

THE CHIMERA PROJECT DANCE THEATRE

January 21, 2026

Subject: Re: 2026 City Budget – Arts & Culture

Dear Members of the Budget Committee,

We are writing as a member of Toronto's arts and culture community to express our strong support for sustained and inflation-adjusted investment in arts and culture as part of the City's 2026 Budget.

Arts and culture are not a luxury in Toronto — they are a public good that contributes directly to the city's affordability, livability, economic vitality, and global reputation. From supporting local jobs and tourism, to building community connections and belonging, cultural investment benefits every Torontonian.

We urge the Committee to ensure inflationary increases for arts funding, including the Toronto Arts Council. Without these adjustments, organizations and artists face real losses year over year, even when funding appears "stable" on paper.

At the same time, unmet demand for arts funding remains extraordinarily high, leaving many strong, impactful projects unfunded. Addressing this gap is essential if Toronto is to remain a leading cultural city.

Sustained investment in arts and culture is aligned with the City's Arts & Culture Plan, Culture Connects, and with Council's broader priorities around economic resilience, equity, and quality of life.

Thank you for your consideration and for your work on behalf of the City.

Sincerely,



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