



# 2022-2023 SEASON IMPACT REPORT

Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Arts Council

# 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 arts



## Values

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

# PROGRAMMING MANDATE

## Present

high-quality exhibitions and performances featuring primarily Canadian artists

## 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

## Engage

and support local artists and arts organizations through the delivery of vision, mission and values

## Provide

a diverse balance of artistic and educational programming

## Create

opportunities with other organizations that will strengthen and diversify the cultural sector

*We acknowledge that we are fortunate to be able to work, create, learn, and connect on the traditional unceded territories of the Katzie First Nation and Kwantlen First nation*

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

*"Joy is a well-made object, equaled only by the joy of making it." - BILL REID*

It was a very hopeful year for the arts and for the Arts Council in Maple Ridge. The 22/23 season marked the start of the Arts Council's anticipated three to five-year programming and operational recovery from the Pandemic, and operations and programs continued to gradually increase.

One of our biggest challenges was the tight labour market, which resulted in vacancies in many departments for most of the year. However, determined professionalism, flexible resiliency and an abundance of creativity by the staff carried us through the year's end with minimal impact on our programs.

Despite these and other challenges over the year, we:

**connected our community**, through 674 activities taking place at The ACT, and off-site, provided after school programs to seven elementary schools, awarded scholarships to graduating seniors for excellence in the arts, and provided Arts Partner Grants support for arts-based projects throughout the community;

**provided hands-on learning through The Arts Learning Programs**, which saw consistent growth throughout the year, finishing with a **21% increase in participation**;

**connected audiences to an increased number of live performing artists** through The ACT Presents Series, offering an expanded 35-show season, which saw **audiences grow by 55%**;

**promoted visual literacy and engagement** through the **Art Gallery's five professionally-curated exhibitions** and enhancement activities, resulting in a **60% increase in attendees**;

**upgraded and improved The ACT Arts Centre facility**, now in its 20th year, and still one of Maple Ridge's most cherished public spaces;

**and envisioned the future, as we began a strategic planning process** for the next three years, including exploring further ways to embrace diversity, inclusion, access and reconciliation in our programs and practices.

**Though the pandemic headwinds began to decrease over the season and participation grew in all programs, the Centre is still a long way from a total recovery, having finished the year at a little over half of its pre-pandemic attendance. We knew that recovery would be gradual, and we will continue to work diligently, strategically, and creatively, to connect people with excellent and meaningful arts experiences as we continue to recover, rebuild and reconnect.**

We are deeply grateful to so many who give their time, energy and support to the work of the Arts Council: our dedicated volunteers, without whom the Centre could not operate; our committed funders, sponsors and annual fund donors, who support the value we contribute to thousands of lives; and the Board of Directors, whose thoughtful and considered leadership provides stability in our operations and accountability to our mission.

Now in its 52nd year, The Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Arts Council continues to strive to uplift, inspire and connect our community.

Onwards and upwards,



*Curtis Pendleton*

Curtis Pendleton  
Artistic & Executive Director



*Kevin Binnie*

Kevin Binnie  
President, Board of Directors

*"Do not try to do extraordinary things, but do ordinary things with intensity." - EMILY CARR*

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND ACCESS

WE JOINED HANDS AND HEARTS WITH OUR COLLEAGUE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS,



- ▶ through **Arts Partner Grants** support to
  - Emerald Pig Theatrical Society
  - Maple Ridge Historical Society
  - Maple Ridge Choral Society
- ▶ sponsored activities of the **Garibaldi Art Club** & Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows **Open Studios Tour**
- ▶ presented a co-fundraiser performance with the **Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation** raising funds to support the healing power of the arts, featuring **TOMATOES TRIED TO KILL ME BUT BANJOS SAVED MY LIFE**



## Celebrating Community with Free Activities

- ▶ Welcomed visitors to **GLOW MAPLE RIDGE** for lobby activities
- ▶ Hosted the Greg Moore Youth Centre's annual **YOUTH TALENT SHOW**
- ▶ Welcomed guests to **CULTURE DAYS** activities in the Art Gallery
- ▶ Hosted groups in ACT spaces for **EARTH DAY** and **MULTICULTURAL DAY**
- ◀ Provided **CANADA DAY** activities in 2022

## Supporting Youth

The 2023 **Excellence in Arts** Youth Scholarships awarded competitive scholarships to six SD42 graduating Seniors for outstanding achievements in the Arts, in support of their post-secondary education.

Emily/Rubing Xiong	Visual & Media Arts	Maple Ridge Christian School
Ricky Dai	Music	Maple Ridge Secondary
Abigail Franco	Theatre	Thomas Haney Secondary
Makayla Gallacher	Theatre	Garibaldi Secondary
Gordon Geddes	Visual & Media Arts	Garibaldi Secondary
Lena Meszaros	Visual & Media Arts	Pitt Meadows Secondary

**53,573** PEOPLE TOOK PART IN **674** ACTIVITIES AT THE ACT ARTS CENTRE

# THE ACT PRESENTS SERIES

CONNECTED AUDIENCES AND PERFORMING ARTISTS THROUGH

35 PRESENTATIONS

FROM 139 PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING ARTISTS

TO A TOTAL AUDIENCE OF 7,015

## Musical Artists

Opening Night with Canadian Music Icon **STEVEN PAGE** delivered a **SOLD OUT** Mainstage event. ▶



▲ The cabaret-style **LISTENING LOUNGE SERIES** returned, creating an intimate music experience, opening with **KRYSTLE DOS SANTOS AND THE LOVEMAKERS**, who delivered R&B and Soul.



▶ Legendary Bluesman, **JIM BYRNES**



▲ Mainstage Masters Series Artists included, Ballet Victoria's **BROADWAY ON POINT**, Blues and R&B **SAMANTHA MARTIN AND DELTA SUGAR**, Two Triple Bill **STAND-UP COMEDY NIGHTS**, **MONTREAL GUITARE TRIO**'s extraordinary showmanship performing the music of Ennio Morricone.



▶ **JOHN REISCHMAN AND OLD ACOUSTIC** brought his mandolin virtuosity. **QUINN BACHAND's BRISHEN** swung with Gypsy jazz.



▶ The new Sunday afternoon **CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES** took audiences on a themed 'Around the World' trip in five concerts, and two **COFFEE CONCERTS** by the **BERGMANN PIANO DUO** and guests delighted morning patrons.

# Theatre Series

Welcomed one of the most widely produced plays in Canadian theatre, **BILLY BISHOP GOES TO WAR**



**DRIVING ME CRAZY**, a new play by Linda Carson and Suzanne Ristic



An irreverent and playful depiction of the Mozart family, **MOZART AND HER BROTHER**



Through readings, performance, and music, the writings of Shirley Jackson came to life in **LETTERS, LEFTOVERS AND THE LOTTERY**



**MIDDLE RAGED**, a sketch comedy starring Geri Hall and Gary Pearson

## Holiday & Family Shows

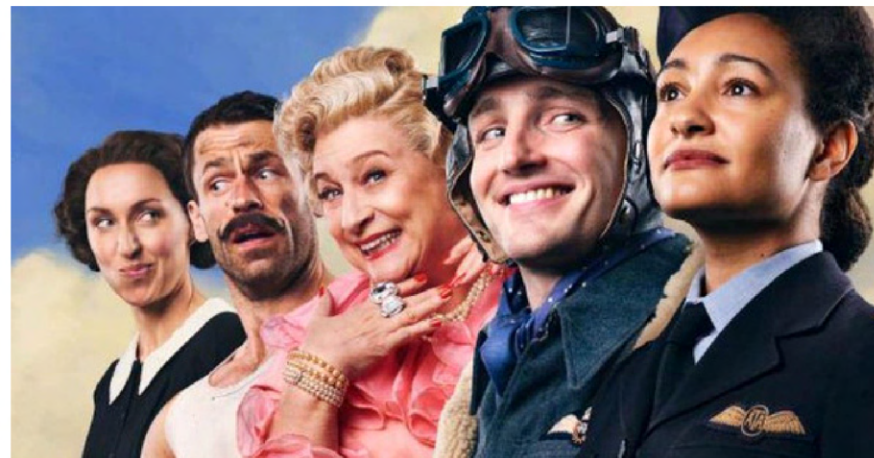
Welcomed annual productions of Ballet Victoria's **THE NUTCRACKER**, perennial favourite **WINTER HARP** and Vancouver Bach Choirs **CHRISTMAS WITH THE BACH CHOIR**.



Continued presentations of the National Theatre Live Encore Broadcasts, bringing the stages of London, England through screenings of live performances of **JACK ABSOLUTE FLIES AGAIN** and Shakespeare's **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING**.



Norm Foote delighted families with **HALLOWEEN HOWL**, and Illusionist Vitaly's **THE ART OF WONDER** for Family Day.



**ATTENDANCE AT THE ACT PRESENTS SERIES WAS UP 55% OVER THE PREVIOUS SEASON, WITH OVER 782 FIRST-TIME TICKET BUYERS**



# ARTS LEARNING PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

IGNITED IMAGINATION



SERVED **4,077**  
PARTICIPANTS

IN **356** IN-PERSON  
CLASSES

GUIDED BY A TEAM OF  
**34** INSTRUCTORS

## A **21%** INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR

**474** ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN **13**  
GALLERY TOURS AND WORKSHOPS

**603** TODDLERS AND PRESCHOOLERS  
IN EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING  
PROGRAMS IN **63** CLASSES

YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS  
WELCOMED **723** CAMPERS IN  
**67** CAMP ACTIVITIES



# DROP-IN PROGRAMS FOR ADULT LEARNERS

## 14 artBARS

explored glass painting, macramé, floral arranging, ceramics Halloween pumpkins, and paint pours on canvas.

## 13 ELEMENTARY EDUCATORS

attended 2 **Pro-D Activities**.

## 71 PARTICIPANTS

in **Life Drawing** sessions, continuing an artistic practice centuries old.

## 828 REGISTERED STUDENTS

for **Open Studio** in the **Ceramics Studio** to further hone their skills.



**"LOGIC WILL GET YOU FROM A TO B. IMAGINATION WILL TAKE YOU EVERYWHERE."**

-Albert Einstein

# THE ACT ART GALLERY

SUPPORTED AND ADVANCED VISUAL LITERACY AND ENGAGEMENT



FOR **8,074**  
VISITORS

IN **5** GALLERY  
EXHIBITIONS

FEATURING WORKS BY  
**137** VISUAL ARTISTS

## INSIDE/OUT SERIES

of talks and discussions explored larger social, cultural and artistic issues inspired by selected exhibitions, welcomed thinkers and writers from a wide variety of disciplines.

Dr. Alla Gadassik, Associate Professor of Media History and Theory at Emily Carr University discussed **Rites of Passage and Return**.

Aimée Henry Brown, Assistant Professor in Foundations, 3D and Extended Media at University of the Fraser Valley, presented **Imagining Possible Futures Through Collage**.

## VOLUNTEER DOCENT PROGRAM

connected community members to each other and the exhibitions.

## PLANS FOR THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY WINDOW PROJECT

began to create a semi-permanent large-scale public window installation, in commemoration of 20 years of The ACT Arts Centre's role as the regional central provider of arts and culture.

The Arts Council gratefully thanks Community Adjudication Committee members Susan Hayes (Chair), Métis artist Lisa Shepherd and City of Maple Ridge Director of Facilities, Parks, and Properties Valoree Richmond for their time and dedication serving on the panel.

## 69 LOCAL AND REGIONAL ARTISTS

represented in the Art Gallery Shop.



## 2022/23 EXHIBITIONS

**SEPT 10-  
OCT 29**

**LABOUR AND MEMORY:  
UKRAINIAN-CANADIAN CONTEXTS**

Featured artists Ayla Dmyterko, Sonya Iwasiuk, and Darlene Kalynka whose work addresses individual ties to Ukrainian migration and demonstrated the complexities of culture.



Ayla Dmyterko, *Rite of Return*



Sonya Iwasiuk, *Strong and Free*

**NOV 5-  
DEC 29**

**WE BEGIN AGAIN:  
ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBITION**

Reflected on a year of restarting old routines, and embarking on new ones, as we emerged into a new phase of social restoration.

**JAN 7-  
FEB 25**

**INTRICATE ARRANGEMENTS:  
CONNOTATIONS IN COLLAGE**

Brought together two artists—Amy J. Dyck and Monique Motut-Firth—whose art practices utilize collage to create complex systems. In scientific terms, examples of a complex system include social networks, cities, the human brain, or even the entire universe.



Amy Dyck, *Dichotomy*



Paul Nelson, *Reconciliation*

**MAR 4-  
APR 29**

**TRANSFORMATION:  
FRASER VALLEY POTTERS GUILD**

Showcased a strong collection of their members' recent works, taking takes inspiration from the miraculous process that occurs between clay and object.

**MAY 6-  
JUNE 24**

**CLOSE TO HOME:  
GARIBALDI ART CLUB**

A selection of the Club's best recent works presented varied interpretations of retreating from the outside world, spending more time with immediate family, reviving old pastimes, or developing new interests.

# THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

AT THE HEART OF **EVERYTHING** AT THE ACT

82 ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS GAVE  
**4,028 HOURS** TO SUPPORT...



**THE  
GALLERY**



**GIFT  
SHOP**



**ARTS  
LEARNING  
PROGRAMS**



**LIVE  
PERFORMANCES  
IN THE THEATRE**



**MAPLE RIDGE**



'S

**OUR  
VOLUNTEERS**

## Volunteers of the Year

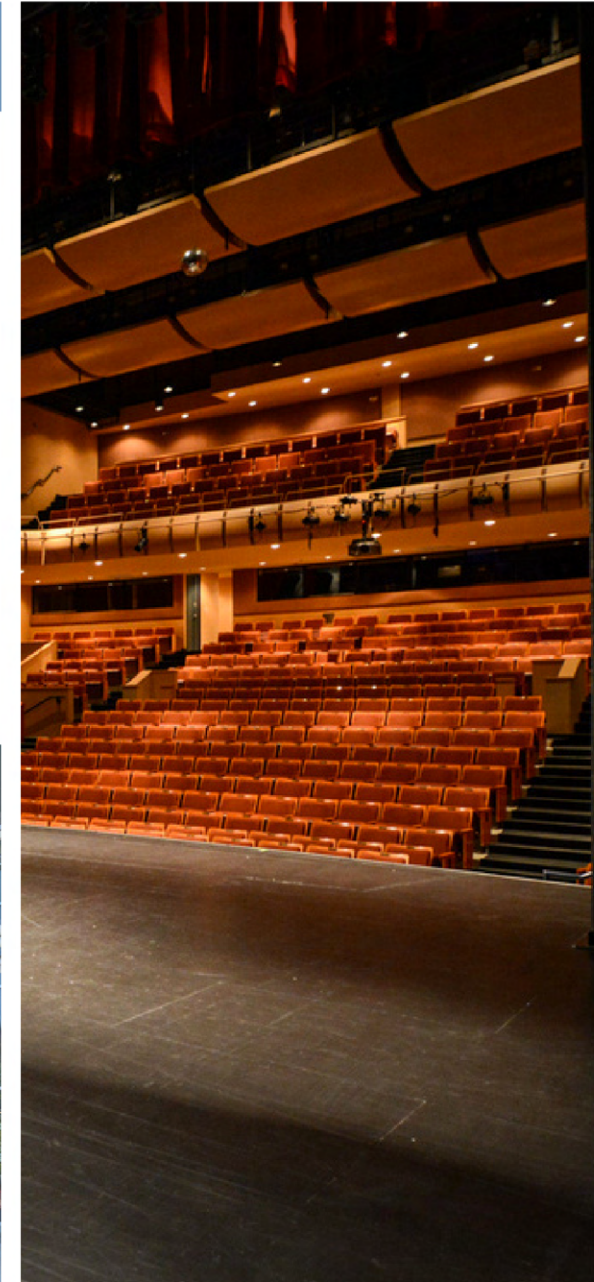
Glenn Morton	Theatre
Sue Sochasky	Arts Learning Programs
Cecile Marchant	Gallery/Shop

# VENUE STEWARDSHIP

KEPT THE ACT IN TOP SHAPE FOR **518** GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

## Important Upgrades and Replacements

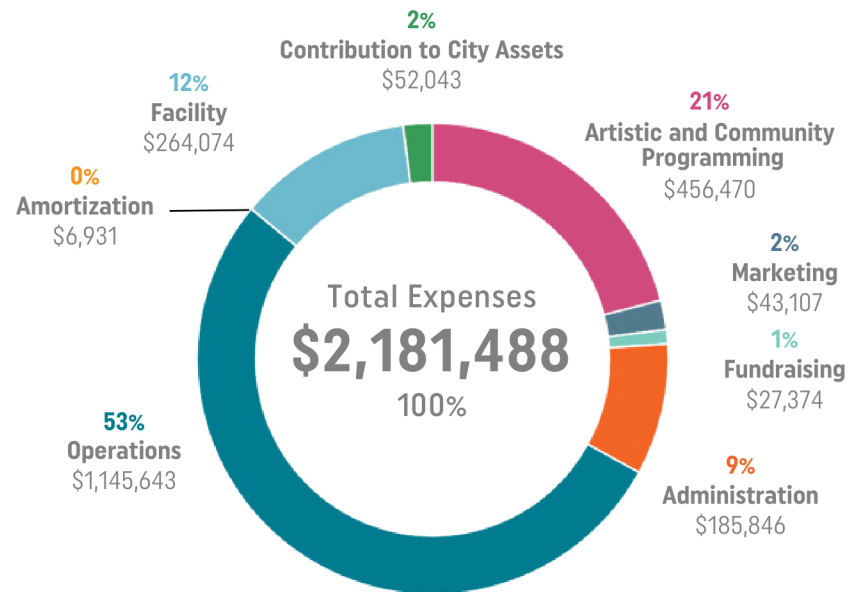
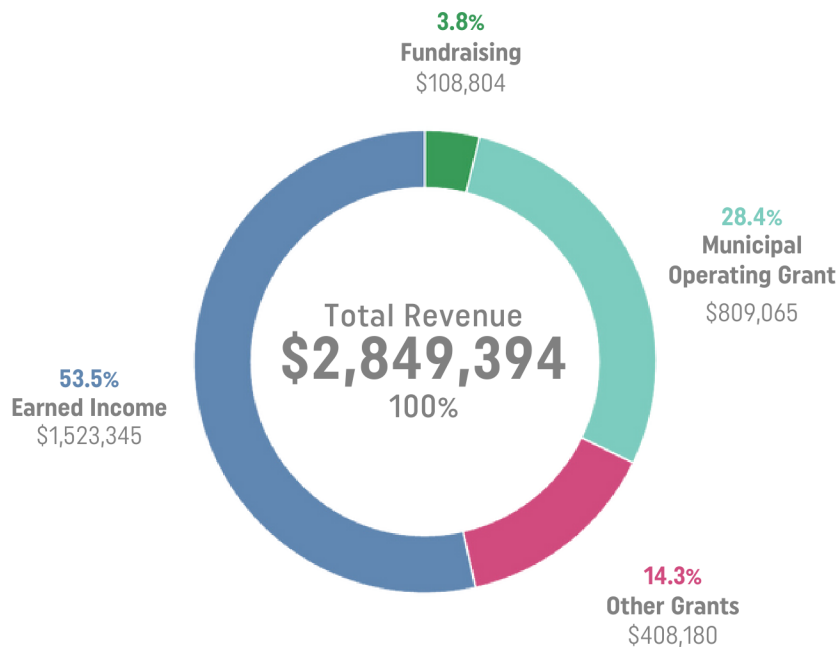
- ▶ **RE-CABLED** the Administration office for greater and more reliable connectivity
- ▶ **INSTALLED** efficient LED lighting throughout the Studio Theatre and teaching studios
- ▶ **REPLACED** the Mainstage flooring to keep performers safe



# FINANCES, RECOVERY AND SUSTAINABILITY

The Arts Council continued to rebuild operational capacity while benefiting from final phase recovery grants and funding programs. What is expected to be the last pandemic funding support came from the Federal and Provincial governments. Earned revenue came primarily through registration fees, rental income, and ticket sales, which met their budget goals.

Early audience response indicates a modest and gradual recovery in attendance in the theatres, but is not yet tracking to pre-pandemic levels. Operating deficits are anticipated for the next 2-3 years as we recover and rebuild audiences. Projected sources to sustain core operations are past fiscal years' reserves, which have been restricted by the Board of Directors to sustain long-term recovery.



Revenue over(under) expense: \$667,906

*Financial statements available upon request*

# FUNDERS, SPONSORS AND DONORS

THE MRPM ARTS COUNCIL GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES 2022/23 SUPPORT FROM...

5 FUNDERS

5 ANNUAL SPONSORS

248 GENEROUS  
INDIVIDUAL DONORS

The year saw growing support for The ACT and The Arts Council from our committed community of granting bodies, sponsors and individual donors, as well as final pandemic funding to assist in recovery.

## 2022/23 Funders

Funded by the  
Government  
of Canada

Canada

Department of Canadian Heritage, provided continued support through the Canada Arts Presentation Fund, and additional pandemic recovery support through Support for Workers in Live Arts & Music grant



BRITISH COLUMBIA  
ARTS COUNCIL

Provided continued operating support through the Operating Grant, and pandemic support through the Expanded Arts and Culture Resilience Supplement Award



Continued operating  
grant support



Awarded the Community  
Presenter Grant



Provided continued  
operating grant



# 2022/23 ACT Presents Sponsors

Season Title  
Sponsor



## 2022/23 Annual Fund Donors of \$25 or More

### Act Champions Circle (\$1000+)

- Anonymous (2)
- Bradley & Frances Johnson - Heritage Mountain Heating and Cooling
- Broitman Family
- Carla Reed
- Haney Automotive
- Ken McCaig
- Linda King

### Act Heroes (\$500-\$999)

- Babs McLaren
- Berit Korsvold
- Bryan Hutton
- Casey Hrynkow Shewchuk
- Curtis Pendleton & Robert Caron
- Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association
- Dr. Lynn Prindle
- Elisa Jensen
- Gillian Hodge
- Karen van Dongen
- Meadow Ridge Rotary Club
- Mike & Nancy Murray
- Sandra Taylor - Westgate Flower Garden
- Sarah Thompson
- Victoria Gracey

### Act Producing Associates (\$300-\$499)

- Anonymous (1)
- Amanda McConaghy
- Andy Cleven
- Britt Bright
- Bruce & Jaci Miller
- Cheryl MacDonald
- Christine Maki
- Derek Seaton
- Don Wright
- Gayle & Wayne Lyons
- In Memory of Nik Radosevic
- Janet Symonds
- Janet Wurzbach
- Jean Doran
- Kathleen Spiess
- Laura Butler
- Marcela Ferreira
- Ms. Mary Blackstock
- Ruby Frenette
- Sandra Walton

### Act Patrons (\$100 - \$299)

- Anonymous (6)
- Alex Pope
- Amanda Grochowich
- Art Pearson
- Barbara Neff
- Betty-Anne (Sammy)Nelligan
- Bev Collier
- Bonnie Douglas
- Britta Cederberg
- Carol Wallace
- Claudia Peters
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- Dale Mah
- Dave & Ginny Duncan
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- Freda Horton
- Gina Leigh
- Greg Mainwood & Donna Servant
- Heather Stewart
- Iris Robinson
- Jack & Janis Emberly
- Jacqueline Leclerc
- James Harris
- Janell Wallace
- Jean Davidson
- Jim Rule & Diane Mullock
- Jiri Novy
- Joanne Taylor
- Josine Eikelenboom
- Judy Jones
- Judy West
- Justine & Ivo Marchand
- K D Pothearcy
- Kalyk Family
- Karen Dickenson
- Smith
- Karl Doering
- Kaz Kadono
- Kendra Valois
- Kim Dunmore
- Larry Marko
- Linda & Douglas Gregson
- Linda Arnold
- Liosis Family
- Lisa Shepherd
- Lois Bruce
- Lucy & Libby Longhin
- Marie Slessor
- Melissa Pratas
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- Norma Jean Phillips
- Patricia Russell
- Patricia Thompson
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- Robert Hebert
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- Sheila Pratt
- Steve & Nicole Johnston
- Teresa Cunningham
- Teresa Thieman
- The Bookcase
- The Robinsons
- Velma Martin

### Friends Of The Act (\$25 - \$99)

- Anonymous (27)
- Arlene Major
- Al & Johanna Cross
- Alex & Calle Ristea
- Allan MacKinnon
- Angela Benz
- Anita & Mark Dattolo
- Anita Roeterdink
- Ann McLean
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