



ARTS UMBRELLA

ANNUAL REPORT 2019 / 2020

# VISION

A better world where all young lives are inspired to pursue a lifelong journey towards self-expression, compassion, and humanity.

# MISSION

To be Canada's leader in arts education for young people, that builds community and delivers profound life experiences through our commitment to innovation, excellence, and inclusivity. At the heart of what we do, we inspire people to live creative, authentic, and courageous lives.

Arts Umbrella acknowledges, with gratitude, that its facilities are located on the traditional and unceded territories of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Kwikwetlem, Musqueam, Qayqayt, Semiahmoo, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh, and Tsawwassen First Nations.





# A Year of Resolve and Innovation



Credit: Albert Law

At Arts Umbrella, we believe that art is powerful. Powerful enough to change childrens' lives in incredible ways. This belief is at the core of everything we do, especially during a global pandemic.

In March 2020, COVID-19 led government to implement sweeping health orders to protect the safety of our communities. With our doors temporarily closed to in-person classes, Arts Umbrella – like so many arts educators around the world – found new ways to connect with our students.

With resolve and innovation, our staff developed a syllabus of dance, theatre, and visual arts for remote platforms. We stayed connected to those who rely on our programs, distributing art kits to vulnerable young people across Metro Vancouver. We witnessed first-hand how essential and powerful the visual and performing arts are to members of our community, and how indomitable the artistic spirit can be, even in times of uncertainty.

Our work continues through challenging times, not only in providing life-changing arts education for young people, but also in reflecting on issues of equity, diversity, and inclusion at our organization. We continue to work with our staff and board to chart our path forward.

We could not have continued our work without the understanding and support of our staff, families, community partners, volunteers, donors, and funders. Your belief in Arts Umbrella's mission is a constant motivation.

While the pandemic affected so many people and industries, we have been fortunate that work on our building project has continued, and construction is scheduled to be completed in March 2021. We have been overwhelmed by the extent of the generosity being demonstrated for the future of Arts Umbrella, and it inspires us to continue building on the legacy we have established over the last 41 years.

The past year reminded us of what matters most; communities need a creative outlet to respond to times of crisis. It has never been more important that the tools for artistic expression are available to all. Brighter days lie ahead – and with the support of our community, Arts Umbrella will be there for every young person.

With gratitude,

**Paul Larocque**  
President & CEO  
Arts Umbrella

**Michelle Martin**  
Chair  
Arts Umbrella Board of Directors

# Creativity in a Strange New World

How does one react to change? To crisis? At Arts Umbrella, when our way of delivering programs was uprooted due to the pandemic, necessity revealed the resolve, innovation, and adaptation of our staff and students across the organization. We believe that creativity thrives from human interaction and collaboration with your peers. In that spirit, we dedicated ourselves to continuing our work while putting the safety of our students and staff at the fore.

Arts Umbrella was at the mid-point of our fiscal year when, like so many arts organizations and educators across British Columbia, we closed our doors to the public. The pandemic hit Canada's western-most province first, and on March 16, 2020, we made the difficult decision to adjust our programs as per recommendations from the Provincial Health Officer.

We knew that our community's appetite for creative expression would only grow as the pandemic tightened its grip. We adapted a selection of programs to online delivery by April, and while upcoming live exhibitions and performances were sadly cancelled, faculty remained committed to sharing students' work.

In preparation for the return of in-person classes, we implemented a robust health and safety plan that included hourly studio cleaning, sanitization stations, reduced class sizes, health declarations, mandatory masks, and social distancing measures. We welcomed students back for safe in-person and outdoor classes over the summer.

For all programs and events, Arts Umbrella has continued to adapt and adhere to recommendations from the Province. While we look forward to returning to our studios in full force, we are grateful to our staff, students, families, and community partners for their patience and adaptability during this time. Through this crisis, we will emerge stronger and more resilient than before – with a full complement of distance learning tools at our disposal for the future.

As the pandemic evolves, and as we prepare to move into our new building, the health and safety of our students and staff remains our top priority.





Credit: Kevin Clark

#### THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS WHO PROVIDED EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDING

British Columbia Arts Council  
City of Vancouver  
Coast Capital Savings  
Deloitte  
Government of Canada  
Heathcliff Foundation  
McLean Foundation  
R. Howard Webster Foundation  
TD Bank Group  
Vancouver Foundation

#### Support When It's Needed Most

Throughout this challenging year, communities have responded with resounding support – from foundations, to corporate partners, to governments.

In a year that demonstrated society's need for arts and culture like no other, Arts Umbrella bore witness to acts of incredible generosity. While creating and consuming art, theatre,

film, and dance carried us through the pandemic, we are heartened that so many of our partners also recognized the important role that an arts education plays in the lives of young people. With your support, we were able to find innovative ways to deliver life-changing arts education to children and youth across Metro Vancouver and beyond.





## COVID-19 Initiatives

### THE GARAGE

To continue offering in-person music and musical theatre programs, the Theatre, Music & Film department adapted an 8,000-square-foot parking garage on Granville Island into a space where students could take classes safely. In The Garage, fans and heaters provide constant fresh air to the space, mitigating aerosol spread of the virus and allowing our students to sing together once more.



Having this COVID-safe indoor/outdoor space not only gave us the space to run our musical theatre programs, but more importantly gave our students the chance to stay connected – both to performing in general and to each other.”

**Andy Toth**

*Associate Artistic Director, Theatre, Music & Film*



### COMMUNITY ART KITS

With generous support from **Opus Art Supplies** and an **anonymous donor**, we delivered hundreds of art kits to those who needed it most. The kits contained high-quality art supplies and project ideas, and were given to families across Metro Vancouver.

Our partners at Kiwassa Neighbourhood House, the Vancouver School Board, and the Surrey School District identified over 300 families who would directly benefit and helped us facilitate a safe drop-off.



### ARTS UMBRELLA AT HOME

We launched Arts Umbrella At Home to provide young people with inspiration and ideas for creative at-home projects. Delivered on Instagram, #AUatHome celebrated our instructors and offered prompts for families to participate in a creative activity from home with more than a hundred projects posted over the first four months of the pandemic.



### ARTS UMBRELLA ON SCREEN

Arts Umbrella On Screen was a series of films by Arts Umbrella Dance Company members. The films featured an array of international choreography and dance styles, as well as special guest films by Chor Leoni Men's Choir, the students of the EA Teen Animation Scholarship Program, and our Theatre Program. With generous support from **Deloitte**, the film was shared with the public at an outdoor, socially distanced venue on Granville Island.

# Innovation in Action

## ART EXCHANGE

In October 2019, we launched a new scholarship program in partnership with the **Vancouver Art Gallery (VAG)**, supported by generous donations from **Terrence and Lisa Turner**, and **Elmar and Christine Klukas**. Art Exchange offers young people ages 12-15 the chance to work with leading arts educators to explore and critique exhibitions, then respond by creating their own work.

Designed for young people who want to develop their visual arts practice, the program offers students a unique opportunity to connect with professional artists, gain hands-on studio experience, actively engage with a range of artistic traditions, and expand their own creative practice.

The 2019/20 Art Exchange program included the VAG's *The Tin Man Was a Dreamer* exhibition, and, following critical discussion, the students were asked to consider issues of identity and personal branding, before creating work responding to the question: "What is your brand, and who or what does it empower?" *Flags of Empowerment*, their series of diverse and thoughtful designs, were digitally printed onto flags and exhibited in the rotunda for the duration of the exhibition.



Art Exchange has offered such a unique opportunity for the students to engage with exhibitions, reflect, create, and then have their finished work displayed at the Gallery. Their artwork was thoughtful, personal, and made a powerful statement of who they are as young artists in the world today."

**Andre Seow**

*Art Exchange Instructor*



Credit: Ian Lefebvre



Credit: Artwork created by Art Exchange  
Scholarship student Zachary Munday-Ritchie



Credit: Artwork created by Art Exchange  
Scholarship student Mikaela Wong





#### RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

Our exciting new partnership with **Ronald McDonald House BC & Yukon**, supported by **TD Bank Group**, is incredibly important to us. The House offers accommodation to families who have a child battling serious illness and require lengthy out-of-town hospitalization. Families are able to stay nearby to the specialized care they require while living among a community of support.

In a typical year, Arts Umbrella offers our **Creative Arts** program to families every Sunday, engaging in a visual arts exercise. Due to the pandemic, the need for programs like this became ever more pressing. With in-person delivery no longer possible, we relaunched the program online. Residents are welcomed into the common space and provided access to art materials while the Arts Umbrella instructors are live-streamed on a large screen.



Unlike more structured classes we offer elsewhere, delivery at Ronald McDonald House is fluid, providing artistic options to suit each participants' frame of mind that day. Rather than teaching new techniques, the main goal is to provide space for families to share the simple joy of creating together.

We believe in the vital importance of these common experiences, particularly in such turbulent times, and we are committed to finding new ways to connect with those who need creative expression the most.

# Collaboration Breeds Creativity

“

For those considering art school, there's nothing like actually working with professional artists and curators. It connects them to the professional art world and what art-making is today. When adapting to online delivery, there was initially a worry about not being able to build the camaraderie of the studio. But they all really managed to support one another. And by creating a publication rather than an exhibition, it showed students that there's a multitude of ways to present to the public that don't just involve a white wall in a gallery.”

**Danielle Green**

*Curator of Learning & Public Engagement, CAG*





## VISUAL ART SUMMER INTENSIVE

In collaboration with the **Contemporary Art Gallery (CAG)**, our **Visual Art Summer Intensive (VASI)**, has mentored teen artists for five consecutive years. The three-week full-scholarship program, generously supported by **Lesley Stowe and Geoffrey Scott**, offers young people ages 15-19 the chance to connect with professional artists and curators.



For our 2020 summer program, the pandemic made adaptation necessary. The studio experience was exchanged for video discussions from home, which informed the project's theme of art and everyday life. While this program usually culminates in a student exhibition at the CAG, the pandemic forced students to explore different methods of presenting art to the public. Their final projects were printed in a zine and made available to CAG visitors free of charge.

## OPEN STAGE

Enduring, long-term partnerships are fundamental to our vision for youth arts education. The **Open Stage** program has been in operation at Queen Alexandra Elementary for seven years. With support from **City of Vancouver, Andrew Mahon Foundation, Bob and Judy Hager Family Fund, Geyer Family, Greygates Foundation, Pitblado Family Foundation, and UBCP/ACTRA** we deliver this year-long, high-quality theatre program to 45 young people annually at Queen Alexandra Elementary and Strathcona Community Centre.

Open Stage offers a safe space for children, many of whom require additional support. The continuity of the program has led to the development of a strong, trusting working relationship between the school and Arts Umbrella. Staff at our partner locations help us to identify students that would benefit from the program.

Our instructors foster an environment in which participants learn to express themselves through movement exercises and theatre games, developing emotional literacy along the way. Theatre offers students a new way to communicate, to get in touch with their own vulnerability, and explore their place in life.

# Adapting for The New Limitless



Credit: Kevin Clark

We are pleased to share that The New Limitless Campaign has raised \$32.8 million towards the combined capital and endowment fund goal of \$37 million.

In October 2019, **Robert Lemon** made a \$2-million contribution in the name of his late partner Robert (Bob) Ledingham. To celebrate Bob's appreciation of theatre and passion for education, the Robert M. Ledingham School of Theatre, Music & Film will provide young people with access to extensive training opportunities.

The **Moffat Family** has contributed \$3 million to the campaign. Their first \$1.5-million gift names the Art & Design Media Arts Hub. An additional \$1.5-million contribution endows the Carol Henriquez Community Access Fund, in honour of our Co-Founder and Honorary Chair. This fund will ensure the long-term sustainability of our community programs for generations to come.

Philanthropist **Darlene Poole** has made a \$2-million contribution in honour of her late husband Jack. To celebrate their appreciation for performance and dedication to youth education, the 132-seat Jack and Darlene Poole Theatre will provide young people with opportunities to share their creativity on stage and experience the power of live performance.

In response to the pandemic, our construction team implemented heightened measures to ensure the health and safety of all workers and our community. Despite delays due to reductions in labour and access to materials, we hit many significant construction milestones this year, including welding and roof work, and the installation of new railings, windows, and a stage for the theatre. Construction is currently on schedule for completion in March 2021 with opening celebrations scheduled for April 2021.

It is truly astounding that this state-of-the-art building will be entirely dedicated to arts education for young people, and will arguably be the largest and deepest program of its kind in the world. Over the past few years, our staff's hard work, innovations, and programming leadership have steadily pushed against the boundaries of our current space. Now, we have room to support and inspire more young people to seek wonder through the arts.



Credit: Henriquez Partners Architects



# We are grateful to the following lead donors who have generously supported The New Limitless Campaign

as of August 31, 2020

## CAMPAIGN CABINET

Carol Henriquez, O.C., Co-Chair

Barry Scott, Co-Chair

Nina Bains Cassils, Vice-Chair

Christie Garofalo

Priscilla Lam

Mike Mackay

Darrell Mindell

Jill Price

## BUILDING COMMITTEE

John Bunting, Co-Chair

Peter Rezanoff, Co-Chair

Terrence P. Turner

John Singleton, Q.C.

Michelle Martin

### \$3 MILLION

The Moffat Family

### \$2 MILLION

Robert Lemon, in memory of  
Robert M. Ledingham  
The Jack and Darlene Poole  
Foundation

### \$1.5 MILLION

David Aisenstat  
Pamela & David Richardson Family Fund,  
held at Nicola Wealth Private Giving Foundation

### \$1 MILLION

Audain Foundation  
John and Nina Cassils  
Diamond Foundation  
Richard and Carol Henriquez

Rebecca Mackay  
David and Darrell Mindell  
Jeff Mooney and Suzanne  
Bolton

Newmont Corporation  
Barry and Drinda Scott  
Sonjan Enterprises Ltd.

### \$500,000 - \$999,999

Bank of Montreal (BMO)  
Peeter and Mary Wesik  
The Christopher Foundation

### \$250,000 - \$499,999

Andrew Mahon Foundation  
Douglas Gordon Family  
ITC Construction Group  
Dana and John Montalbano

### \$100,000 - \$249,999

Stephanie Carlson  
Cisco Systems Canada  
Peter & Joanne Brown Foundation  
The Family of Melanie Gold

### \$50,000 - \$99,999

Tom Ferries and Lisa Pankratz  
Jake and Judy Kerr  
Priscilla Lam and Dr. Francis Law  
Saje Natural Wellness  
Christie and David Garofalo  
Family Foundation  
Warren, Twyla and Jessica Wall

### \$10,000 - \$49,999

Bradshaw Family Fund, held at  
Vancouver Foundation  
Capilano University  
Face The World Foundation  
Martha Lou Henley  
Geoff Glotman  
Trudy and Daniel Pekarsky  
Michael and Julie Seelig  
Terrence and Lisa Turner

## GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

### \$7 MILLION

Canada Cultural Spaces Fund

### \$1.4 MILLION

Province of British Columbia

### \$300,000

City of Vancouver

### \$1.3 MILLION

Canada Cultural Investment Fund

# Onward and Upward



Credit: David Cooper

At Arts Umbrella, we believe in fostering the development of the whole child so that young people can develop meaningful, perceptive, and inspired ways in which to interact with the world.

Our graduates go on to pursue education and careers in industries as varied as medicine and entrepreneurship, but many also go on to pursue the arts professionally. This past year, Arts Umbrella Dance graduates joined companies in Montreal, Germany, and Switzerland. Others accepted positions as apprentices or emerging artists in the Netherlands and here in BC.

Our Theatre, Music & Film students are continuing their studies across the province, with several pursuing acting careers locally and internationally. Students from our Art & Design programs have received awards for their animation work in Japan and are headed to New York to pursue degrees in photography. Congratulations to each and every one of our new alumni for their accomplishments.

Through endowed funds, and with generous support from individuals, foundations, and government, Arts Umbrella is also able to provide financial support to current students who demonstrate dedication, passion, and excellence in their craft.



Credit: Model created by 2020 BTY Group Architecture Intensive scholarship student, Helveg Lam





Credit: David Cooper



Credit: David Cooper



Credit: David Cooper

#### McCALL MacBAIN CULTURAL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Supported by:



Clementine Dumas  
Jazzmin James  
Austin Lichty  
Stefanie Noll  
Jacob Williams

#### CREATIVE LAUNCHPAD SCHOLARSHIPS

Supported by:

**Jeff Mooney and Suzanne Bolton**

Nathaniel Belnavis-Wright  
Annika Chan  
Jay Kim  
Nathan Shack  
Ava Simard  
Brigit Stewart  
Shaolin Temrick-Young  
Kaya Tsurumi  
Philip Vargas  
Karen Wu

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR 2019/20 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, INCLUDING:

Liam Alonso Barco  
Samantha Aymong  
Mira Bortolussi  
Bryony Bowman  
Nevan Boyden  
Annie Cave  
Janavi Chawla  
Valerie Cheng  
Amy Cox  
Katie Evans  
Sewit Haile  
Jack Henderson  
Stella Jack Rennie  
Jaden Lee  
Ruth Lee  
Lucien Lindsay  
Livia Liu

Olivia Lum  
Nolan Fahey  
Aidan Floyd  
Viviana Mason  
Devon McLean  
Kaavya Nagpal  
Piper O'Connell-Langsford  
Ethan Ribeiro  
Nola Roberts  
Liam Stone  
Joshua Taylor  
Ben Waters  
Jacob Williams  
Eva Yarrantseva  
Leo Zhi  
Claire Zhong

# A Timely Edition



Vancouver-based artist Bobbie Burgers is internationally celebrated for her painting, sculpture, and collage work that explores florals. Yet for some time, Bobbie has had another idea growing in her imagination.

Bobbie has supported Arts Umbrella through donations to our Splash Art Auction & Gala for more than 20 years.

In 2019, she approached us with a generous idea to create and donate to Arts Umbrella 50 prints, in collaboration with expert printmaker Peter Braune of New Leaf Editions.

"People have asked about prints for many years, but I really needed the impetus to do it in a meaningful way," she says. "Imagination is our greatest resource, and as a community we will

grow so much more richly if we nurture creativity and freedom from a young age. Arts Umbrella gives children a place to develop those skills."

In early 2020, Bobbie worked alongside Peter at his Granville Island studio. They began their journey before the pandemic and spent a lot of time together as she learned the art of etching and printmaking. "In my own studio I feel like I'm teaching myself," says Bobbie. "I like to experiment and I like to push the boundaries, but it's not often that I'm in a more vulnerable position. Working in etching was new to me and at some point, things were out of my hands."

*Perfect Storm* was released in May, 2020, a series of 46 prints plus an additional four monoprints with embellishments by the artist. The prints sold out within a week, to buyers from around the world, raising more than \$110,000 for Arts Umbrella.

We are so grateful to Bobbie Burgers for this significant gift.



*Perfect Storm*, 2020 by Bobbie Burgers

## 2019 SPLASH ART AUCTION &amp; GALA

# A Record-Breaking Year



Credit: Jamie-Lee Fuoco

The 2019 Splash Art Auction & Gala was a milestone for Arts Umbrella. For the first time in its 37-year history, the fundraiser raised more than \$1 million to benefit youth access to arts education. This incredible accomplishment would not be possible without our steadfast community of artists, galleries, donors, sponsors, guests, volunteers, staff, and extraordinary Splash Committee.

More than 600 guests joined us for a spectacular evening at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, co-chaired by

Christie Garofalo and Bruce Munro Wright, and co-hosted by Gloria Macarenko and Fred Lee, with artist Hank Bull leading the live auction. Performances by the Arts Umbrella Dance Company and Musical Theatre Troupe, as well as live sketching by Art & Design students were among the many highlights of this record-breaking event.

**Splash 2019 gross revenue:**  
**\$1,075,000**



Credit: Jamie-Lee Fuoco



## 2019 SPLASH ARTISTS

Fiona Ackerman	Fei Disbrow	Kevin Lanthier	Ben Skinner
Thomas Anfield	Steve Driscoll	Stacy Lederman	Gordon Smith
Miriam Aroeste	Jamie Evrard	Eric Louie	Ed Spence
Michael Batty	Sunshine Frère	Enrique Manchon	Yasmeen Strang
Athena Bax	Gregory Geipel	Gerda Marschall	Scott Sueme
Judson Beaumont	Sara Genn	Gillian McConnell	Carla Tak
Shannon Belkin	Dina Goldstein	Brian McConville	Johnny Taylor
Suzu Birstein	Yorke Graham	Ewan McNeil	Joseph Tisiga
Jessamyn Box	Bradley Harms	Al McWilliams	Tyler Toews
Kevin Boyle	Gabryel Harrison	Eric Metcalfe	Lisa Turner
Christine	Richard Henriquez	Candace Meyer	Terrence P.R.
Breakell-Lee	Maegan Hill-Carroll	Greg Murdock	Turner
Edward Burtynsky	Deirdre Hofer	Helmut Newton	Marleen Vermeulen
Dale Chihuly	Brian Howell	Michelle Nguyen	Stephen Waddell
Leanne M Christie	Patrick Hughes	Christian Nicolay	Jeff Wall
Vicky Christou	Zenyase	Lisa Ochowycz	Ian Wallace
Lincoln Clarkes	Hunsberger	Pat O'Hara	Michael Wesik
Dana Claxton	Shawn Hunt	Sally Podmore	Jeff Wilson
Alex Colville	Philip Jarman	Lori Popadiuk	Andy Wooldridge
Emily Cooper	Krista Johnson	Mark Preston	Don Yeomans
Douglas Coupland	Patricia Johnston	Will Rafuse	Josema Zamorano
Andrew Dadson	Ted Jolda	Valerie Raynard	Pablo Zamudio
Jack Darcus	Barrie Jones	Christopher	Debra Zhou
Henri Dauman	Cao Jun	Rodrigues	Elizabeth Zvonar
Ross den Otter	Kari Kristensen	Jay Senetchko	
Christos Dikeakos	Chris Langstroth	Jack Shadbolt	

A special thank you to Lincoln Clarkes, Martin Charlwood, Deloitte Management Services LP, Leanne and Harold Goodwyn, Douglas Reynolds, and Bruce Munro Wright for their generous support of the Splash Auction.

## ARTIST HIGHLIGHT: ANDREW DADSON

Vancouver-based artist Andrew Dadson remembers going to an open house at Emily Carr University when he was in high school. "The graffiti on the walls, the projects everywhere you turned... it was inspiring," he says. Now, knowing that Arts Umbrella will be moving in to that very building with a vast multi-disciplinary offering for young people, he thinks back to his own training.

"I didn't really consider art school as preparation for being an artist," says Andrew. "I studied a bit of everything because I was interested in learning new skills." That depth of skill is relevant to the internationally exhibited artist today.

"Having access to the resources to experiment and the freedom to experiment leads to creativity," Andrew explains. "Working in different ways – even though my studio practice is painting – is important to how I express myself. I don't differentiate in the studio; all ideas are equal. Creativity isn't something you can just switch on; you have to nurture it."

Andrew's 2019 Splash contribution, *Red Clover (Trifolium pratense) Blue* (2019), helped raise funds for the Arts Umbrella Bursary Fund, ensuring that access to an arts education is available to all young people, regardless of socio-economic circumstance.





## Nicola Wealth Invitational

This annual report covers our fiscal year of September 1, 2019-August 31, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Arts Umbrella, alongside Golf Co-Chairs Jenn Podmore Russell and Conor Kinsella, postponed the 2020 Nicola Wealth Invitational – originally scheduled for June – to September, 2020.



Credit: Renata Sinclair

## Thank You to our Fundraising Committees

Carima Abubakar  
David Allison  
Eve Aymong  
Brenda Bradshaw  
Lara Brecht  
Blaire Chisholm  
Lanie Collins  
Cameron Conn  
Meagan Conn

Timothy Cuffe  
Celia Dawson  
Amanda Downs  
Elizabeth Dylke  
Tanya Gabara  
Olivera Garcia  
Christie Garofalo  
Marnie Gordon  
Megan Grayston

Bruce Jung  
Conor Kinsella  
Claudia Krebs  
Paul Kressock  
Derek MacDonald  
Amanda Magee  
Kirsten Mihailides  
Katrina Milani  
Pamela Moffat

Brent O'Connor  
Erika Pantages  
Mindy Parfitt  
Angela Preece  
Annabelle Price  
Katie Richards  
Colby Richardson  
Quinten Richardson  
Jenn Podmore Russell

Ruthie Shugarman  
Beverley Steinhoff  
Jessica Taylor  
Trudy Van Dop  
Emmy Lee Wall  
Darren Whitehouse  
Katherine Wreford  
Bruce Munro Wright

*Red Clover (Trifolium pratense) Blue, 2019 by Andrew Dadson*



# The 2020 Inspiring Creativity. For Good. Awards

The annual Inspiring Creativity. For Good. Awards is an opportunity to honour the achievements of beloved members of the Arts Umbrella community; from corporate partners, to volunteers, to instructors. Celebrated via live-stream, our 2020 ceremony was a moving and inspirational event.



## INSPIRING EDUCATOR

### Marta Robertson-Smyth

*"Marta is a gem in our midst: as a teacher, as a friend, as an artist, as an activist, as a human being." —Alexis Seto, artist and collaborator, Arts Umbrella instructor*

Over 30 years at Arts Umbrella, Marta Robertson-Smyth inspired thousands of children in drawing, painting, and printmaking classes. For 17 years, she taught the Van Go community program, bringing inspiration to neighbourhoods that don't typically have access to arts programming. Marta made a profound impact on those she taught, connecting her lessons to her deep passion for the environment and Indigenous peoples' histories to tell stories with great authenticity.



## INSPIRING EDUCATOR

### Suzy Birstein

*"Suzy helps students to find the art within themselves, to truly create from their own hearts." —Shira Gold, Arts Umbrella alumnus, parent, and artist*

We are honoured to have had Suzy Birstein, a ceramicist, sculptor, and painter, delivering Art & Design classes for Arts Umbrella students for the past 30 years. Former students paint a picture of a one-of-a-kind instructor who creates an electric atmosphere in the classroom, instilling students with confidence in the individuality of their work.



#### INSPIRING EDUCATOR

##### Andre Seow

*"Andre, you are considered a master teacher among your peers. And among your students, a living legend. You are a role model of how to live as an artist in the world."* —Susan Rome, Youth and School Program Coordinator at Vancouver Art Gallery

Andre Seow has been an icon of the Arts Umbrella community for 30 years, delivering engrossing drawing and painting classes to multiple age groups, emphasizing process and experimentation with materials. He is now a driving force behind the teaching of our Art Exchange program in partnership with the Vancouver Art Gallery.



#### INSPIRING PHILANTHROPIST – CORPORATION

##### Electronic Arts

*"Thank you for offering a space for youth to tell their stories and create unapologetically."* —Jocelyn Sanchez, Assistant Instructor, EA Teen Animation Scholarship Program, 2020

Our partnership with Electronic Arts goes back an incredible 20 years. An education initiative imagined by Senior Outreach Manager at EA Canada, Wendell Harlow, the scholarship program offers young people the chance to work with media arts professionals and create an animation piece for their portfolio applications to post-secondary study. To date, more than 200 students have had the opportunity to participate in this program.



#### INSPIRING VOLUNTEER

##### Eric Watt

*"Eric has always truly believed in Arts Umbrella – its purpose and contribution to young people and to our community, especially our commitment to ensuring that families have access to our programs regardless of their financial situation."* —Carol Henriquez, O.C., Arts Umbrella Co-Founder

Eric Watt joined the Arts Umbrella Association Board in 1987 – acting as Chair from 2001 to 2006 – and was a founding Trustee of the Arts Umbrella Foundation Board, on which he has sat since 1991. He has helped shepherd Arts Umbrella as it has grown in size and sophistication, championing our work as an ambassador and spokesperson, and putting systems in place to keep the organization on budget and in good fiscal health.

# 2019/20 Staff Service Awards

Our Arts Umbrella staff are the heart of the organization. Thank you for inspiring creativity in young people. Congratulations to all of our staff who celebrated a work anniversary in 2019/20.

#### 5 YEARS

Erika Babins  
Penelope Boyse  
Christen Burnett  
Kyle Duske  
Leah Fong  
Kevin Hatch  
Marinda Heshka  
Paneet Singh  
Kelsey Lee  
Crista Lof  
Glenda Love-

Hirsch  
Daryl Fretz  
Oswaldo Rangel  
Patrick Ray  
Emily Robinson  
Lesley Telford  
Lou Ticzon

#### 10 YEARS

Elizabeth Hauayek  
Kaori Kasai  
Sacha Levin  
Lisa Reed  
Denise Urcola

#### 15 YEARS

Roselle Healy

#### 20 YEARS

Zabelita Fraser  
Riba Kalb  
Marilyn Seki  
Kate Gomborg

#### 35 YEARS

Maureen Procter



# Arts Umbrella Foundation | As of August 31, 2020

## THE NEW LIMITLESS FUND

Audain Foundation  
Canada Cultural Investment Fund,  
Endowment Incentives Program  
Stephanie Carlson  
Face the World Foundation  
The Family of Melanie Gold  
Robert Lemon, in memory of Robert M.  
Ledingham  
Dana and John Montalbano

## CAROL HENRIQUEZ LEGACY FUND

### LITERACY CHAIRS

Government of Canada  
BC Arts Renaissance Fund

### CORE DISCIPLINE CHAIRS

Province of British Columbia  
The Christopher Foundation  
Meriem Foundation, in memory of Mary  
Margaret Young

## NEW INITIATIVES CHAIRS

Audain Foundation  
James A. Burton  
Chan Foundation of Canada  
Gordon and Leslie Diamond Family  
Foundation  
Alan P. Markin  
Mearns Family, in memory of Dale Mearns  
Sandra and Mark Snider  
Ken and Anne Woods

## TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS

Darrell and David Mindell

## TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS

Anonymous  
Nina Bains Cassils and John Cassils, in  
memory of H. Mary Cassils  
Cirque du Soleil  
Margaret and Gordon Davis  
Wendy and Dan Jarvis

Dr. Richard and Carolyn Kramer

Lohn Foundation, Darlene and  
Robert Spevakow

Jack Lutsky and Susan Mendelson

Marsha and Norman Paul

Trudy and Dan Pekarsky

Marjorie and Art Reitmayer

Pamela and Dave Richardson

Richardson Foundation

Drinda and Barry Scott

Beverley and Eric Watt

Mary and Peeter Wesik

Laylie and Shira Gold, Peter Krivel-Zacks,  
Juliet Zacks, Ted Zacks, in memory of  
Melanie Joy Sara Gold

## SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY ENDOWMENTS

Ken and Anne Woods Scholarship &  
Bursary Fund

Barry Scott Legacy Fund

The Stearman Family Award

## Scholarships and/or Bursary Endowments have also been established in honour or in memory of the following individuals:

Phyllis Ashley  
Stephen Denslow, established  
by Ingunn Kemble  
Jocelyn Dowdeswell  
Rita Eichenger  
Glenn Gilmour  
Dale Mearns  
Lucille Pacey  
Jaspreet Rayat  
Jack Shadbolt, established  
by the Whist Family  
Gary Switlo  
Azra Young

## CANADA CULTURAL INVESTMENT FUND

Arts Umbrella is honoured to receive  
funding from the Government of  
Canada's Endowment Incentives  
Program. All new funding directed  
to the Arts Umbrella Foundation  
is eligible to be matched through  
this program, providing operational  
sustainability and allowing us to  
expand our programming to reach  
more young people.

# Financials

| Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the years ended August 31, 2019 and 2020

## REVENUES 2019

<b>TOTAL REVENUE:</b>	<b>\$ 8,186,145</b>
Tuition	51.4%
Donations, Sponsorships & Events	30.4%
Government	6.3%
AU Foundation	11.4%
Interest and miscellaneous income	0.5%

## EXPENDITURES 2019

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$8,151,336</b>
Programming and Community Outreach	62.9%
Facilities	7.8%
Fundraising	10.9%
Administration	12.3%
Arts Umbrella Foundation-donation	6.1%

## REVENUES 2020

<b>TOTAL REVENUE:</b>	<b>\$7,028,024</b>
Tuition	38.2%
Donations, Sponsorships & Events	36.6%
Government	19.8%
AU Foundation	4.7%
Interest and miscellaneous income	0.7%

## EXPENDITURES 2020

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$7,011,300</b>
Programming and Community Outreach	59.0%
Facilities	10.2%
Fundraising	14.4%
Administration	16.4%
Arts Umbrella Foundation-donation	0.0%



# Thank You to our Annual Supporters

## INDIVIDUALS

### \$100,000 AND ABOVE

Jeff Mooney and Suzanne Bolton

### \$20,000 - \$49,999

Dave and Pamela Richardson

### \$10,000 - \$19,999

Anonymous  
John and Nina Cassils  
Margaret and Gordon Davis  
Geyer Family  
Elmar and Christine Klukas  
Christine Moffat  
Pamela Moffat  
Lesley Stowe and Geoffrey Scott  
Terrence and Lisa Turner  
Bruce Munro Wright  
Cathy Zuo

### \$5,000 - \$9,999

Fiona Brodie  
Stephanie Carlson  
John and Irene DeLucchi  
Tom Ferries and Lisa Pankratz  
Carol and Richard Henriquez  
Dr. Francis Law and Priscilla Lam  
Robert Lemon, in memory of  
Robert M. Ledingham  
Marily Mearns  
Jay Mehr  
Darrell and David Mindell  
Thomas O'Shaughnessy and  
Omar Dallal  
Dr. Beverley Steinhoff  
Jessica Taylor and Hanif Mamdani

### \$1,000 - \$4,999

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Goldie Alam  
Mark Angus  
Diana Bennett  
Rick Bennett

Jillian Bryan and Mike Clasby  
John Bunting  
Anna Katherine Castrejon Nickel  
Kimberly Cudney and Fraser Phillips  
Celia Dawson  
Kathryn Dunstan  
Darren Fetigan  
Joanna and John Fleischmann  
Yvonne Gagnon  
Christie Garofalo  
Arlene Gladstone and  
Hamish Cameron  
Artemis Gordon  
Thoren Hudyma  
Aloha C. Johnson  
Elena Kurbatoff  
Paul Larocque  
Lilli and Jerry Luking  
Jill and David Lyall  
Barry and E. Anne Macdonald  
Mary MacDonald  
Amanda Magee  
Michelle Martin  
Ray McAuliffe

Tara and Jonathan McCullough  
Jeffrey Merrick  
Kirsten Mihailides  
Brent O'Connor  
Heather Owen  
Lucille and Russ Pacey  
Jill and Hartland Price  
Jacquie and Richard Prokopanko  
Michael Proust  
Sue Roppel  
Jennifer Podmore Russell  
Rikia Saddy  
Warren Schindler  
Paul Simpson  
John Singleton  
Isabelle Spothelfer  
Dermot Strong  
Martin Thibodeau  
Sarah Vollett  
Nada Vuksic  
Warren, Twyla and Jessica Wall  
Eric Watt  
Dana Yan

### \$500 - \$999

Chris Archbold  
Eric Bridgwater  
Amy Claxton  
Patti Gies  
Nancy Hill  
Sol Hrafnisdottir  
Yiheng Jiang  
Dean Kuusela and Tomoko Kimura  
Erica Levy and Alan Kingstone  
Julie and Tim Martz  
Robyn Rankin  
Lisa-Marie and Chris Read  
Katherine, Diana, Jody, Bobby,  
Kate, Cynthia Sutherland  
Isabel Trigger  
Zohreh and Joachim Waibel

## FOUNDATIONS

### \$50,000 AND ABOVE



vancouver  
foundation

### \$20,000 - \$49,999

The Christopher Foundation  
Nicola Family Foundation



### \$10,000 - \$19,999

Anonymous  
Djavad Mowafaghian Foundation  
First West Foundation is proud  
to provide community grants  
through Envision Financial  
Endowments  
The Highbury Foundation  
Joseph Stauffer Trust  
The McLean Foundation  
The Pamela and David  
Richardson Family Foundation  
Pitblado Family Foundation  
R. Howard Webster Foundation

### \$5,000 - \$9,999

Andrew Mahon Foundation  
Bob and Judy Hager Family Fund  
Deux Mille Foundation  
The Edith Lando Charitable  
Foundation  
Gadhia Family Fund  
Heathcliff Foundation  
Lagnappe Foundation  
London Drugs Foundation  
Rix Family Foundation

### \$1,000 - \$4,999

Al Roadburg Foundation  
The Hylcan Foundation  
Lohn Foundation  
Pearley and Norine Brissenden Fund  
Surrey Fire Fighters Charitable  
Society

## CORPORATIONS

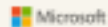
### \$75,000 AND ABOVE



### \$50,000 - \$74,999



### \$20,000 - \$49,999



### \$10,000 - \$19,999

BTY Group  
Cadillac Fairview  
Coast Capital Savings  
Deloitte  
Dixon Mitchell  
Electronic Arts  
Noise Digital  
Norton Rose Fulbright  
Parq Vancouver  
Polygon Homes Ltd.  
Visas Consulting Group

### \$5,000 - \$9,999

Baker Tilly WM LLP  
Beedie  
Burgundy Asset Management Ltd.  
Canaccord Genuity Corp.  
Citifund Capital Corporation

Dexter Realty  
Hy's of Canada Ltd.  
Jimmy Choo  
Longview Communications  
Marin Investments Ltd.  
MFS Investment Management  
Canada  
Milani Plumbing  
Miu Miu  
The Molnar Group  
Newmont  
Odlum Brown Limited and Olivera  
Garcia  
RH Architects Inc.  
Ruthie Shugarman & Paige Kraft  
Sunbelt Rentals  
Van Kam Freightways Ltd.  
Vera Vlaovich of RGF Integrated  
Wealth Management  
WestPark

### \$1,000 - \$4,999

Academics Educational Systems  
Adam Blasberg Photography  
Avenue Road  
Border Gold  
Chanel  
Dakralda Properties Ltd.  
Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP  
Fulmer & Company  
UBCP/ACTRA

## GOVERNMENT

### \$100,000 AND ABOVE



We acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia



### \$50,000 - \$99,999



### \$10,000 - \$19,999

CMHC Granville Island  
City of Surrey

### \$5,000 - \$9,999

City of Vancouver

## GIFT-IN-KIND

### \$100,000 AND ABOVE

Bobbie Burgers

### \$50,000 - \$99,999

Deloitte  
Global Public Affairs

### \$20,000 - \$49,999

CBC Radio Canada  
Denbigh Fine Art Services  
The Shops at Morgan Crossing  
Vancouver Civic Theatres

### \$10,000 - \$19,999

Gray Line Westcoast Sightseeing

# Boards

| September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020

## ASSOCIATION BOARD



Michelle Martin  
Chair



Tom Ferries  
Vice-Chair and  
Treasurer



Thomas  
O'Shaughnessy  
Vice-Chair



Carol Henriquez  
O.C., Honorary  
Chair



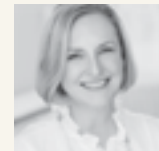
Jill Price  
Past Chair



Nina Bains  
Cassils



John Bunting



Kimberly  
Cudney



Christie  
Garofalo



Thoren Hudyma



Priscilla Lam



Jeff Merrick



Kirsten  
Mihailides



Heather Owen



Jennifer  
Podmore  
Russell



Ruthie  
Shugarman



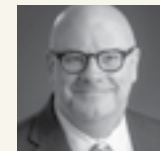
Lesley Stowe



Terrence Turner



Warren Wall



Bruce Munro  
Wright

## FOUNDATION BOARD



Jill Price  
Chair



David Sung  
Vice-Chair



Eric Watt  
Treasurer



Kimberly  
Cudney



Martine Cunliffe



Carol Henriquez  
O.C.



Priscilla Lam



Michelle Martin



Jeff Merrick



Paul Larocque,  
President &  
CEO





Credit: David Cooper;  
Back cover: Jocelyn Sanchez



---

### Granville Island

604-681-5268 x0  
[info@artsumbrella.com](mailto:info@artsumbrella.com)

---

### Q7

604-681-5268 x0  
[info@artsumbrella.com](mailto:info@artsumbrella.com)

---

### South Surrey

604-535-1127  
[surrey@artsumbrella.com](mailto:surrey@artsumbrella.com)

---

### Surrey Centre

604-585-6996  
[surrey@artsumbrella.com](mailto:surrey@artsumbrella.com)