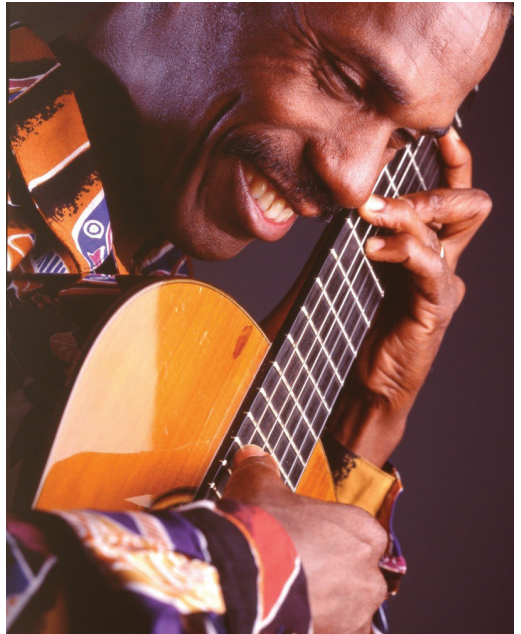




THE ACT ARTS COUNCIL
2017/18 ANNUAL REPORT



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Executive Summary

2017-2018 has been an exciting and busy time for the Arts Council. This past year we saw six new board members join us at the table, helping to bring new insights to our meetings. We are now preparing for our next three year strategic plan. Working together with staff and stakeholders we will dare to dream, discuss, and develop plans to build on an already pretty impressive Arts Centre.

In the Fall of 2017 the board completed its search for a new Executive Director. We were confident that Ms. Curtis Pendleton would bring a new vision to the ACT and take us to the next level. She has not let us down! Since her start in February of 2018 she has made some innovative changes that we believe will benefit the ACT, its members, staff and its patrons.

We have continued to support free tours and school workshops in the Gallery, and expanded the capacity for Arts programs. As well, we have contin-

ued to support member group grants and Arts scholarships.

We are thankful for the support of the City of Maple Ridge, Parks, Recreation and Culture, the Province of British Columbia as well as many community partners, sponsors and donors. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the dedicated and professional ACT staff along with all of the incredible volunteers at the centre of this organization. The Board is so grateful for their efforts to always keep arts in the heart of our community.

Dawn Flanagan, President



Dawn Flanagan
President, Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Arts Council



Curtis Pendleton
Executive & Artistic Director, Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Arts Council

Front Cover, Clockwise from Top Right:

Gestation of Isabella, terracotta, by Roger Luko; Ballet Jörgen's Anastasia; Celso Machado; a happy "Hop"-ening Time participant.

Back Cover, Clockwise from Top Right:

The Bros. Landreth; *Future Tense* by Aimee Henny Brown; Ballet Kelowna's *Canadiana Suite*; a portion of Bettina Mazkuhn's *Schmetterlinge*.

Board of Directors

Dawn Flanagan, *President*
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Staff (TO JULY 2018)

Ms. Curtis Pendleton, *Executive & Artistic Director*

Business Administration

Philip Hartwick, *Business Manager*
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Jennifer Babstock, *Accounting Clerk*

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Matt Seligman, *Website & Design Assistant*

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Lori Ceaser, *Arts Programs and Administrative Assistant*

ACT Presents Series

Lindy Sisson, *2018/19 Programming*

Event Services

Landrie Davies, *Event Operations Manager*
Marie Gootjes, *Event Supervisor*
Jessica Andrews, Dawn Willey, Erica Ford, *Event Services Supervisors*
Chris McGill, Anthony Valentyne, *Bartenders*

Technicians

John Supeene, *Acting Technical Director*
Shadoe Reisler

Technicians on Call

Kia Newton, Kyle Myhre, Don Parman, Jamie Burns, Russ Hawryzki, Shawn Gommer, Taylor Jackson, Sam Borthwick, Stephanie Bruce, Brady Veltin, Marian Greksa

Facility Operations

Colin McKay, *Custodian*

Ticket Centre

Tracey Brady, *Ticket Centre Manager*
Jennifer Babstock, *Ticket Centre Supervisor*
Vienna Chisholm, Jaime Lenz, *Ticket Centre Attendants*

VISION | MISSION | VALUES

Vision

To bring arts to the heart of our community.

Mission

We work in partnership with the community to develop, promote and celebrate the arts.

Values

Leadership • Collaboration • Integrity • Diversity
Accessibility • Innovation • Enjoyment

Programming Mandate

- to present high quality exhibitions and performances featuring primarily Canadian artists
- to present a diverse balance of artistic and educational programming
- to develop The ACT Arts Centre as an inclusive centre for arts and culture within the community, appealing to a wide range of interests and ages
- to create mutually beneficial co-presenting opportunities, within our resources, with other not-for-profit arts and community organizations that will strengthen and diversify the cultural sector
- to encourage and support local artists and arts organizations through the delivery of our vision, mission and values



169 MEMBERS INCLUDING **30** GROUP MEMBERS

FUNDERS | DONORS | SPONSORS

FUNDERS



CORPORATE SPONSORS



Maple Ridge Festival of BC Film Sponsors



THANK YOU TO OUR 2017-2018 DONORS

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 Parsons | Lori Porter | Sheila Pratt | Linda & Les Raskewicz (in memory of Stephen Raskewicz) | John
 Ricketts | Patricia Russell | Michael Sather | Phyllis Schneider | Monica Schulte | Mark Shoemith
 Laura Stark, Garibaldi Art Club | Simone Sullivan | Janet Symonds | Lyn Thomas | Teresa Thieman
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2018-2019 ANNUAL FUND

ACT Champions Circle (\$1000+): Chances Maple Ridge/Great Canadian Gaming Corporation
 Westminster Savings Credit Union Foundation | Ridge Meadows Rotary **ACT Heroes (\$500-999):**
 Curtis Pendleton & Robert Caron | Sandra Taylor, Westgate Flower Garden **ACT Producing Associates**
(\$300-499): Laura Butler | Susan Chambers | Linda King | Sandra Wright **ACT Patrons (\$100-299):**
 Doug & Helen Bing | Mary Blackstock | Roxanne Bruendl | Britta Cederberg | Gary Cleave | Annabelle
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 Society | Jason Etherington | Natasha Etherington, Silver Valley-Academy Park Neighbours Magazine
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 Corry De Haan | Bonnie Douglas | Victoria Gracey | Chris Horne, Variété D'Arts Society | Judy Jones
 Blaine Lewis | Velma Martin | Barbara Metcalf | Brian Mudge, Clear Focus Camera Club | Megumi Oba
 D'Arcy Schindel | Teresa Thieman

* Donations made after August 1, 2018 will be published in the following year's brochure.

2017 CHAIR-ITY RAFFLE

Aburiya Japanese Restaurant | Arts Club Theatre Company | Ban Chok Dee Thai Cuisine | Chameleon
 Fine Dining | Dr.Frank Ervin | Gratia Bakery & Cafe | Holley Nielsen | Kanaka Creek Coffee Shop | MGM
 Signature, Las Vegas | Pan Pacific Whistler Mountainside Location | Red Robin | Shelley Niemek
 Theatre in the Country | Westwood Plateau Golf & Country Club

2018 TEAGARDEN

Delizie Italiane Bakery & Bistro | The Farm House Natural Cheeses | Rain Goose Textiles
 Once Upon a Tea Leaf | Piroche Plants Inc.

For information on how you can support our programs, contact Ms. Curtis Pendleton, Executive
 Director, 604.476.2780

SUPPORTING ARTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Through our Arts Angels and School Access Program, and the generosity of Westminster Savings Credit Union, the Ridge Meadows Rotary, the Haney Rotary and numerous donors, who support these programs, we provide access to art programs, live performances, and Art Gallery workshops.

Arts Scholarships

For over 20 years, The ACT Arts Centre has been proud to award deserving Grade 12 students from School District 42 scholarships of \$1,500 each. Scholarships are applicable to any accredited post-secondary institution to support their continued education.

This year, The ACT Arts Centre Scholarship recipients are:

- Visual & Media Arts Scholarship: Brontë Sobotka, Leah Del Pino Cuevas
- Theatre Scholarship in memory of Amy Wallis: Joshua Kurucz
- Music Scholarship in memory of Judith Bergthorson: Alanah Ellsworth, Tim Ro
- Literary Arts Scholarship: Jemma Waterman

Scholarship recipients have been accepted at some of the most prestigious institutions, including UBC, Berklee College of Music, and SFU among others.



2018 Scholarship Recipients and Scholarship Adjudicators:

Back Left to Right: Brontë Sobotka (Recipient, Visual/Media Arts), Jemma Waterman (Recipient, Literary Arts), Annette LeBox (Author, Adjudicator), Alanah Ellsworth (Recipient, The ACT Arts Council Scholarship in Music in memory of Judith Bergthorson), Brad Tones (Director and Awards committee chair), Kim Dumore (Director, Awards committee member), Joshua Kurucz (Recipient, The ACT Arts Council Scholarship in Theatre in memory of Amy Wallis), Susan Chambers (Director, Awards committee member), Leah Del Pino Cuevas (Recipient, Visual/Media Arts), Lisa Lake (Art Teacher, Adjudicator), Curtis Pendleton (Executive Director, The ACT Arts Centre)

Absent from Photo: Tim Ro (Recipient, The ACT Arts Council Scholarship in Music in memory of Judith Bergthorson)

Member Group Grants

With the support of Chances Maple Ridge, The ACT Arts Council provides support for arts related activities in the community through member group grants. This year, 15 grants were awarded for a total of \$10,000 to the following Member Groups:

- Specc-tacular Productions
- Downtown Maple Ridge BIA
- Ridge Meadows Quilters' Guild
- Garibaldi Art Club of Maple Ridge
- Golden Ears Writers
- Ridge Meadows Recycling Society
- Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Art Studio Tour
- Maple Ridge Concert Band Association
- Maple Ridge Caribbean Festival Society
- Maple Ridge Festival of Light Society
- Emerald Pig Theatrical Society
- Clear Focus Camera Club
- Maple Ridge Historical Society
- Maple Ridge Choral Society
- Holy Wow Poets Society

BELOW TOP: *Plies and Pencils - life drawing during Ballet Kelowna's rehearsals*

BELOW BOTTOM: *The ACT Arts Centre, Main Entrance*



COMMUNITY EVENTS & ENGAGEMENT

Culture Day



The ACT Arts centre embraced the power of contemporary First Nations art through multiple mediums in celebration of *Canada 150*.

The creative voice of Ostwelve performed a combination of spoken word poetry, storytelling and live hiphop. A solo dance, *Frost Exploding Trees Moon* by Raven Spirit, tracked a spiritual and physical human journey and our connection to the earth and nature. The ACT Art Gallery's exhibition, *Modern Legends*, bridged modern attitudes and ancestral beliefs.

This lively event also included an Arts Programs' art station as well as wood carving and beading demonstrations.

A Christmas Tradition



The public enjoyed an afternoon of free holiday activities and entertainment at The ACT Arts Centre including craft tables throughout the facility, refreshments and candy canes, tree lighting, storytelling, and carolers.



Family Day

Rick Scott | Crafts
Dance | Stories



A "Hop"ening Time



COMMUNITY EVENTS & ENGAGEMENT

School Performances & Gallery Tours



Michelle Olson - Raven Spirit Dance



The Music of Junk

2nd Annual Maple Ridge Festival of BC Film



Community Outreach & Artistic Engagement

A sampling of our outreach and engagement activities include: Live Drawing Sessions with Ballet Kelowna and West Coast World Guitar Trio during open rehearsals • Little Orange Man Object Theatre Workshop and Talk (ALT Fest) • Maple Ridge Made in BC Film Festival Reception and Post-Show Talks • TeaGarden Fundraiser • Ballet Jörgen post-show talk • Canada Day • Family Day • Culture Days • Celebrate the Night • A Christmas Tradition • Volunteer Week • Earth Day • Arts Outside with *Made in BC* • Cre8 Workshops for Youth Week • Help Portrait Fundraiser • Welcoming Newcomers • Community outreach at a variety of markets and festivals.

2,512 Students attended school performances and gallery tours

THE ACT PRESENTS SERIES

The 2017/18 season - our 15th! - kicked off on **Culture Day** with a focus on First Nations visual and performing arts in celebration of Canada 150.

The ACT Art Gallery exhibition **Modern Legends** featured works by **Sonny Assu, Cory Moraes, Carrielynn Victor** and **Brandon Gabriel**. **Michelle Olson** performed a solo piece, *Frost Exploring Trees Moon*, from *Raven Spirit Dance* and local multimedia artist **Ronnie Dean Harris** aka **Ostwelve** presented a thought-provoking spoken word, poetry and dance performance.

Audiences enjoyed the incomparable **Bergmann Piano Duo's** return with five Classical Coffee Concerts featuring their own *PianOpera* and *At The Movies*, and collaborations with **François Houle**, clarinet; **Sarah Hagen**, piano/vocals; and the acclaimed **Borealis String Quartet**.

Arts Club On Tour brought us humour, chills and romance with *Mom's The Word 3*, *Misery*, and *Onegin*.



We provided many musical experiences for the community including performances by **The Bros. Landreth, Cory Weeds' Little Big Band Explosion, Laila Biali**, and **The Great Canadian Songbook**, featuring **Ken Lavigne, Tiller's Folley** and **Diyet**. Our **Family Programs** included **The Music of Junk, Rick Scott**, and **Popovich Pet Circus**. The perennial favourite, **Winter Harp** set the musical tone for the holidays.

Dance fans were treated to **Ballet Kelowna's Canadiana Suite** and **Ballet Jorgen's Anastasia**.

Vitaly Beckman (Vitaly: An Evening of Wonders) and **Mike Delamont** (God





is a Scottish Drag Queen) kept us enraptured with their magical feats and side-splitting laughs.

ALT Fest returned, featuring **Sarah Hagen**, **SNAFU Theatre**, **Lucas Myers** in *Hello Baby*, **Ben Beveridge Trio**, **Rémi Bolduc Jazz Ensemble**, and vocalist **Maya Rae**.

The Golden Ears Movie Series (GEMS) drew film buffs to enjoy films in our Mainstage Theatre and **The Second Annual Maple Ridge Festival of BC Film** allowed our patrons to connect with the local film industry's latest productions.

We wrapped up the season in style with virtuoso musicians **Itamar Erez**, **Celso Machado**, and **Miroslav Tadic's West Coast World Guitar Trio**.



39
Presentations
 15th Anniversary Milestone!
 460+ Since 2003

8,588
Attendees
 15th Anniversary Milestone!
 140,000+ Attendees
 Since 2003

including

Golden Ears Movie Series
 5,000+ Attendees
 Since 2003

School Performances
 23,000+ Attendees
 Since 2003

FAR LEFT: The Bros. Landreth **CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:** The Bergmann Piano Duo with François Houle, clarinet | Winter Harp | Itamar Erez of West Coast World Guitar Trio | Ballet Kelowna | Arts Club On Tour's Mom's The Word 3



ARTS PROGRAMS • EDUCATION & LEARNING

Arts Programs served over 3,250 people of all ages this year.

Highlights for new programming this year included: Increased ceramics programming for all ages and levels, Intro to Ballet Level 3, Paint and Print, and Mixed Media Portraits art classes. Our new spring and summer camps included Creative Kids Art Camp, Percussion – Hand Drumming, Puppet Making- Dinosaurs, Monsters, Birds and Finger Puppets, Intro to Songwriting in GarageBand, Shrek the Musical and Jungle Book Mini Musical

On April 1st, 2018, we officially launched the mobile Art Cart courtesy of Westminster Savings Credit Union and Heritage Canada. We have taken the Art Cart out into the community to both Maple Ridge Westminster Savings Credit Union branches, Ridge Meadows Earth Day, Salvation Army Back to School Fair, Pitt Meadows Airport Days and the Haney Farmer's Market. We look forward to involving the Art Cart in as many community events in Maple Ridge as possible.

We offered art and dance after-school classes at four elementary schools throughout the Maple Ridge School District and are continuing to expand our after-school Arts Programs for the coming school year.



317

Arts Programs

3,293

Participants

15th Anniversary Milestone!
40,000+ Since 2003

ART GALLERY AND SHOP

We opened the gallery 2017-2018 season with **Modern Legends**, a spectacular exhibition by four outstanding indigenous artists, **Sonny Assu, Brandon Gabriel, Corey Moraes** and **Carrielynn Victor**. Mounted as part of our Canada 150 celebrations, with funding from the Government of Canada, this exhibition demonstrated the evolving nature of reconciliation.

Two group exhibitions were also organized: our annual 'open call' **Ensemble Exhibition**, and the local **Garibaldi Art Club's** spring exhibition, both of which proved to be particularly popular with local audiences. An in-depth solo exhibition by local painter and sculptor **Roger Luko** demonstrated some of the amazing talent we have here in the community. Roger's stunning local landscapes framed a room full of delicately posed figurative sculptures. In spring, we had an opportunity to honour the world of fibre art with **Bettina Mazkuhn's** monumental embroideries that spoke of mysteries of weather, climate and sailing ships. For our final show of the season, we were delighted



to host the work of mixed media artist **Aimee Henny Brown** whose luminous collage pieces (both digital and analogue) revealed a strangely beautiful interplay of local history, undetermined geography and futuristic dreams.

The gallery's **School Program** continues to build, as local elementary schools are given the opportunity to participate in a tour of the gallery followed by a hand-on art project. The Program sessions, which are led by highly qualified teaching art specialists, met with unprecedented demand this year, demonstrating that our centre can significantly enhance District 42's experience of the visual arts.

The **Gallery Shop**, also, had a highly successful year. In addition to offering home goods and high quality craft, the shop mounts small exhibits of emerging artists' work on a rotating basis. Our customer base clearly enjoys the appealing mix of local, sustainable and always artful items sold to benefit our organization and participating artists and artisans.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Ensemble Exhibition 2017, Aimee Henny Brown mixed media solo show, Carrielynn Victor with "Underwater Black Bear" as part of the Modern Legends exhibition.

8,064

ACT Art Gallery Attendance
15th Anniversary Milestone!
110,000+ Since 2003

44

Workshops & Tours
Serving 1,417 Students
and Attendees

6 +12

Gallery Additional
Exhibitions

108

Local Artists
Represented

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

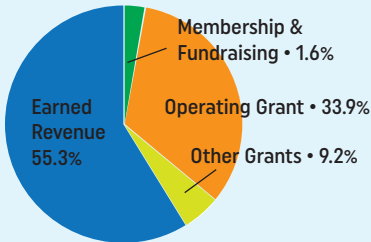
Revenue

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
Operating Grant	\$740,526	33.9%
Other Grants	200,649	9.2%
Earned Revenue	1,207,267	55.3%
Membership & Fundraising	35,234	1.6%
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	\$2,183,676	100.0%

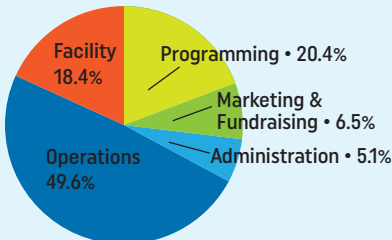
Expenses

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
Artistic and Community Programming	\$445,932	20.4%
Marketing and Fundraising	142,126	6.5%
Administration	111,591	5.1%
Operations	1,084,903	49.6%
Facility Expenses	403,452	18.4%
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	\$2,188,004	100.0%
Amortization, grand piano	\$1,375	
Net Income	\$(5,703)	

REVENUE BY CATEGORY



EXPENSES BY CATEGORY



106

Rental Clients

244

Rental Activities

45,604

Rental Activity Attendance

15th Anniversary Milestone!

525,000+ Since 2003

572

Events and Activities

73,127

People Through the Facility

VOLUNTEERS

Our 166 volunteers contributed over 6500 hours this season. We added over 50 new and active volunteers to our team, who, with our regular volunteers, have serviced over 54,000 patrons.

The 2017-2018 season saw growth in our volunteer Tech Club program with many younger students taking advantage of learning about what takes place behind the scenes. The club saw youth learning everything from sweeping the stage to programming the lights, theatre etiquette to operating the soundboard, and everything in between. The Arts Ambassadors team planned, promoted and executed annual events such as A "Hop"ening Time and CRE8 Youth Arts Day. Through their Youth for Youth initiative the Arts Ambassadors were able to fundraise a gross \$1,107 for youth scholarships. Many of the Arts Ambassadors also completed certifications in First Aid, Serving It Right and Food Safe.

This season saw the creation of our SEA Squad (Special Events Ambassadors). This team of dedicated volunteers attend events outside of The ACT and support our marketing team by sharing information about all that we do here at The ACT. This active team also took on the role of supporting the animation of our brand new Art Cart in our community.

Unfortunately, we lost one of our originating long-term volunteers, Maxene Wall. Maxene joined us in 2003, along with her husband, David, and generously gave the Arts Council many hours of volunteer service. Her wonderful smile, bright spirit and sense of humor is truly missed.



Volunteers of the Year

Gallery Volunteer of the Year 2018
Carol Karagheusian

Arts Program Volunteer of the Year 2018
Tim Pylypiuk

Theatre Volunteer of the Year 2018
Betty Selezinka

166

VOLUNTEERS

6,867

VOLUNTEER
HOURS

15th Anniversary Milestone!
50,000+ Hours Since 2003

The ACT Arts Centre **417**

Admin, Marketing, Special Events, SEA Squad

The ACT Art Gallery **1,131**

Arts Council Board **377**

Committees

Arts Programs **176**

The ACT Theatre **4,182**

Youth Programs **584**

Kin Crew, Tech Club,
Arts Ambassadors



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