

Mississauga Arts Council

Capacity Building!

Impact Report
2025

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Mississauga Arts Council





About the Mississauga Arts Council

The Mississauga Arts Council (MAC) is a registered charity dedicated to fostering the growth of the arts sector by cultivating creative opportunities and connections between artists and residents of Mississauga and beyond.

MAC is dedicated to providing service-based programming to artists, funding artist-led programs, and growing awareness of the arts to build a vibrant and thriving creative community.

Land Acknowledgement

The Mississauga Arts Council acknowledges that the land on which we gather is part of the Treaty and Traditional Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, The Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Huron-Wendat and Wyandot Nations.



Our Vision

Mississauga is home to a thriving arts economy.

Our Values

MAC believes in the value of creative collaboration, the facilitation of partnerships, the encouragement of healthy competition between artists, and the strengthening of creative communities.

Our Mission

Empower the arts economy by:

- Creating opportunities and capacity
- Connecting artists to audiences and each other
- Celebrating artists' achievements

Our Strategy

To provide arts-based programming to communities across our city by supporting artist-led enterprises and programs, and to provide valuable communications and marketing services to individual creatives and groups, to advocate for the development of our city's arts economy.

Capacity Building!

Hello!

MAC's Multimedia Designer, Sabrina Cunha, has done a marvelous job in the following pages of laying out the facts and figures behind our successful 2025.

Looking back, we have to give thanks for the remarkable support we enjoyed from both the City of Mississauga, who substantially increased their Operating Grant to MAC, and from the Ontario Trillium Foundation who awarded MAC with a 3-year Grow Grant to employ two talented creative professionals to elevate the newly revamped SaugaArtsHUB.com, working to bring more local artists into the sightlines of residents with fresh promotional content and deeper community connections.

Under the media shade of Toronto, our Communications and Creative team were constantly busy, growing the attention paid to local artists and their works. We continued to build on MAC's sturdy communications foundation capturing well over 3 million impressions last year.

Our capacity to help artists' careers grow despite the economic uncertainties and the retreat of traditional sponsors has been both encouraging and a proactive confidence boost for staff, board and our talented ecosystem.

Adding strength to our capacity building foundation, MAC's diverse, experienced and innovative Board of Directors continued to provide bedrock support for The MARTYS, the MACsquerade Ball fundraiser and various member events in between.

When MAC spoke at public events last year, we could remind attendees of the healing power of the arts evident in the Seniors Arts and Music Series, serving long term care homes in Mississauga. Proving with every concert and art making workshop, that joy is medicine, and creative experiences are the most promising means of improving mental health.

After looking back on this year of capacity building, it prompts us to think that we're just getting started. Thank you friends of the arts for motivating our terrific teams to do better and grow more, as we look ahead to another year of service with the Mississauga Arts Council.

Sincerely,

Mike Douglas, Executive Director

Ron Duquette, President of the Board



2025 Impact



565

artists paid



98,000

total audience members



\$150,000

artist fees paid

Communications Capacity

- Ontario Trillium Foundation awarded MAC \$557,500 in multi-year capacity-building funding for the Sauga Arts HUB. This investment allowed MAC to hire two new staff members dedicated to content creation and outreach/production, supporting the objectives of MAC's Communications Growth Plan.
- MAC achieved substantial growth in our digital exposure:
 - 3.6 million digital impressions
 - 2 million total reach
 - 1.7 million video views across platforms
 - 197,000 total website visitors and 288,000 page views
 - 213% increase in Instagram post impressions
 - 354% increase in Instagram page and profile impressions

Giving Artists Capacity to Work

- 768 application submissions received across programs of all disciplines
- Engaged over 98,000 audience members through live and virtual event attendance at MAC-led or MAC-funded events
- \$150,000 paid in artist fees to 565 artists
- 183 artists provided 80 performances and activities to 2281 residents of long-term care homes through the Seniors Arts & Music Series (SAMS)
- Funded 35 artist-led projects with \$95,500 in MicroGrants, supporting 150+ local creatives
- Our biggest Mississauga Arts Awards event to date
 - 68 finalists, 21 award winners, 130 nominations, 27 jurors
 - 500 audience members

Creating Opportunities for Artists

MAC believes artists deserve fair compensation and access to resources that support their professional growth. Through project investments and paid opportunities, we help creatives take risks, produce new work, and build careers in the arts right here in Mississauga.

Create Programs & Activities

Artist Calls

Spring 2025 MicroGrants
 Call for Vocalists — Next Gen: Singing Contest
 Call for Submissions — Beauty of Bees Exhibition
 Call for Performers — Amphitheatre Unplugged
 Call for Vendors — Cranberry Christmas Market
 Fall 2025 MicroGrants

MAC Programs

Next Gen: Singing Contest
 Beauty of Bees Exhibition
 Amphitheatre Unplugged — Angelo Brown
 Amphitheatre Unplugged — Cat Bernardi
 Amphitheatre Unplugged —
 Matthew “Testament” Jones
 Amphitheatre Unplugged — Matt Zaddy
 Cranberry Christmas Market

Murals with MAC Reveal Events

Jinke Wang for Walmart Port Credit
 Kaitlyn Wilcox for Express Scripts —
 Douglas Kennedy Park
 Khaula Siddique for SHORA —
 David Ramsey Outdoor Pool
 Jeannette Ladd — Shawnmarr Park
 Nyle Miigizi Johnston for Region of Peel —
 Lakeshore Mural Project

MicroGrant Projects

Glimpse Into the Heart of a Songwriter —
 Rob Aguiar
 Film Premiere: Kanakiyost — Cathleen MacDonald
 Charismatic Chiaroscuro Book Launch —
 Meena Chopra
 Glimpse Into the Heart of a Songwriter —
 Rob Aguiar
 Chai & Samosa Open Mic — Saad Tauseef
 Strings Attached Community Arts Event —
 Dechen Yee
 JazzYat — Gaby Al Botros
 Sauga En Plein Air Event — Leo Dias
 Senior Artistry Day — NeoVoce Philharmonic Choir
 Becoming EP — Lincoln Blaché
 Comical Depression — Asha Ponnachan
 Shards of Verse — Pratap Reddy
 Let’s Inspire Female Talent (LIFT) — Raquel’s Riot
 Shawish Indigenous Art Journey —
 Amanda Bernard
 The Kick Back — Michael Ventola
 Until We Meet Again (Music Video) —
 Stephanie Braganza
 Toronto All Star Showcase — Donovan Locke
 Poetry & Music Project — Anna Yin
 Most of My Days (Music Video) — Tennyson King

Creating Opportunities for Emerging Performers



600

total audience members

Amphitheatre Unplugged

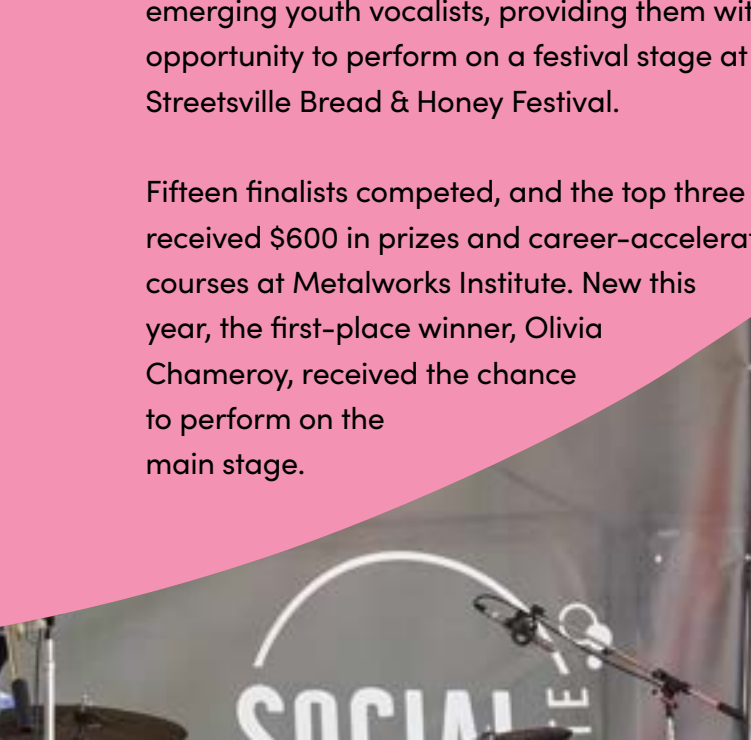
In partnership with City of Mississauga's Celebration Square, Amphitheatre Unplugged serves as a valuable performance opportunity for emerging local talent. For many performing artists, this open-mic series provides their very first opportunity to perform for a significant audience.

In 2025, the program featured 32 local performers in front of 600 residents over four events in August. Four mid-career and established performers hosted each event, building their capacity as event facilitators and mentors.

Next Gen: Singing Contest

The Next Gen: Singing Contest serves as a bridge for emerging youth vocalists, providing them with an opportunity to perform on a festival stage at the Streetsville Bread & Honey Festival.

Fifteen finalists competed, and the top three winners received \$600 in prizes and career-accelerating courses at Metalworks Institute. New this year, the first-place winner, Olivia Chameroy, received the chance to perform on the main stage.



Career Building

Sauga's Song of the Year Contest

The Sauga's Song of the Year Contest is a career-accelerating opportunity for Mississauga singer-songwriters. By inviting musicians to submit demos for a chance to win a recording and mixing session at the legendary Metalworks Studios, MAC provides the resources and support necessary to bridge the gap between an initial song and a commercial release.



11,500

streams across platforms

"Releasing my debut song through this contest feels so special – like a full-circle moment."

– Joelle Rose, Sauga's Song of the Year Winner

IMPACT STORY

Birdhouse by Joelle Rose

Joelle Rose, a Mississauga-based singer-songwriter, won the 2025 Sauga's Song of the Year Contest, and it became a turning point in her journey as a professional musician.

"It felt like the pathway I had been waiting for," said Joelle. "Sometimes it's difficult to figure out how you're going to take a song to the next level, to find a way to record and produce it. This contest helped make getting my song out into the world a reality."

The experience led to performances at community events, a Spotlight Showcase at Folk Canada, and a special performance for Mayor Carolyn Parrish.



Building Community

The Beauty of Bees Exhibition

The annual Beauty of Bees Exhibition empowers local artists to use their work for environmental advocacy, providing a platform to engage artists in meaningful work while building eco-awareness.

These 22 artists transformed the Streetsville Pollinator Garden into a public art gallery, engaging 1,000 visitors to consider their relationship to the pollinators in our community. Alongside an educational talk by Jeanne McRight of Blooming Boulevards, MAC awarded \$1,000 in cash prizes to four winners.



Funding Artist-Led Projects Through MicroGrants

MAC awarded \$95,500 in funding to 35 artist-led projects through two competitive rounds of MicroGrants. This investment provided meaningful work to 336 local creatives, empowering them to act as producers and leaders within their respective disciplines.

In 2025, 23 music projects, 11 visual art projects, nine films, eight literary projects, three dance projects, and two theatre projects were funded, engaging over 175,000 residents.

This program is made possible thanks to our dedicated volunteers through the Charitable Gaming program between RAMA Gaming House, Charitable Gaming, Community Good, and the Mississauga Charitable Gaming Association.



\$95,500 triggered **\$429,156**

in MicroGrant funding

in economic activity

2025 MicroGrant Recipients

Spring 2025

- Amanda Bernard
- Anna Yin
- Asha Ponnachan
- Cynthia Crofoot
- Dechen Yee
- Emmanuel Teji
- Leo Dias
- Lincoln Blaché
- Mehad-Munawar Muhammad
- NeoVoce Philharmonic Choir
- Radhika Baskar
- Raquel Jaworski
- Saad Tauseef
- Stephanie Braganza

Fall 2025

- Alexandra Montealegre
- Anubha Jha
- Chelsea Johnson
- Colleen Snell
- Colleen Taffe
- Dechen Yee
- Demetrius Nath
- Matthew Sabido
- Matthew Zadkovich
- Max Kingsbury
- Michael Ventola
- Mollie Garrett
- Rob Aguiar
- Ruba Zouzou
- Sachin Sharma
- Shazia Javed
- Shallum Xavier
- Thomas Francis
- Tom Barlow
- Zohra Zoberi

MICROGRANT IMPACT



Funding Meaningful Stories: Emmanuel Teji

Filmmaker Emmanuel Teji used his Matchmaker MicroGrant to create *Shelf Life*, a short film that follows a thirty-something musician navigating corporate life while feeling the persistent pull back towards music. The film reflects a tension familiar to many artists between balancing creativity and stability.

Shelf Life was a collaborative production involving 30 artists and premiered to a nearly sold-out audience of 200 at the International Film Festival of South Asia (IFFSA) 2025. The film is currently screening on the festival circuit, and earned Teji the Best Director award at the Mosaic International South Asian Film Festival (MISAFF).

Reflecting on the process, Teji shared: “Given that so much of the protagonist’s journey mirrors my own, I healed on a personal level through undertaking this project.”

Creating Community Landmarks

Murals with MAC

Murals with MAC provides visual artists with high-visibility, paid public art commissions that transform everyday spaces into community landmarks. In 2025, 11 artists were commissioned to complete 12 mural projects across five wards, receiving \$21,760 in artist fees. Mural installations, including utility boxes, walls, and construction hoarding, reached an estimated public viewership of 2 million across Mississauga.

Murals with MAC partnered with Walmart Canada, Express Scripts Canada, Alectra, Gary Betts - RE/MAX, Sheridan Homelands Ratepayers Association, and City of Mississauga to make these projects happen.



\$21,760

paid in artist fees

"I had a very beautiful experience with Murals with MAC. I felt that my ideas and teachings, and everything that I hold as an Indigenous person were honoured and valued."

— Kaitlyn Wilcox, Visual Artist



MURAL IMPACT STORY

Public Art Brings Our Communities Together: Khaula Siddique

What began as a neighbourhood initiative to beautify the David Ramsey Outdoor Pool turned into a lasting public art landmark through Murals with MAC. The mural, titled *Where the Wild Things Swim*, was created by visual artist Khaula Siddique.

“This was a fantastic chance to paint a wall which faces the community here every day,” she shared. “I couldn’t be prouder or happier to see this beautiful art piece now in our community,” said Ward 2 Councillor Alvin Tedjo.

Drawing on memories of summers spent in parks and near water, Khaula used local plant and animal species to reflect the community’s diversity. “Everybody has a role. We’re all interconnected and can work together to build a strong community.”

This mural was supported by the Sheridan Homelands Ratepayers Association (SHORA), Gary Betts (RE/MAX), the City of Mississauga, and MAC. It is now a permanent part of the City of Mississauga’s Public Art Collection.



“I love working with MAC. MAC has always supported me as an artist and we have quite a long history together. MAC is always there to supply support and it's a very nice feeling to be able to bring your problems or your concerns or your ideas to someone who will listen and help make that vision come about.”

— Khaula Siddique, Visual Artist

Connecting Artists to Residents, to Audiences, & To Each Other

MAC believes the arts thrive when they are shared. We connect artists with residents, audiences, and each other to foster a community where everyone can benefit meaningful arts and culture experiences.

Connect Programs & Activities

Sauga Arts HUB

Sauga Arts HUB – The Launch

Seniors Arts & Music Series

January – 2 Concerts and 8 Workshops
 February – 8 Concerts and 3 Workshops
 March – 10 Concerts and 3 Workshops
 April – 1 Workshop
 May – 2 Concerts and 1 Workshop
 August – 1 Workshop
 September – 4 Concerts
 October – 4 Concerts and 2 Workshops
 November – 6 Concerts and 6 Workshops
 December – 10 Concerts and 1 Workshop

Professional Development

The Indie Filmmaker’s Amplifier
 TD Culture Lab – Bio vs. Resume
 TD Culture Lab – Media Relations & Promo
 TD Culture Lab – Intro to Artist Grants
 TD Culture Lab – Branding & Website Basics
 TD Culture Lab – Artist Statements
 TD Culture Lab – Social Media & Design Basics
 TD Culture Lab – Project Budgets for Artists
 TD Culture Lab – Contracts & Invoices

Community Arts Development Program

World Art Day – Visual Arts Mississauga
 West Vocal Jam by Heather Christine –
 Krista Blondin, Mandy Goodhandy,
 Andre Anthony, JSAL, Julia Juhas,
 Denise Leslie, Carla Gonzalez-Casanova
 MARTY Nominee Exhibition – LINK 2025
 at Luxe Convention Centre
 Sauga Rising Stars – Living with Wellness
 Arts Festival
 West End Jazz shows
 Sauga City Celebration Vol 2 –
 Carla Gonzalez-Casanova
 Art in the Park – Visual Arts Mississauga
 Mississauga Music Awards – Mississauga Music
 Taste of Cooksville – Cooksville BIA
 Soundwaves in the City at Westminster Court –
 Norma Nicholson
 Fall into Art – ArtTrendz
 Rivermouth III – Concerts and Workshops with
 Junia T, MDRA, RUNXGUN, and Rich Kidd
 Lakeshore Art Trail
 The Selfish Giant at Maja Prentice – Raúl Pinto
 Holiday Magic – Heart Comonos

Connecting Artists to Audiences

Sauga Arts HUB

Sauga Arts HUB (SAH), MAC's free digital community platform for local artists, saw its most significant growth to date thanks to a three-year \$557,500 Grow Grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The funding allowed MAC to expand its team with two new staff members: Community Outreach and Production Manager, Glodeane Brown and Content Creator & Arts Reporter, Kamila Yusuf, strengthening support for SAH and the artists who rely on it.

In August 2025, SAH: The Launch celebrated this growth with members and special guests, highlighting the platform's role in connecting and uplifting local artists. The SAH platform itself also underwent a major upgrade, including a refreshed brand, redesigned website with AODA compliance, and a new Creative Place Finder to help artists discover local creative spaces.



\$557,000

in record-breaking
funding



209,000

webpage views



171%

increase in social
media impressions



35%

increase in social
media followers



ArtsCare in Action

Seniors Arts & Music Series (SAMS)

In 2025, the Seniors Arts & Music Series completed its first full year thanks to the Ontario Government and Rotary Club of Mississauga. MAC engaged 183 artists with \$29,563 to deliver 80 performances and arts workshops to 2,117 residents and 375 care workers in subsidized long-term care and hospice settings.



\$29,563

paid in artist fees



2,492

long-term care residents and care workers engaged

SAMS IMPACT STORY

Artist Profile: Carla Gonzalez-Casanova

Carla Gonzalez-Casanova, a multidisciplinary artist from Mississauga, brought art and music directly to seniors through SAMS. “I sing for the seniors and do art projects with them. I love it so much,” she said. “Many have never tried art before. To see them go from ‘I can’t do this’ to ‘Oh my gosh, this is beautiful!’ That’s an amazing transformation.”

Nicole Dorey, Coordinator of the Social Connections program at Hospice Mississauga, added: “Most of our clients are in the last few months of their lives. For many of them, it’s the only social thing they’re doing throughout their week.”

The sessions leave lasting impressions. Carla recalled, “At the end of a singing session, a wife approached me with tears in her eyes. Her husband hadn’t been responsive for months, but when I was singing, he started to sing along. She said we had made her month; **that music is magic.**”



Connecting Artists with Resources

TD Culture Lab

In 2025, TD Culture Lab, MAC's professional development program supported by TD Bank Group, returned to basics with Artrepreneur 101, an eight-week summer webinar series teaching foundational arts business skills. MAC staff supported 275 emerging artists with arts business knowledge covering topics like grants, portfolios, and communications. Sessions earned an additional 277 views on YouTube.

The Indie Filmmaker's Amplifier

Supported by TD Bank Group and Ontario Creates, the Indie Filmmaker's Amplifier welcomed 90 emerging filmmakers to the Living Arts Centre to learn about the filmmaking business from industry professionals and peers. Produced by Mississauga filmmaker Cathleen MacDonald, the event focused on "Making a Living Making Films," offering sessions on entertainment law, efficient pitching, and expert roundtables with representatives from OAC, TVO, and more.

"I was impressed with the breadth and depth of the information provided and at such an accessible cost. I am really grateful this exists and that it is available to filmmakers in our community."

— Indie Filmmaker's Amplifier Attendee



Community Partnerships

The Community Arts Development Program (CADP) fuels community-based arts activities with flexible funding that helps artists and arts organizations turn ideas into action. Primarily sponsored by TD Bank Group, CADP supports public events and professional development that increases visibility, builds capacity, and strengthens Mississauga's creative ecosystem.

This year, CADP fostered opportunities for local arts in partnership with organizations including Visual Arts Mississauga, CreativeHub 1352, Hyatt Place Toronto/Mississauga & Luxe Convention Centre, V Serve Canada, as well with individual artists and their community projects.

West Vocal Jam

Founded and produced by Heather Christine, West Vocal Jam offered a welcoming opportunity for jazz vocalists to perform alongside a live band. The 2025 season offered six vibrant events in front of an estimated 400 total audience members, providing paid work for 32 musicians, as well as performance opportunities for 132 local singers.

Lakeshore Art Trail


MAC supported the long-running Lakeshore Art Trail with funding to animate the event through three artist-led workshops, an artist panel discussion, and live musical performances. Presented in partnership with CreativeHub 1352, the support enhanced the experience of this two-day, artist-run collective show and sale for both participating artists and attendees.



Celebrating Artists & Their Impact

MAC believes that recognizing artistic excellence builds confidence, ambition, and civic pride. By celebrating artists and amplifying their stories, MAC develops Mississauga's cultural identity and helps artists feel seen and valued.

We share artists' stories through our communications channels, highlight achievements through performance opportunities, and host awards that honour creativity.



"MAC's MARTY Awards are vital for artists and arts organizations in Mississauga, as they not only validate creative practices, but also strengthen the ecosystems and community spaces that allow art, connection, and belonging to flourish."

— Studio.89, 2025 Community Arts Group of the Year Award Winner

Photos by
Sanborg Productions



"I strongly believe art has the power to connect, heal, and change... I'm truly humbled and more motivated than ever to keep creating."

— Hans Poppe, Winner of the Established Visual Arts - Traditional Forms MARTY



MARTYS IMPACT STORY

The Impact of Recognition: Hans Poppe

"Winning the MARTY Award was a great honour for me, especially with the support of my family and loved ones in attendance. It is an acknowledgment and testament by my fellow artists and change makers that my work matters in a way that connects us at a deeper level," Hans reflected. The award also opened doors for greater visibility.

MAC supported Hans through additional award nominations and connections. His work was displayed at the Hyatt Place Hotel Toronto/Mississauga, and championed for awards like the Credits and the City of Mississauga Civic Award of Recognition. "Winning this award has certainly helped my work be taken a little more seriously. More importantly, it was the backing and support of the Mississauga Arts Council that came after the awards that mattered the most," he notes.

Celebrating Artist's Accomplishments

The Mississauga Arts Awards (The MARTYS)

On June 19, 2025, MAC celebrated three decades of artistic excellence at the Mississauga Arts Awards (The MARTYS). Held at the Mississauga Convention Centre, the sold-out awards show welcomed 500 artists, arts leaders, supporters, and dignitaries to honour the creatives who lift up our city with their work. Hosted by Amin Dhillon, the evening highlighted 68 finalists across 10 categories. The milestone ceremony featured performances by past winners U.N. Jefferson, Wali Shah, and Bree Taylor.

	68		21		500
	finalists		award winners		attendees

Community Award Winners

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Arts Group of the Year Festival of the Year Hazel McCallion Volunteer of the Year Laurie Pallett Patron of the Arts Lifetime Achievement Special Award for Community Theatre Excellence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Studio.89 Carassauga Festival of Cultures Teresa Lau Oxford Properties Group & The Daniels Corporation Don Breithaupt
 Clarkson Music Theatre |
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Established Award Winners

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dance Film/Video Arts Literary Arts Music - Group Music - Instrumental Music - Solo Vocalist Visual Arts - Multimedia Visual Arts - Traditional | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dhruv Naik Virinder Singh Anna Yin Fiddlestix Majd Sukar Karoline Podolak Yen Linh Thai Hans Poppe |
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Emerging Award Winners

- | | |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dance Film/Video Arts Literary Arts Music - Group Music - Solo Vocalist Visual Arts - Multimedia Visual Arts - Traditional | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daija Mason Inaya Sher Ayomide Bayowa Vacant Space JSAL Rainier Naomi Diana Nadia Lawryshyn |
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Celebrating the Arts in Action

The MACsquerade Black Tie & Versailles

On November 20, 2025, MAC's annual gala fundraiser found a new home at the Luxe Convention Centre & Hyatt Place Toronto/Mississauga Centre. The sold-out evening celebrated Mississauga's vibrant arts community while raising \$40,168 for MAC's artist-focused programming.



\$40,168

funds raised for
artist-focused
programming

*Paul Gortana (Bell),
Ian Hoare, Hon. Natalia
Kusendova-Bashta (MPP
Mississauga-Centre),
Ruth Watkiss.
Photo by Gold Media.*

The Arts for Mental Health Award: Memories to Music

The Arts for Mental Health Award, sponsored by Bell Canada, is presented annually at the MACsquerade to honour those championing the transformative power of arts. Co-winners Ian Hoare (Mentor College) and Ruth Watkiss (Alzheimer Society Peel) were recognized for Memories to Music, an initiative that pairs high school music students with persons living with dementia to capture their story and legacy in song.

"To receive the Arts for Mental Health Award is a tremendous validation of music's power to connect and bridge generations," said Ruth Watkiss. Ian Hoare added, "It's truly inspiring to witness students' learning and development through this initiative."

"The Memories to Music program is a shining example of how the arts can transform lives," noted Mike Douglas, MAC Executive Director. "We are honoured to celebrate the lasting impact of Ian and Ruth's remarkable work."

Communications Highlights

Our communications efforts uplift the stories and successes of Mississauga artists.



3,673,408

total social media impressions



2,061,321

social media reach



36,200

fans, followers, and subscribers



7,600

e-newsletter subscribers



354%

increase in Instagram page/profile impressions



30%

e-newsletter open rate



288,000

total website views across Mississauga Arts Council, Sauga Arts HUB, and ArtsCare



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organic media features by CTV News, Mississauga News, and Modern Mississauga



Amanda Bernard (second from right) and exhibiting artists at the Indigenous Art Journey hosted by Shawish Market

Celebrating Our Supporters

MAC's work is made possible through the generosity of our funders, donors, and community partners whose support brings our programming to life.

Funders



Transformational \$25,000+



Visionary \$10,000 - \$25,000



Champion \$5,000 - \$10,000



Resounding \$2,500 - \$5,000



Ambassadors \$1,000 - \$2,500

Peter Toller
David Ho
Rotary Club of Mississauga
Sam McDadi
Streetsville Bread 'n Honey Festival

Carolyn Parrish
Ellen McGregor
Greater Toronto Airport Authority
Pallett Valo LLP

Port Credit Community Foundation
Sheridan Homelands Ratepayers Association (SHORA)

Celebrate \$500 - \$1,000

Noelle Spaziani
The Shore Grill & Grotto

Heart Comonos
ArtTrendZ

Henry Hill & Associates Inc.
The Pinder Singh Team

Connect \$100 - \$500

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Bob Widdup
Mike Douglas*
Wendy Furtenbacher
Jeannette Chau
Leo Wong
Colvin Chan

Deta Constantine
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Susan Pringle

Vinod Fernandez

RBC Next Gen volunteers at the Beauty of Bees Exhibition



Financial Summary



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Members of Mississauga Arts Council:

Qualified Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at December 31, 2025, the summary statement of operations for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited financial statements of Mississauga Arts Council for the year ended December 31, 2025. We expressed a qualified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated March 9, 2026.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are a fair summary of the audited financial statements, on the basis described in Note 1.

Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations applied in the preparation of the audited financial statements of Mississauga Arts Council. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed a qualified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated March 9, 2026. The basis for our qualified opinion was that in common with many charitable organizations, Mississauga Arts Council derives revenue from donations and fundraising activities, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification.

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements on the basis described in Note 1.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are a fair summary of the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, Engagement to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants



Mississauga, Ontario
March 26, 2026

MISSISSAUGA ARTS COUNCIL

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2025

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 221,136	\$ 127,858
Guaranteed investment certificate	16,632	7,382
Accounts receivable	18,865	33,047
Prepaid expenses	7,133	9,515
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	2,382	675
LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS	127,073	120,661
	\$ 393,221	\$ 299,138
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 40,350	\$ 55,986
Government remittances payable	16,695	10,132
Deferred revenue	111,686	54,102
	168,731	120,220
NET ASSETS	224,490	178,918
	\$ 393,221	\$ 299,138

Approved by the Board:

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MISSISSAUGA ARTS COUNCIL**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET ASSETS**
For the year ended December 31, 2025

	2025	2024
REVENUE		
Grants	\$ 647,375	\$ 517,744
Sponsorships	143,602	236,493
Other revenue	91,418	125,123
Charitable donations and other fundraising	128,317	103,816
	<u>1,010,712</u>	<u>983,176</u>
EXPENSES		
General and administration	513,350	528,370
Membership services and communication	46,829	17,416
Special projects and events	398,995	529,648
Advocacy and community building	5,966	3,894
	<u>965,140</u>	<u>1,079,328</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES (EXPENSES OVER REVENUE)	45,572	(96,152)
CONTRIBUTION	-	5,000
NET ASSETS, beginning of the year	178,918	270,070
NET ASSETS, end of the year	<u>\$ 224,490</u>	<u>\$ 178,918</u>

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As of December 31, 2025

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