

2018 YEAR IN *Review*



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A MESSAGE FROM THE *Board*

On behalf of the ACWR Board of Directors, I would like to thank the staff and membership for an incredible year. We have grown through our art, programming, and advocacy.

In my first year as ACWR President, I have had the pleasure to learn so much from Julie Tucker, Laura Service, outgoing President Jolie Inthavong, and our entire Board of Directors. Learning never ends and I hope to develop further in my abilities and work with all of you to take our organization to the next level.

There is a wealth of talent throughout our membership. Each new exhibition presents an opportunity to explore the creativity, voice, and vision of each artist. Windsor-Essex has so much to offer and I only need to point to our younger members in Vanguard Youth Art Collective to see their innovative, community-focused work.

Our programming has been full of practical workshops which delve into grant writing, crafting historical fiction, accounting, and much more. Highlighting and supporting Indigenous art has been an important initiative led by Julie Tucker and has created new collaborations and conversations in our community. I am looking forward to the inaugural Cultural Industry Day next year, which will help local high school students see themselves working in the arts.

Our advocacy work is bringing art into the discussion. Arts Share: Shared Cultural Spaces, a panel discussion this summer, brought practitioners from Toronto and Detroit to discuss revitalization through the arts. Arts Vote 2018 ensured that art and artists were part of the provincial and municipal elections, while helping voters to make more informed decisions.

Entering 2019, we embark on creating a new Strategic Plan for ACWR. This will help us prioritize and set the course for future work. I invite you, as a member, to be part of this process and help us in setting our goals for the years ahead. We have decades of great work that have been the foundation of our organization and through good planning, we can ensure that we have decades ahead of us.

Once again, I would like to thank Julie and Laura for their hard work over the past year. We will certainly miss Laura and appreciate her innumerable contributions to ACWR. We are excited to welcome a new Gallery & Membership Coordinator to the team.

Warm wishes,

Sarah Morris
ACWR President

UPDATES FROM

Staff

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROGRAMS & ADVOCACY

This has been a great and a challenging year! Firstly, I would like to thank Laura for being a solid partner in all work related activities and we will all miss her kindness and hard work. I would also like to congratulate Vanguard Youth Arts Collective on the Windsor Endowment for the Arts grant. At the same ceremony, ACWR was honoured with the Mayor's Arts Awards.

This past year, we conducted advocacy projects in both the provincial and municipal election. We also developed relationships with art service organizations across Ontario. Throughout the New Year, we will continue to invite like minded organizations and individuals to offer valuable information sessions to our community.

As we continue forward this year, we hope to continue to develop innovative programming and to offer services valuable to our community. We are proud of our new website and I believe ACWR will continue to grow our reach and recognition.

Thank you /Anushiik,

Julie Tucker

GALLERY & MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

In the past year the ACWR has embarked on new partnerships, gained new members, and improved on existing programs and services. ArtSpeak Gallery continues to book consistently a year in advance hosting over 40 exhibitions annually. Our membership is on a steady incline, and represents a healthy portion of working artists to hobby or emerging artists in the region. We're seeing valuable contributions from volunteers on various projects, as well as with the day to day operations at the office.

As we move forward into a new year, I am sad to leave my position because many new projects are on the horizon, but I know that our staff and board will guide the organization through these new endeavours with superior capability. ACWR will be presenting the first Cultural Industry Day, a full day workshop and discussion on careers in the arts for high school students in April 2019. This will be the first large scale event that the ACWR has undertaken alongside school board partners, and with Workforce WindsorEssex.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members and volunteers for their ongoing support of the Arts Council. Also, thank you to Julie Tucker for her dedication to her responsibilities and the success of ACWR as a meaningful service organization to Windsor Essex artists. It's been a pleasure to work on the ACWR team, and to work with the members of the board over the past five years.

Thank you!

Laura Service | Gallery Manager & Membership Coordinator (Nov 2013 - Nov 2018)

2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Promotion

ARTS NOTES

New and Improved! We have switched to Mailchimp and have integrated the newsletter from our new website to create efficiencies. Our goal this year is to expand use in the windsor arts calendar and website

INFORMATION / ACTIVITY SESSIONS

Provided information on Windsor / Essex at the following events:

Art by the River, Dance Ontario Conference, World Indigenous Law Conference, ArtsBuild Ontario: Creative Space workshop, Ontario Cultural Attractions Funds, Ontario Arts Council: Exhibition Assistance

SOCIAL MEDIA

Continued progressive presence on all channels

Instagram followers: 887 to 1136 // Twitter Followers: 2,394 to 2506

Facebook likes 1732 to 1880 with 1839 followers // *collected on Nov. 2017/18

Advocacy

ARTS VOTE 2018

ACWR met with many of the candidates in the provincial election and presented a report from Ontarians for the Arts. ACWR administered an arts survey in the municipal election and received a decent response rate.

IN THE NEWS

CTV News: "Survey looks at candidates' perspectives on the arts in Windsor-Essex"

CBC: "From Windsor to Iqaluit, arts council looks to link opposite ends of the country"

Windsor star: "Windsor Endowment for the Arts recognizes local artists, organizations"

Windsor star: "Organizers of Indigenous film event promise 'lively' discussion"

Windsor star: "Benchmarking helps Windsor ask: 'Hey, why are we worse at this and better at that'"

Windsorite: "Art + Law Indigenous Artist – in – Residence"

CANADIAN ARTISTS' REPRESENTATION / LE FRONT DES ARTISTES CANADIENS

Ongoing reporting and updating to their Dispatch newsletter. Has the artist been paid? We continue to pay and advocate for artist fees.

ARTS SHARE: SHARED CULTURAL SPACES

Shared art spaces function as way to build social networks that contribute to both community revitalization and artistic development for both artists and arts organizations. The Arts Council Windsor & Region and the Downtown Windsor Community Collaborative developed a panel discussion with guests working in different arts spaces in Ontario and Detroit (60+ people in attendance). This is just the beginning of our network sessions.

Support

ART. WORK WORKSHOPS & CREATIVE LEARNING

The Arts Council Windsor and Region partners with artists, organizations and businesses to provide special programs including, professional development, creative learning and networking opportunities for artists of all ages and all disciplines. All our programs aim to infuse arts and culture into the everyday life while giving artists and community organizations the opportunity to come together to facilitate discussions, create connections and grow as professionals.

FREE SPACE

In 2017/18 the FREE SPACE application was made available in Arabic and for the end of this year our focus we will encourage collectives to participate. In 2019, Curatorial FREE SPACE begins...stay tuned.

GRANT CONSULTATION

Over the past year the ACWR continues to consult members on their applications to the Ontario Arts Council and the Arts, Cultural & Heritage Fund.

MEMBERSHIP

Members enjoy discounted rates on rentals and workshops, access to online and print resources, resource library, opportunities to exhibit, deals and discounts with our partners and more. New* Search Library Thing for our holdings. Members can apply for Insurance through the Arts Entertainment Plan.

VOLUNTEER & ON THE JOB TRAINING

2000+ Hours - Work Study / Summer Job Training Programs/ Volunteerism at the ACWR
Throughout 2018 the ACWR hosted and facilitated multiple work study programs through the University of Windsor Volunteer Internship Program (VIP), and The Greater Essex Public School Board Co-op Program. Along with the above work study programs, ACWR received approval from Canada Summer Jobs and the Can-Am Indian Friendship Centre Apatisiwin program for three summer student placements.

Partnerships

WORKING WITH THE ENVIRONMENT HIGH SCHOOL ART EXHIBIT

As a collaborative partnership with UNIFOR local 200, The Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board, The Greater Essex Public School Board, Conseil scolaire catholique Providence and Mayworks Festival.

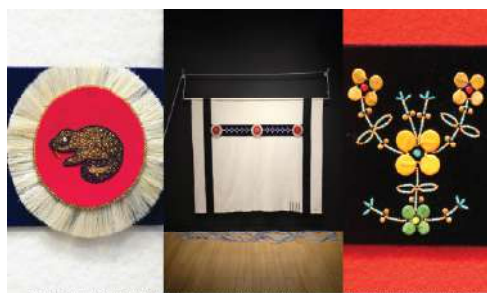
NUNAVUT EXCHANGE

A partnership with the Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association and the Turtle Island Education Centre. The goal is to bring together the Northernmost and Southernmost artists in Canada.

MEDIA CITY FILM FESTIVAL

Screening of The Diaspora Suite with New York filmmaker Ephraim Asili in attendance. Hosted at Sandwich First Baptist Church, significant terminus on the Underground Railroad. Descendants of original freedom seekers and cast members of Asili's Windsor-Detroit film Fluid Frontiers in attendance.

FEATURED NEW PROGRAMS



ART+LAW Indigenous Artist - in - Residence Barry Ace (Ottawa, ON)

Artist Talk
November 12 @ 12:00 pm
Performance Hall Room 123
School of Creative Arts
University of Windsor
37 University Ave. E, Windsor
Ontario, Canada N9A 3A4

Exhibition
November 19-23
For as long as the sun shines;
the grass grows and the river flows
Armouries Gallery | School of Creative Arts

Truth and Reconciliation Wampum Belt project
November 13-16 Sessions at 10am and 2:30pm daily
University of Windsor
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Revitalizing Windsor's Downtown through the development of shared arts space

Location: The Foundry Pub (459 Ouellette Ave, Windsor, ON)
Date/Time: Thursday June 14th @ 7pm

Free to attend

PANELISTS

Popp's Packing (Detroit, MI)
Toronto Media Arts Centre / Dames Making Games (Toronto, ON)
+TBA

Copresented by Arts Council Windsor & Region • Downtown Windsor Community Collaborative



2167

A Touring Indigenous VR Project

Presented by the University of Windsor
School of Creative Arts, Windsor Law,
World Indigenous Law Conference,
Arts Council Windsor & Region

2167 is a virtual reality project
commissioned and produced by TIFF,
imagineNATIVE, Pingvaq, and the
Initiative for Indigenous Futures.

As part of TIFF's Indigenous Inclusive Canada on Screen
First Indigenous Storymakers and artists – Jeff Baraboy,
Dawn Couvel, Karl Miskimen, Scott Benoit-Beaudoin,
and Polakowsky – were commissioned to create VR
projects exploring Indigenous life 200 years in the future.

Come engage with these works in a special, FREE exhibition
hosted in your community!

2167 Exhibition Information

Sunday Nov. 18th @ St. Clair Centre for the
Arts / Skyline Ballroom / 12-6pm

Monday Nov. 19th @ School of Creative
Arts / Armouries / Foyer / 9:30 am-3:30pm



CULTURAL INDUSTRY DAY APRIL 3 2019

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