, set up and actual performance.

Please contact for more information



CONTACT

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Musicians

JAZZ PERFORMANCE

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Jay Boehmer Trio

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The Jay Boehmer Trio performs a unique blend of popular jazz standards and big band favourites in the style of the Oscar Peterson Trio. You will hear well-known tunes by Duke Ellington, Henry Mancini and George Gershwin.

Jay's group is the perfect complement for your reception, party or corporate event and always provides the right ambiance with their combination of piano, bass, and drums.



Drummer Jay Boehmer (BEE-mer) and his group have performed at many weddings, parties and corporate functions in the Greater Toronto Area including performances at The Old Mill Inn, the Royal Ontario Museum and the Imperial Room at the Royal York Hotel.

PRICES

Starting at \$1,200.

Vocals, guitar or saxophone can be added to the trio.



CONTACT

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Musicians

JAZZ PERFORMANCE

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The Jazz Rangers

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Whether playing our styling of soul, pop, blues, contemporary hits or the Great American (and Canadian) Songbook, you will enjoy the music.

The Jazz Rangers are a group of fun loving jazz musicians offering a wide range of jazz standards, bebop and contemporary musical interpretations. We love to play with a variety of backing vocalists or just for the fun of playing to an audience.



PRICES

Range from \$100-\$1,000

We tailor our pricing on your requirements of the size of group (trio, quartet, quintet, etc.) that you require, length of the performance and equipment that we need to supply. We are very flexible to suit all reasonable requirements of our clients.

CONTACT

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Musicians

FOLK PERFORMANCE

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Wilson & The Cast Aways

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Two-time Mississauga Music Award nominees Wilson & The Cast Aways are an indie-folk trio, playing original and cover songs with unique arrangements and acoustic instruments. Family friendly, story songs, great for an intimate gathering of focused listening, or background entertainment.

They are constantly performing live music in a variety of venues and unique/private settings. Examples include Wintersong Music Festival, Battaglia's Charity BBQ for Sick Kids, Furlani Grilled Cheese Challenge, PAMA Thursdays: Retro Rewind, Mississauga Music Week and more.

PRICES*

A standard Private or 'House' Concert entailing a one-hour performance from band + provision & setup of A/V equipment (PA suitable for small gathering of up to 75 people) costs \$300 - 450.

All costs open to negotiation based upon scale of event & any perks to the band involved (i.e. food, lodging, opportunity to sell merch, video/photography of performance, etc).

Wilson & The Cast Aways are a versatile group of musicians interested in helping YOU make the most of your event.

CONTACT

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Can also be contacted through website form at wilsonandthecastaways.com



Musicians

COUNTRY PERFORMANCE

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Bree Taylor

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Singer-songwriter and chart topping country singer Bree Taylor is a force to be reckoned with on and off stage. Combining the sounds of pop and country with a rock and roll edge, Bree Taylor brings raw and emotional honesty to her lyrics and is excited for the opportunity to bring her upbeat, dynamic and powerful performance to your stage. She has been performing professionally since 2016 and performs acoustically, in an acoustic duo, or as a full band depending on your performance needs.



PRICES*

Rough estimate:

- Duo: \$400-\$600
- Trio: \$600-\$800
- Full Band (4-5 piece): \$1,400-\$2,500+

** All prices include Bree Taylor (the performer), but costs vary depending on accompaniment and length of performance. If sound/PA and/or lighting are required to be provided by the performer it would be available at an additional cost. Travelling expenses required if outside Ontario.*



CONTACT

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Musicians

MULTI-INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE

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Chamil Janith (Philoso7her)

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Chamil Janith is a Mississauga-based multi-instrumentalist, producer, and creative director performing as **Philoso7her**. His work blends melody, world percussion, and live looping to create immersive, cinematic soundscapes across live performance, public programming, and wellness-focused settings.

Rooted in a cross-cultural practice spanning Canada and Sri Lanka, Chamil performs on handpan, flutes, guitar, keyboards, and voice, building layered compositions in real time that range from groove-driven and expressive to atmospheric and reflective.

He operates through two artistic projects:

Philoso7her, focused on live looping performances, original compositions, and music direction; and

Sonic Pills, a handpan-based project creating sound experiences that support relaxation, mindfulness, and emotional balance.

Chamil delivers dynamic musical programming ranging from high-energy cultural drum fusions and festival live-looping to immersive wellness soundscapes and educational workshops.



PRICES

Please contact Chamil for a custom quote based on your specific event needs, duration, and location.

CONTACT

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MULTI-INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE

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Rajini Karunarathne

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Rajini Karunarathne is a fusion music performer and multi-instrumentalist, specializing in violin, saxophone, piano, and voice. Her primary artistic focus is live performance bringing expressive, culturally blended music to concerts, community gatherings, weddings, and cultural festivals.

Rajini's performance style blends classical, fusion, and world-music influences, and she regularly creates immersive musical experiences that connect and uplift diverse audiences. Alongside performance, Rajini works as a music educator and therapist, but her strongest passion lies in stage performance and creative musical expression.



PRICES

Solo Performance: \$300–\$400 per 30 minutes

Hourly Rate: \$500–\$600 per hour



Rates dependent on event type, repertoire, and technical requirements. These rates align with standard professional musician fees in the GTA.

CONTACT

Contact Rajini at rajimanarangana@gmail.com

Musicians

FLUTE LISTEN & LEARN

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Deep Ganguly

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Deep Ganguly is a Bansuri bamboo flute musician, writer, speaker, and teacher of the Indian Classical music genre. Deep is known for his niche series, Bird Flutes and World of Flutes, which explore the multitude of flute sounds from all over the world. Deep offers a unique display and demonstration of a collection of these flutes, including: Chinese, Indian, Inca Death whistles, Bird Flutes and more!



PRICES*

A 45–60 minute show of fun and exploration: \$500.

Deep is also available for flute performances, please contact him for a quote.

**Selected flute collection display is subject to space available, distance travelled, etc. Contact Deep for more information.*

CONTACT

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Musicians

SOUND BOWL SESSIONS



Jennifer Cortez

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Jennifer Cortez, also known as, “The Prof” is a Canadian/ Ecuadorian singer and songwriter. Jennifer’s style of music is heavily influenced by the eclectic sounds of Latin and Caribbean rhythms and released her first physical, 12-track album “Through the Rain” in 2010, gaining traction and radio play from local radio stations including Flow 93.5. In 2018, she was chosen as a top ten live performer for the “Best of Open Mic Live” series at the Living Arts Centre. Her reggaeton single, “About That” was a selected semi-finalist in the Latin Music category for the International Songwriting Competition in 2020.



Jennifer is also a professor at Humber College and a Sound Healing Practitioner.

Jennifer can offer singing performances and sound healing therapy (using crystal sound bowls) as part of a relaxing, restful group activity.



PRICES

Please contact Jennifer for a quote.

CONTACT

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Poetry & Writing

POETRY PERFORMANCE & WORKSHOPS



Anna Yin

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Anna Yin was Mississauga's Inaugural Poet Laureate from 2015-17 and has authored five poetry collections and one collection of translations: *Mirrors and Windows* (Guernica Editions 2021). Anna won the 2005 Ted Plantos Memorial Award, two MARTY Awards, two scholarships from the USA and grants from Ontario Arts Council and Canadian Arts Council.



Her poems/translations have appeared in Queen's Quarterly, ARC Poetry, New York Times, China Daily, CBC Radio, Literary Review of Canada and more. She has performed at Parliament Hill, 2015 Austin International Poetry Festival, and more.

Anna has designed her Poetry Alive workshops, and has been teaching them at schools, colleges and libraires since 2011. Her services include public speaking, poetry reading, workshops and editing/translating/publishing etc. All services can be provided in English or Chinese or both.

PRICES

- **Poetry Alive Workshops**
90 minutes: \$250 | Half day: \$500
- **Haiku for Health and Harmony with Nature**
90 minutes: \$250 | Half day: \$500
- **Public Speaker or Guest for special events**
20-40 minutes: \$400

Special rates are available for schools/non-profit organizations.



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Poetry & Writing

POETRY PERFORMANCE & VISUAL ARTS



Caterina Sauro

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Caterina Sauro is a multi-faceted artist and self-published author based in Mississauga, ON, with a mission to create homes for human connection through visual art and creative writing, both in person and virtually.

She offers custom artwork, book cover designs, poetry performances, live painting and paint party hosting.

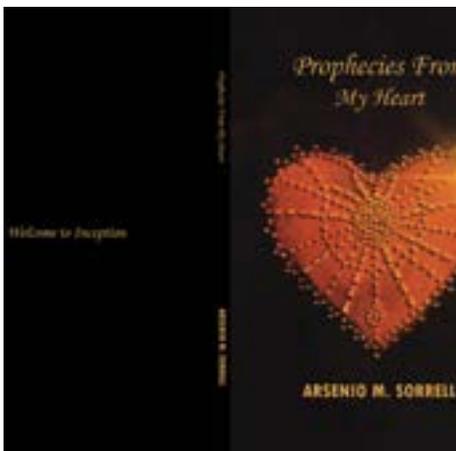


PRICES

Can range anywhere between \$100-\$1900. Pricing is completely dependent on the service requested. Please reach out with your request to confirm pricing at that time.

CONTACT

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Poetry & Writing

POETRY PERFORMANCE & WORKSHOPS



Qurat Dar

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 @QuratD

Qurat Dar (she/they) was the City of Mississauga's third Youth Poet Laureate (2021-2023) and the 2020 Canadian Individual Poetry Slam National Champion.

Qurat has done over 40 feature performances of her poetry on stages across Canada since 2018, performing at venues such as the Buddies in Bad Times Theatre, The Rose Theatre, The River Run Centre, Ted Rogers Hot Docs Cinema, and Celebration Square. She's led writing and performance workshops, emceed for crowds big and small, and had work exhibited in the Art Gallery of Mississauga, the Bradley Museum, the Small Arms Inspection Building, and in virtual reality.

Services provided: spoken word poetry performances, writing workshops, emceeing, commissioned poems

PRICES

\$350-\$600.

Qurat asks CARFAC fees for any kind of performance, presentation, or facilitation, which is a \$335 flat rate per half day (less than 4 hours) or a \$591 flat rate for full day (over 4 hours).

For commissions, please get in touch for a quote.

CONTACT

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Poetry & Writing

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS



Susan Ksiezopolski (WriteWell)

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Susan Ksiezopolski is an award-winning writer of two poetry books *My Words, Writing for Change*, and two writing aides *The Writer's Workbook* and *Fuel Your Creativity*. Her poetry has also been featured in various anthologies, the Canadian Immigrant Magazine, Alt-Minds Magazine and FreeLit Magazine as well as on various other online platforms.

A graduate of Humber School for Writers, Susan, under the name WriteWell, has developed and delivers expressive writing workshops across the GTA. WriteWell offers a range of creative workshops. A variety of arts based activities are incorporated, aimed at promoting wellbeing through the power of writing. Workshops support development of communication skills for self-expression and personal growth.



PRICES*

WriteWell Creative Workshops

- \$250 for one hour session
- \$750 for half-day program
- \$1,500 for full day program

**Customizable based on organizational needs*

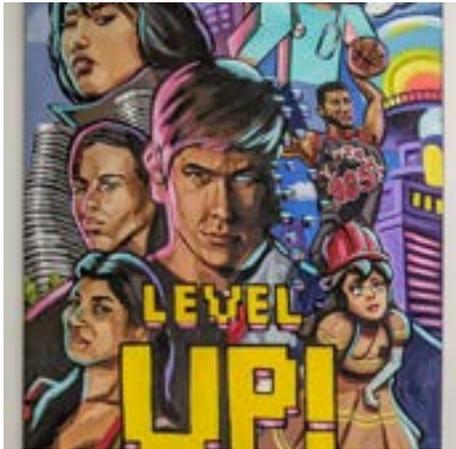
CONTACT

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Visual Arts

MURALISTS



Murals with MAC

www.mississaugaartscouncil.com/programs/murals-with-mac

ABOUT

Easy, full service Murals with MAC is a public/private beautification program putting local professional artists to work transforming plain office walls into art sites with inspirational and colourful works that animate spaces into engaging places, connecting them to the company, employees and customers, with creative representations that celebrate the best of their corporate community and culture.

Art in the workplace reduces stress, boosts productivity and enriches creativity. Major surveys on benefits of art in the workplace found:

- 94% thought art enhances the work environment
- 84% thought it shows interest in improving quality of life in the workplace
- 78% of respondents thought art reduces stress in the workplace

PRICES

Cost is determined by square feet, \$21 per square foot for a medium ranged artist and may go up to \$40 or more for a top artist. Murals with MAC will work with clients to determine the best solution to meet the needs of their special project.

CONTACT

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Visual Arts

ARTS WORKSHOPS



Karen Colangelo

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Karen's philosophy and vision is to provide fun, inspired creative activities for all ages to explore their creative side and reveal their hidden artist or talent. She offers an opportunity for self-expression in sketching, drawing, painting, and workshops that require no previous artistic experience. She encourages each individual to paint and draw what inspires them and become their own artist.



Services include:

- Painting & Drawing Lessons
- Acrylic Pour Workshops
- Guided Painting Workshops and Paint Nights
- Art Therapy Workshops
- Art Activities in painting, drawing and painted clay

PRICES

Ranges from \$100-\$550 depending on particular workshop.



Prices include all the materials provided for the particular lesson or workshop. Materials as follows per person:

Canvas, brushes, paint, apron, rinsing water container, tabletop easel, plate palette, pencil, rag for wiping off brushes.

Also included is the guidance and instruction to complete the desired composition.

CONTACT

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Visual Arts

ARTS WORKSHOPS



Karlene Bland

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Karlene Bland is an artist who balances between creating her own artwork, art services including murals, commissions (houses, pets, people, landscapes, etc), painting at weddings, corporate parties and sharing the joy of creating artwork with others through paint parties, therapeutic art classes in person or zoom and team building through fun, collaborative art creation.

She is the Art Instructor for Options Mississauga as well as for the Oakville Community Outreach Art Program at Oakville Art Society kindly funded by the Oakville Art Council. Karlene facilitates art sessions for differently abled students, seniors in retirement homes, individuals with dementia, newcomers group, brain injury services, children and at risk youth, etc.

She would love to work with you to spread some artful joy in your group.

PRICES

Generally \$20-\$45 per person for a 2-3 hours session or a group rate depending on number of participants, with/without art supplies, length of time, venue.

CONTACT

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Visual Arts

ARTS WORKSHOPS/FACE PAINTING



Nisreen Askar

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Nisreen Askar is a multidisciplinary artist living in the city of Mississauga. She has received numerous accolades and awards. Nisreen studied Fine Arts at Sheridan College and graduated with Honours and has a Visual Art Diploma from the ICS Canada. She is an active member of Mississauga Arts Council, Art Gallery of Mississauga, and Visual Arts Mississauga, and has participated in many art group and solo exhibitions. Nisreen teaches visual arts and craft in many different styles, techniques, and media. She offers live painting events and face painting.



PRICES

Cost varies depending on number of participants, travel distance to event, and the type/length of service provided.

On average, a face painting or craft session costs \$75-\$125/hour.

Please contact Nisreen to discuss fees and costs for her services.



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Visual Arts

ARTS WORKSHOPS



Queti Azurin

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Queti Azurin is a visual artist, maker and art and craft instructor. She offers painting and craft workshops to corporations for team building activities. Creative workshops are a great stress reliever and great for employee bonding time that fosters connection and synergy among team members. Participants come out of workshops encouraged and inspired by the process.



PRICES

Contact Queti directly for pricing.

CONTACT

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Visual Arts

ARTS WORKSHOPS – TEXTILES



Sandra Clarke

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Zero-waste artist and educator Sandra Clarke creates and teaches contemporary art and craftwork with traditional, reclaimed materials resulting in function and beauty. Sandra is a Craftivist. Craft + Activism = Craftivism, a gentle form of voicing one's advocacy of important social and environmental issues. The power of optimism and meaningful causes are manifested in her artwork and creative workshops.



PRICES

Lunch Hour Visible Mending Workshops

- \$30 per person, all materials included
- Minimum 5 participants

Visible mending is a hand sewing technique using stitches, embroidery, and weaving to repair or embellish fabric, clothing, or textiles where the mend is visible. It is a beautiful way to say that you care about extending the life of your clothing and textiles. Participants can bring their own clothing or use the provided fabrics, needles, threads, and embroidery floss to create a patch that can be used to repair clothing.

Contemporary Improv Quilt Team Building Workshop

- No experience necessary
- 3 hour session at your facility, all materials included, \$900 total

Participants learn basic hand sewing techniques to piece together a quilt block (6 to 12 inch fabric square). Hand sewing provides participants with a relaxing activity while learning a practical skill.

Once the improv quilted blocks are complete, Sandra will sew them together, add the backing, quilt the top, add a border, and return the finished quilt to you. This team building project looks great hanging in your reception, board room, or common area.

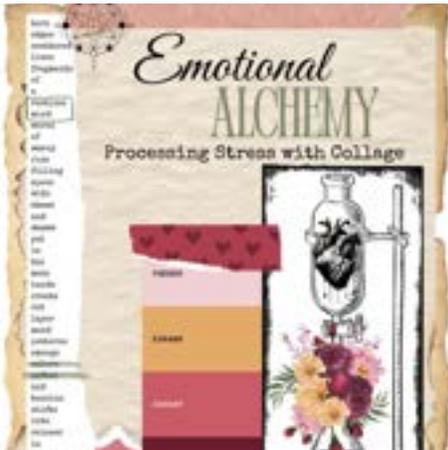


CONTACT

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Visual Arts

WELLNESS/COLLAGES WORKSHOPS



Second ACT Reset Inc

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Lina Arango, certified Holistic Wellness and Life Coach and founder of Second ACT Reset, helps women in midlife reflect, realign, and reset through creative, soul-led coaching and workshops. Her sessions blend collage, journaling, and mindset tools—no art experience needed, just a willingness to explore.

Having worked in both corporate and non-profit sectors, Lina is a multi-passionate woman who has reinvented herself multiple times to align with her true calling. She's done the deep mindset work to ensure fear doesn't keep her small—and now she helps others do the same.

PRICES & SERVICES

- **Range from \$100-\$1000**
- **Individual Reset (Single Coaching Session)**
Sometimes a single session is all it takes to gain clarity, overcome a challenge, or take your next step. Get personalized guidance and actionable support to reset and move forward with confidence.
- **The Reset Jumpstart (4 One-hour weekly coaching sessions)**
This one-month program is designed to jumpstart your transformation with personalized, focused support.
- **2nd ACT Reset (90 Day Transformation-6 bi-weekly one-hour coaching sessions)**
This three-month program provides the clarity, structure, and support you need to align your life with your true self.
- **Creative Reset Workshops**
Hands-on, mixed media sessions designed to foster self-expression, connection, and well-being. Accessible to all ages and experience levels, these workshops help participants move past fear of creativity and tap into the mental health benefits of creative play.

CONTACT

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Visual Arts

PAINTING COMISSIONS



Melina Cossío Fine Arts

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Rooted in the landscapes of Mexico and shaped by artistic exploration across Latin America and Northern Europe, I bring a richly multicultural perspective to contemporary art. Although trained in stained glass and environmental art, my practice now centers on oil painting, where I explore the atmospheres of the present, the past, and the futures we imagine. My work invites viewers behind the steering wheel, immersed in shifting memories, emotions, and inner journeys.



Alongside my oil paintings, I offer professional custom art services: heirloom-quality oil portraits created from your photographs, capturing personality, movement, and emotional depth and custom indoor and outdoor murals that elevate homes, businesses, and community spaces with bold color, ambiance, and meaning.

PRICES

\$300-\$6,000

Melina offers the following painting services:

- Original Oil Paintings
- Oil Portraits (Comissions)
- Custom Murals

Please contact the artist for more details.

CONTACT

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Visual Arts

ILLUSTRATION/CARTOONS



Pam Rose

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Pam Rose is a long-time cartoonist and 1987 alum of Sheridan College's animation program. Most recently, Pam has been known for her artbooks, 'Pamtoons', which are collections of personal sketches created during the pandemic.

Pam is able to offer quick live cartoon sketches at events, cartoon drawing instruction to kids/adults, and is a regular market vendor here in Mississauga where she sells her illustrations as both prints and originals.

PRICES

Please contact Pam for a quote.

CONTACT

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Visual Arts

CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY



Candace Cosentino Photography

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Candace Cosentino is a freelance photographer and visual artist specializing in commercial photography, creative photography campaigns, portraits and dynamic product photography.

By blending elements of surrealism and feminist pop-culture, her photography and artwork is not only aesthetically pleasing, but conceptual, current and informed. By creating with an aesthetic that is unique to her, this helps uplift her client-base with diverse and informed visuals; a great photograph is one that captures emotion and tells an authentic story.

In addition to her commercial photography and artistic practice, she is deeply community driven. Behind the scenes, she is currently in the works of developing Cos Studios; a safe and encouraging space for the LGBTQ+ community and local creatives to connect, collaborate and grow together.

PRICES

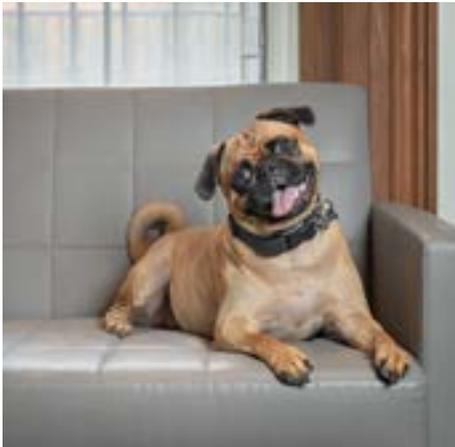
Custom quotes are provided for each project to tailor the perfect approach for clients' individual needs. Rates begin at \$500 +HST.

CONTACT

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Visual Arts

IN-OFFICE PET PHOTOGRAPHY



dog@work

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dog@work is *the* event for your pet-friendly workplace! Engage your employees during internal implementation days or client events by having their dogs and cats photographed onsite. Employees will thank you for photos of their best friend, and you will have drool-worthy imagery for internal communications and marketing materials.

dog@work is run by animal and pet photographer Karen Weiler.

PRICES

All events are quoted individually based on client requirements.

CONTACT

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For examples, see the website:

karenweilerphotography.com/dog-at-work-toronto-photographer-2/



Visual Arts

HEADSHOT PHOTOGRAPHY



Vanessa Burns Photography

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Vanessa Burns has spent many years in front of the camera as a Television and Film actor and has a real understanding of what goes into creating a headshot that will get you noticed for all the right reasons!

As we know - headshots are no longer just for actors! Everyone needs a professional headshot for their social media accounts and business needs. Using a selfie on LinkedIn or your company website is simply not acceptable if you want to be taken seriously. Vanessa has learned her lighting techniques from one of the world's top headshot photographers and this allows her to create the high-end image you will want for your profile.



Vanessa Burns offers on site services so that you can offer headshots at your next company event. This is a great way to get a consistent look for your business in the digital world!

PRICES

On-site fees vary depending on location/venue, and number of individuals.

Please contact for a quote.



CONTACT

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Visual Arts

MEDIA AND PRODUCTION



Deepa Mahanti

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Deepa Mahanti is a writer-director known for her short films and documentaries. She is the author of “Pourquoi Myiesha” (2017) and the founder of Myiesha Inc, a non-profit supporting social change. Deepa’s initiatives include Let’s SNUG Together (fundraiser for a shelter) and She’s ME and I Am Her, a platform for social entrepreneurs to share their stories. Her films, such as “Isaac” (2019) and “Saanvi” (2025), address community issues and social change.

Deepa was a panelist at TIFF 2022, advocating for women filmmakers in Canada. As a philanthropist, she champions Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, exemplified through her Sol Stories art project, which raises awareness on mental health and social justice. Deepa’s work fosters dialogue and empowerment within diverse communities.

PRICES

Prices range from \$100–\$1,000 for:

- Commercials
- Short stories
- Films
- Reels

CONTACT

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Movement

DANCE



Blueheel Dance Studio

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Everyone needs a happy place—and at Blueheel, it's not just about learning dance steps. It's about rediscovering yourself, connecting with others, and finding joy in movement. Located in beautiful Port Credit, Blueheel Dance Studio is an award winning studio that provides social Latin and Ballroom dance lessons in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. It is a vibrant, welcoming and inclusive place where people come to learn to dance and stay to discover so much more.

From a sultry Tango to the irresistible rhythms of West Coast Swing, Salsa, Waltz, Foxtrot, Cha Cha, Bachata and more. Learn to dance with experienced instructors who want to share their passion for dance with you. Meet like-minded individuals at our events and socials where you'll feel like you belong.

Because we use dance to empower people, create moments of joy and build up a sense of self - mentally, physically and emotionally. At Blueheel, our passion is dance but our greatest pleasure is being able to make a difference in someone else's life. Our dance persuasion is driven by the honest desire to share this joy with you. And with our award-winning studio and five-star Google reviews, you can trust you're in good hands.

Take your first step today and call for a free introductory lesson.

PRICES

Private Lessons: \$125

Group Lessons: \$30

Wedding Dance & Choreography: Packages available

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Movement

DANCE/THEATRE



Frog in Hand

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Frog in Hand is Mississauga's only site-specific dance-theatre company. For over 10 years they have been crafting unusual performances in exciting locations, frequently outside of a traditional dance studio or theatre. Their mandate is to create, perform and teach dance works that tell a story, and they have built a vibrant and diverse community of professional artists with distinctive backgrounds.



For your next corporate or team-building gig, Frog in Hand will offer a totally unique experience, tailor-made to suit your needs. Their offerings include welcoming workshops in acting (scene study, improvisation, introduction to acting), team building dance workshops (partnering exercises, fun choreography to suit beginners), and even exclusive VIP performances (watch one of their works and meet the artists for a post-show Q&A, or a pre-show chat with the creative team).

Depending on their performance schedule, shows and offerings may vary. Frog in Hand are experienced arts educators who are ready to meet you where you are at and create a custom experience your team will be talking about for years to come!



PRICES

\$25-\$50 per participant, per workshop (negotiable, please contact Frog in Hand).

CONTACT

Email Frog in Hand at froginhand@gmail.com.

General Arts

PROFESSIONAL COACHING FOR CREATIVES



Chris Mitchell

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Chris Mitchell (BFA, PCC, CPCC) is a professional coach dedicated to supporting artists and creatives at pivotal moments in their lives and careers. She works with creatives seeking clarity, confidence, and momentum to take their practice, career, or business to the next level or in a new direction. Through a collaborative, results-oriented approach, Chris offers customized individual coaching, group programs, and workshops that cultivate clarity, confidence, creativity, and sustainable growth.

Are you ready to take your creative practice or business to the next level or a new direction?

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Chris has worked with: Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television, Arts Etobicoke, Artscape Daniels Launchpad, Black Artists Network in Dialogue, Craft Council of British Columbia, Craft Ontario, DesignTO, Mississauga Potters Guild, Robert McLaughlin Gallery, The Steps Initiative, Toronto Symphony Youth Orchestra, Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, Woodstock Gallery, Workman Arts, York Region Arts Council.

PRICES

Individual Coaching from \$995/6 sessions

Group Coaching from \$175 per person/4 sessions

Free newsletter - Ways To Be A Creative on Substack

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