



Impact Report 2018-2019



ARTS ETOBICOKE

● Kids ● Youth ● Adults ● Seniors ● Families

Who

We

Are





Arts Etobicoke is a not-for-profit charitable organization that focuses on improving people's lives through the arts. We have developed an inclusive and creative community hub that is open to all people in West Toronto. We believe in providing equitable access to the arts regardless of economic or social status. Arts Etobicoke is a place where everyone can freely express their art and culture through our programs, exhibitions, workshops, events, classes, and professional development.

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What We Do

Arts Etobicoke offers programming in a variety of mediums for all ages and levels of interest, from professional to emerging artists, hobbyists to community seekers. Our programming is diverse in discipline and accessibly located throughout Etobicoke. We provide opportunities for everyone to engage with the arts in whichever way they feel comfortable.

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We mentor and train the next generation of arts makers and administrators. Arts Etobicoke is approaching its 50th year and has a long history of successful programs and financial and organizational health. We aim to share our expertise.



We support the development of emerging artists through our gallery exhibitions and networking events as well as long term support for established artists through our professional development series and Art Rental program.



We can't create programs alone! We engage in meaningful partnerships and collaborations with the City's best to create exceptional programming for the people of Etobicoke.

Arts Etobicoke Beyond Our Walls!

While we have many exciting programs in our Storefront Gallery, we know that Etobicoke is geographically and culturally large. We have invested in communities since our beginning, with a recent focus on the Rexdale, Stonegate, and Cloverdale Mall communities. Our model for community engagement includes spending time meeting with and developing programming for the communities with whom we work. Through partner organizations, community consultations, and workshops, we learn how we can best serve the community. From these consultations, we develop thoughtful and meaningful programs which culminate in celebratory events for the whole community.

PARK PARTY IN BELL MANOR PARK

In 2018, we celebrated our 2nd annual Park Party in Bell Manor Park with partner **Stonegate Community Health Centre**. This annual event saw Arts Etobicoke program a series of workshops and arts events throughout the summer that ended with a large Park Party. Community members attended public art workshops to develop a design for the fence surrounding the community garden. We also programmed a series of theatrical workshops based on Indigenous teachings for youth. This year we had over 450 people attend the Park Party to weave, make postcards, create public art, follow an Indigenous theatre scavenger hunt, listen to music, dance, eat, and celebrate the community!

Photos by Catherine Cachia.





AUGMENTED REPRESENTATIONS: THE NORTH ETOBICOKE MURAL PROJECT

Together with partners **Mural Routes**, **STEPS Initiative**, and artist **Bareket Kezwer**, Arts Etobicoke created a large-scale mural project — *Augmented Representations: The North Etobicoke Mural Project*. The project was a four-month long, collaborative mural project in North Etobicoke, spanning 576 feet of Finch Ave. West between Kipling Ave. and Islington Ave. Artists Bareket Kezwer, Mique Michelle, Moises Frank, and Rob Matejka worked with neighbourhood youth, adults, and seniors, leading them through the design and painting of three separate but interlocking murals. The workshop series, dubbed Mural School, taught participants safety protocols, design, and the intricate painting process





of large scale works. In addition to the amazing community murals, Bareket Kezwer and Womxn Paint brought together 30 female-identifying artists for a Paint Jam that saw 30 murals based on the theme of “natural resiliency” added to the tapestry along Finch Ave. West. We celebrated the community’s accomplishments with a launch event featuring local performers in Indigenous Dance, Bhangra drumming, and Hip-Hop. Through a partnership with Seneca College and their program, Seneca 360, we developed an Augmented Reality component to complement one of the community murals. The newly developed app, which can be downloaded on your phone, animates the mural in 6 languages. Search for “North Etobicoke Mural Project” in the App or Google Play stores.



This was a Signature Project of the Cultural Hotspot produced in partnership with the City of Toronto, StreetARToronto (StART) and supported by Toronto Pearson International Airport.

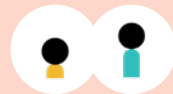
Photos by Sharon Mendonca.



HEALTHY KIDS CHALLENGE

In the summer of 2018, we were busy working with an incredible group of young people from **The North York Community House** in Rexdale. We partnered with the **Canadian Arabic Orchestra** to provide music workshops and programming for children aged 6–14. The youth met weekly to learn traditional Arabic songs as well as the Canadian

National Anthem. The children were accompanied by the **Canadian Arabic Orchestra Youth Orchestra** at their final performance at the **Rexdale Foodie Fest**. The children designed their own t-shirts which they wore as they performed the National Anthem in Arabic and English in front of a crowd of over 4,000 people.



Needs-Based Programming

Our programming is a result of the expressed needs of our community and as such, we have a program for everyone— from the beginner to the established professional. Arts Etobicoke is passionate about exploring our community's artistic interests and making the arts available to everyone in Etobicoke.



AFTER-SCHOOL ARTS PROGRAMMING

This program provides arts education to the local, underserved community around Mabelle and Cordova Avenues. Through regular programming, we are building a strong community for participants, their families, arts facilitators, and our many volunteers. Our programming supports youth who lack access to arts education and extracurricular activities. Our after-school programming is at capacity with a large waitlist. These classes contribute to making Arts Etobicoke a vibrant community hub.





SATURDAY ART CLASSES

Our series of Saturday Art Classes in our Storefront Gallery introduces participants to new and unique art forms, materials, and techniques. We want to inspire our community to think outside the box and participate in something new. These classes help our community members learn a new skill, meet new people, and explore forms of self expression. In 2018/19 we offered a series of Saturday classes: **Project Kids and Cameras** with **Diana Nazarath** (digital photography for youth ages 8 - 11 years old), **Exploring Watercolour** with **Nola McCowan** (watercolour painting for adults), **Exploring Art through Geometry + Optical Illusion** with **Akshata Naik** (drawing for kids ages 6 - 9 years old), **Creating Audio Documentary and Sound Art** with **Brian Cauley** (audio and sound for youth ages 12 - 15 years old), and **Printmaking for Adults** with **Maureen DaSilva** (introductory printmaking for adults).



LISTEN UP! AT DIXON GROVE

Dixon Grove Middle School directly borders the local high-needs area of the Kingsway NIA and has a high transient population due to temporary refugee housing in the community. We partnered with the Gryphon Trio, two-time Juno Award nominees and the Directors Designate of classical music summer programs at the Banff Centre, to provide music and visual arts programming throughout the entire school year. This program increased access and equity for these youth by removing socio-economic barriers to arts participation. Arts Etobicoke is committed to continuing this valuable program in the next school year.

Photos by Kristan Toczko.



Developing Opportunities for Growth

In addition to exceptional arts experiences, Arts Etobicoke believes in providing opportunities for growth to our participants, volunteers, and staff. We want everyone to push the boundaries of what they think is possible and to have the freedom to create. We want our artists to worry about making art, not administration, so we develop programs to support their practice and keep their work sustainable.

EDGE: YOUTH ART SHOW

The Youth Art Show is our longest running program at Arts Etobicoke and brings together youth from all over the GTA to showcase their art in a professional gallery setting. The 2019 **EDGE: Youth Art Show** was our biggest year at Artscape Youngplace and featured over 200 works from students across the city. Students had the opportunity to discuss their work with a professional artist in a critique session, meet their peers from across Toronto, and network within a professional environment. This year we partnered with the AGO and two selected artists from the show were invited to give artists' talks at the AGO in the spring. This was a unique and invaluable experience for the young artists that will be a highlight on their professional arts resume and help support their educational goals.

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VOLUNTEERISM

Our volunteer program offers a variety of ways to connect with our community and develop skills. From assisting professional artists with classes and workshops to special event support and administrative tasks, our volunteers do it all. We could not operate without their generosity of time and spirit. Volunteerism is an effective way to build relationships, learn new skills, and to contribute to the vibrancy of the community. Thank you to our hard working and dedicated volunteers.



Volunteers

Anique Ahmed
Andrea
Ina Anthony
Claudia Arana
Kahl Baksh
Veronica Bila
Theresa Bryson
Marilyn Cade
Jenny Chen
Christina
Dustin Cox
Megan Cugliari
Pat Cugliari
Djuna Day
Lorraine de Gasperis
John Del Rosario
Audrey Dennie
Ian Dodds
Maru Don
Andre Dugas

Gillian Dugas
Samantha Dugas
Erin
Loretta Faveri
Katarina Filipov
Jack Fleming
Rhena Fleming
Tija Frimuta
Michelle Gauci
Carolynne Gibbons
Simone Granger
Laura-Anne Graul
Hamzic
Brianna Hibbert
Jennifer Hill
Astrid Ho
Jeanan Khairallah
Gyuri Kim
Marzena Kowalczyk
Eli Lang

Le Lin
Immanuel Locke
Alexandra Loewen
Brianna MacLellan
Elizabeth Malak
Sajeda Manzoor
Mollify
Mr. Hydde
Akshata Naik
Nadia Navarro
Moira Ness
Nancy Newton
Luna Nguyen
Cat Nguyen
Thuy Nguyen
Lee Petrie
Melissa Poliah
Tazeem Qayyum
Jessica Rego
Julia Delos Reyes

Elaine Rinne
Judy Roche
Lynda Ryder
Tom Sanderson
Dominique
Sanguinetti
Theresa Sherwood
Jennifer Smith
Judy Smith
Lone Smith
Karl Sprogis
Aitak Sorahitalab
Raushan Strugar
Faye Withyman
Madge Yao
Mark Zadorozny



Volunteering with Arts Etobicoke has been a great experience for me. I love the chance to meet and work with new people. Volunteering has exposed me to new ideas and lets me see the world differently and gain new perspectives. I have been allowed to explore the arts in ways that I wouldn't have had the opportunity to otherwise. Arts Etobicoke is a really inclusive environment that makes me feel welcome. – Immanuel

A.R.T. (ART RENTAL TORONTO)

Our art rental and sales program provides an audience for our local artists and offers our community exposure to new artists. The program provides sustainable income for artists and allows them to do the hard work of creating, while we take care of the administrative burden that comes with marketing and selling art. It also provides an accessible way for local businesses to connect with the community and support the arts.

If you or your business are looking for art or are interested in learning more, please reach out to us at artrental@artsetobicoke.com.

Photos by Margarita Macdonald.



How Do You Create a Community Hub?



In early 2018, Arts Etobicoke met with **QuadReal Properties**, the development group who owns **Cloverdale Mall**. QuadReal is working on a long term redevelopment of Cloverdale Mall and reached out to us as a community expert to consult with them on using art to engage the community and activate their space. A unique opportunity presented itself: how to animate their space, serve their current users, and attract a new audience to their space. So we embarked on

a journey to envision and develop a vibrant community hub in the heart of central Etobicoke— in a mall!

With the support of QuadReal Properties, we were able to deliver a variety of programming and were provided the time and space to let the programs develop organically and with input from the community. We began our initiative with a weekend-long celebratory launch event at Cloverdale Common featuring

local Etobicoke artists. The event showcased some incredible artists from Etobicoke School of the Arts in a painting competition and a live painting created by talented student artist Ella Webber over the course of the weekend. We featured six bands with students and teachers from the Humber College Music program, an art exhibition featuring Art Rental Toronto artists, arts activities for the public, painting demonstrations, drumming and

dance performances, and delicious local food. The event drew a huge crowd and was a wonderful step in the right direction to launch the new hub.

It is rare that you find a developer with such a dedicated commitment to the community and an interest in developing meaningful relationships with community members. Because of this dedication from QuadReal Properties, we were able to develop

the programming slowly and consistently with the trust of the existing community at Cloverdale. We listen, support, and celebrate the local community through our programming in Cloverdale Common.

Since the opening celebration, we have delivered many programs in the space, each one growing and developing with input from the community, and QuadReal Properties.



Programming Highlights

March Break Camp for children and youth focused on introductory visual arts.

Drop-In Morning Art Class for ages 4-6 with Sladana Zivkovic

Mural Making for ages 13 - 15 with Rob Matejka

Map Making for ages 9-12 with The Urban Geographer

Pure Data (computer coding & electronic music) for ages 16+ with Jason Doell

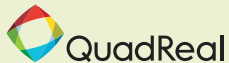
After-School Arts Drop-In, modeled after the program in our Storefront Gallery.

Seniors' Programming with instructor Marjan Verstappen.

Gallery Exhibitions curated by Arts Etobicoke and featuring local Etobicoke artists.

QuadReal Properties recently announced that they will continue to fund these dynamic and vibrant programs offered by Arts Etobicoke in Cloverdale Common. We are thrilled to continue developing this community hub and to have this opportunity to deliver our programs to a wider audience.

Photos by David Chang.



Mentorship & Training

We believe in mentoring and training the next generation of arts workers alongside our emerging artists. Arts Etobicoke's long history of successful programming and organizational health and stability has made us a pillar in the arts community. It is our duty to share the knowledge and expertise that we have amassed as well as providing opportunities for new artists and arts workers to put this knowledge to work.



HUMBER PARTNERSHIP

Arts Etobicoke collaborates with the Humber Arts Administration Program to hire arts administration interns annually. As part of their program, students are required to complete three internships throughout the year. Arts Etobicoke provides mentorship and training opportunities to our volunteer interns, giving them practical hands-on training for a career in arts administration. We have also been able to hire many of these interns for contract and permanent positions—offering them their first arts administration position. This partnership is an important stepping stone for many arts administrators and should become a model for the greater arts community.

Photo by Jennifer Hill.

ARTS INSTRUCTORS

A large majority of our participants in our After-School and North Etobicoke programming are New Canadians. It only made sense for us to seek out artists with similar backgrounds to facilitate our programming. Our After-School Arts Programming instructors **Akshata Naik** and **Sladana Zivkovic** are both practicing artists and new to Canada. They facilitated our After-School Arts Programming, Saturday Art Classes, and facilitated programming at the Cloverdale Common launch. Subsequently, Akshata was hired as the visual artist for our Listen Up! project in Dixon Grove JMS and then as our full time Program and Gallery Manager (she is also a Humber Arts Admin graduate who started with us as an intern). **Marjan Verstappen** facilitates our Seniors' Arts programming at Cloverdale Common. She has developed a meaningful relationship with the seniors, many of whom were once newcomers themselves.

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Professional & Accessible Gallery Space

The Storefront Gallery at Arts Etobicoke has undergone a significant shift in focus this year. The gallery was traditionally a space for community groups to exhibit six times a year, but has now transformed into a space for professional and emerging artists to show and sell their work, connect with each other, and engage in professional development opportunities. With the help of the Gallery Committee, Arts Etobicoke has committed to ten exhibits a year, including an annual Juried Art Show.

Photo by Jennifer Hill.



We felt this shift was an important service to offer Etobicoke artists. Exhibition space and opportunities to sell work are scarce, especially in West Toronto. The opportunities offered by Arts Etobicoke let artists try out new work in a safe and professional environment, gain exposure, and build their professional resume. The Storefront Gallery has become an artists' hub — a place to meet, share and grow.

As a result of this new direction, we were able to offer young artists **Ariana Pickard** and **Isabella Vella** their first solo exhibitions. We exhibited 28 Etobicoke artists across our two Juried Art Shows and awarded six cash prizes. With the **Department of Public Memory**, we exhibited a collection of archived stories, places, and events lost in the history of Toronto. We allowed established artists **Mirna Chacin** and **Eli Carmona** to explore new digital work as part of the **CONTACT festival**.

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On Wednesday nights the gallery is filled with excitement and passion as artists meet for professional development talks, workshops, and crit nights. Now more than ever, our Storefront Gallery has become a vibrant community hub and an essential part of the Etobicoke visual arts scene.



Who We Do It With

We can't do it alone! We know that our programs are stronger, more diverse, and meet the needs of the community more fully when we work with partners. We rely on their expertise and share our knowledge with them and together provide excellent programs for our community.



Entrepreneurship Exchange

Montgomery's Inn Etobicoke School for the Arts

Community Health Centre Albion Mall AGO

Toronto Young People's Theatre

Janet Sayers Rexdale Women's Centre

Artery Lola Macanowicz, The Co-operators

Expect Theatre The Steps Initiative

Hub Arabic Orchestra Humber Bay Library

Maureen Da Silva QMAP/Rexpride Sladana Zivkovic CONTACT Festival APRI

City of Toronto, Department of Economic Development and Culture

Franklin Carmichael Art Group



Bareket Kezwar

Mabelle Arts

Seneca 360, Seneca College

Mural Routes

Folk Camp



Myseum

Liz Johnston Cygnus East End Arts

Rexdale Hub

Edith George

Albion Library

CCRM

Arts in the Park



Local Tales, Ksenia Khan

North York Community House

Humber River & Persian Miniature, Sarvenaz Rayati

Shakespeare in Action

Lakeshore Arts

Melanie Jones

7th Generation Image Makers

Islington Seniors' Centre

Humber College Music Program

Rexdale Community Health Centre

Islington Village BIA

QuadReal Properties

METRAC Action on Violence

Gladstone Hotel

Department of Public Memory

Canadian Opera Company

Creative Village Studios

National Ballet School

We are proud to be a service organization and to support and partner with our member groups. When you or your organization becomes an Arts Etobicoke member, you help to enrich your community by supporting innovative and meaningful arts programming. If you are interested in becoming a member visit our website for more information or email info@artsetobicoke.com.

Individual Membership: \$45
Group Membership: \$65

Individuals

Rocio Aguilera
Zubaida Al-Shawaf
Chris Albert Sadjonian
Cristy Alejo-Werhun
Rozeta Aleksov
Eliseveta Andonova
Ina Anthony
Danielle Appleby
Jamine Balda
Munira Barre
Valentine Bezdicka
Veronica Bila
A'zaryiah Brewster
Katherine S. Brown
Ann Burke
Marilyn Cade
Sandra Camilleri
Ailene Candelario
Albana Canga
Jennifer Cardella
Michelle Carrillo

Mirna L. Chacin
Teresa Chan
Jenny Chen
Joseph Cini
Manuel Colmenarez
Adriana Cordeiro-Socha
Djuna Day
Marjorie Devine
Maru Don
Kevin Doran
Tom Driedger
Gerardina Duenas
Youssef Elgohary
Gordy Ess
Cinna Faveri
Loretta Faveri
Gabrielle Fischer
Daniela Grantcheva
Irena Grecchkova
Suzan Hall
Bahareh Isasi

Sonali Jain
Aruna Jamadagni
Sheryl Keen
Jeanan Khairallah
Jacinta Krish
Joanna Kupibida
Nan Levitt
Julie LoTauro
Hannah Maetzener
Madelaine Mahesh
Lisa Manes
Michelle Marchetti
Ruth Maude
Barbara McConvey
Deborah Mills
Giuseppe Morano
Aadila Munshi
Akshata Naik
Moiria Ness
Nancy Newton
Reina Nieland

George Novotny
Jane Novotny
Nicole Opresnik
Karina Osipian
Colette Pearson
Toni Priolo
Marie Prospero
Milanka Radic
Julia Randolph
Estelle Renzi
Pat Rice
Kurt Rostek
Dominique Sanguinetti
Cynthia Schihl
Vera Sevelka
Ehsanul Shamim Shamim
Michael Deborah Skoff
Anastasia Skovronska
Jennifer Smith
Lone Smith
Anne Solomon

Alex Song
Diane Sullivan
Lisa Trang
Fred Turp
Drazen Vivic
Donald Wilson
Joanne Woodward Fraser
Joyce Woolcott
Sonya Young
Mariana Zeinalova
Sladana Zivkovic

Groups

Art and Art History – Sheridan College
Canadian Opera Company
Etobicoke Centennial Choir
Etobicoke Musical Productions
Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra
Etobicoke Suzuki Music
Franklin Carmichael Art Group
Humber College School of
Creative & Performing Arts
Humber Valley Art Club
Ontario Pops Orchestra
Sean Boutilier Academy of Dance
Sirius Theatrical Company
The Music School
Theatre Direct
Theatre Etobicoke
Toronto All Star Big Band
Toronto Concert Band

How We Do It

We are only able to do our work through the generosity of our funders, sponsors, and donors. Thank you to everyone who helps keep the arts vital and sustainable in Etobicoke.

If you are interested in supporting Arts Etobicoke, or learning more, please email heather@artsetobicoke.com.

Funders



Sponsorships



Donors

Marilyn Cade – Schreiner
National Silicates Partnership
Kiwanis Club of Kingsway Humber
YMCA of Greater Toronto
Sharon Kawabata

In-kind

10tation Event Catering
A Novel Spot
A Sharp School of Music
Aga Khan Museum
Alex Farm Products
All Fired Up
Art Gallery of Ontario
Artage Portrait
Baker Street
Black Oak Brewery
Boulderz Climbing Centre
Bruno's Fine Foods
Canada's National Ballet School
Canada's Wonderland
Canadian Opera Company
Canadian Stage
Cirillo's Cooking Academy
Cirque-ability
City Canteen
Darlene Kulig

Dean Tudor
Delmanor Prince Edward
Dufflet Pastries
European Patisserie
Eva Lewarne
Factory Theatre
Frank Trotz
Funky Feet Creations
Gardiner Museum
Islington Wellness
Joyce Woollcott
Karl Sprogis
Kurt Rosteck
Lila Lewis Irving
Lynne Schumacher
Marie A. Prospero
Massey Hall/Roy Thomson Hall
McMichael Gallery
Medieval Times
MLSE (Leafs)

Moira Ness
Natalie's Kitchen
National Ballet of Canada
Nutrition House
Opera Atelier
Pasquale Brothers
Rizo Lola & Company
Royal Conservatory of Music
Saxon Shop
Second City Toronto
Shaw Festival Theatre
Sorsi e Morsi Restaurant
Soulpepper
Stratford Shakespeare Festival
Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra and
Chamber Choir
Tarragon Theatre
Terry Paine
The Craft Brand Company
The Pink Door

The Theatre Centre
Theatre Passe Muraille
Tich Modern Indian Cuisine
TIFF
Toronto Botanical Gardens
Toronto Symphony Orchestra
Vanderfleet Flowers
Village Wellness Spa
Village Dental
Woodbine Entertainment
StarMetroLand

Financials

The presentation of the Fiscal 2018 – 2019 Condensed Statement of Financial Position and Condensed Statement of Financial Operations are derived from the Audited Statements of Arts Etobicoke, dated June 30, 2019, as audited by Jackson & Co., LLP. The full audit and accompanying notes may be obtained by contacting 416-622-8731.

Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2019

	2019	2018
ASSETS	\$	\$
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	46,333	124,442
Investments	286,215	183,066
Accounts receivable	33,867	34,869
Prepaid expenses and deposits	6,079	6,259
	372,494	348,636
Capital	17,628	20,852
Art collection	1	1
TOTAL ASSETS	390,123	369,489

	2019	2018
LIABILITIES	\$	\$
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	11,513	20,960
Government remittances payable	5,745	6,883
Taxes payable	3	2,037
	17,261	29,880
Deferred revenue	49,000	35,910
	66,261	65,790
SURPLUS		
Net assets - unrestricted	323,862	303,699
TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS	390,123	369,489

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets as of June 30, 2019

	2019	2018
REVENUES	\$	\$
Government grants	630,203	645,582
Donations	145,680	152,320
Workshop and program fees	64,053	3,714
Interest and investments	20,080	24,196
Art and rental sales	18,438	37,559
Fundraising	12,275	10,893
Membership fees	10,117	6,565
TOTAL REVENUES	900,846	880,829

	2019	2018
EXPENSES	\$	\$
Wages and benefits	323,426	386,139
Artist fees	171,702	80,909
Exhibitions and programs	76,829	49,877
Member communications	66,072	58,178
Marketing and promotion	62,751	56,207
Rent	51,138	51,138
Education	43,623	36,077
Miscellaneous	16,426	11,064
Fundraising events	16,330	20,030
Premises expenses	14,624	19,784
Depreciation	10,981	12,628
Office and general	10,649	12,515
Telephone and internet	6,975	9,450
Legal and audit fees	6,122	15,791
Bank charges and interest	3,035	3,209
TOTAL EXPENSES	880,683	822,996
Excess of revenues over expenses	20,163	57,833
Fund balance, beginning of year	303,699	245,866
NET ASSETS - UNRESTRICTED	323,862	303,699

Who Gets It Done

Arts Etobicoke is an artist-led organization with a diverse staff. We rely on their vision to fulfil our mandate. We provide the space and opportunity for staff to continue to develop their arts practices so they can maintain their professional expertise. Over half of our staff live in the community we serve. All of our staff are passionate about the development of community arts and about providing life-changing experiences for our constituents.

Staff

Wendy Rading, Interim Executive Director (Program and Gallery Manager April 2019)
Menon Dwarka, Executive Director (April 2019)
Kshama Patel, Office Manager
Heather Ervin, Communications Manager (December 2018)
Carolynne Gibbons, Communications Coordinator
Akshata Naik, Program and Gallery Manager
John Del Rosario, Program Coordinator
Giulia Simonato, Special Projects Coordinator (April 2019)
Margarita Barrientos Macdonald, Art Rental Consultant
Ian Dodds, Project Coordinator
Laura-Anne Graul, Project Coordinator

Board of Directors

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What's Next?

A Letter From the Board Co-Chairs & Interim Executive Director

We'd like to take this opportunity to reflect on another exciting year, our 46th year serving diverse communities in Etobicoke with a wide breadth of arts-activities, education and events. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this vitally important work in our community.

This past year, Arts Etobicoke combined its past with its future. New programs were launched while we



Dominique Sanguinetti
CO-CHAIR



Karl Sprogis
CO-CHAIR



Wendy Rading
INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

sustained some of our longstanding, legacy projects – **EDGE: Youth Art Show, Presidents' Legacy Scholarship Fund** and our very popular **Storefront Gallery Art Classes**.

Our new initiatives have been developed as a result of direct conversations with members of our community who reflected back to us the changing face of Etobicoke, expressing their real needs and artistic dreams. Our new collaboration with

Cloverdale Mall, and property owners QuadReal Property Group, helped transform an empty storefront into a lively arts hub. It's now buzzing with free, high-quality after-school and seniors' arts programs, meeting the needs of a growing, seniors' population in a location easily accessible to them. What a great use of one of Etobicoke's iconic, central shopping locations!

Etobicoke's professional artists also spoke loud and clear to us about their concerns. In response, we have reenvisioned our small gallery space to better support their needs. Our work in this area has brought more attention to their talents, helped them sell more work, aided in the building of their professional reputations, and enabled them to develop new "business-of-art" skills.

Some of the most important work we do at Arts Etobicoke is the strengthening of neighbourhood relationships through the arts and creating long-lasting bonds. In 2019, we gathered for the 3rd Annual **Park Party at Bell Manor Park** to enliven the outdoor public space with art, education, and family-friendly activities. We joined over 400 neighbours and the Stonegate Community Health Centre and came together to enjoy food, live entertainment, and art for all ages. It was a joyous day!

We also collaborated to create close to 600 feet of stunning new murals in North Etobicoke along the sound barrier wall on Finch Avenue West. Over 80 enthusiastic community members brought a dull, concrete wall to life. Residents joined us in extensive consultations to make the 33 murals distinct yet connected, as they blended their many diverse voices and ideas into a multi-cultural, multi-generational public art "mashup". We were privileged to work with exceptional partners on this project, who helped realize the community vision: STEPS Initiative, Mural Routes, Street Art Toronto, Cultural Hotspot, Womxn Paint, Bareket Kezwer, and the City of Toronto. Arts Etobicoke continues to identify and meet the needs of underserved communities throughout Etobicoke. Here, children and youth are especially vulnerable to racism, discrimination, and negative stereotyping, but through community arts, they

are empowered to develop and raise their voices. We also try to combat the social isolation that many seniors feel, by offering arts activities in areas that lack inclusive community space. Finally, at the heart of our work is our support of artists of all ages and backgrounds.

We are so proud of all the accomplishments this year and are grateful for the support received from all of our neighbours, supporters, and art lovers in the Etobicoke communities we serve.

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