

Executive Director's Message

This year was a year of transition for ArtsBuild Ontario. In 2014, our major funding term from Ontario Trillium Foundation and Department of Canadian Heritage: Strategic Initiatives came to an end while also seeing the departure of Adele Dobkowski our former Executive Director. Adele dedicated the last five years to ensuring ArtsBuild's success and developing its foundation.

With the support of our Board and the direction of our new strategic plan, ArtsBuild has been putting our efforts to the task of identifying and working towards a sustainable model for our future operations. This includes grants, corporate support and program income.

We are, like many arts service organizations, are confident in the role that we need to play in our sector, and in the services that we should offer, we are tasked with providing services for a sector that in many cases are unable to pay for the services that they need.

We are confident in the opportunities that lie before us in the next year, and believe that we are on the cusp of another exciting few years here at ArtsBuild.

We remain dedicated to identifying additional programs and tools that will further help our constituents, and support our sustainability.

I would like to give profound thanks to the Board of Directors, government funders, corporate supporters that make our work possible, and see its value.

Thank you,

Karen Stintz
Executive Director

GOVERNANCE AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ArtsBuild Board of Directors

ArtsBuild Ontario continues to be strongly supported by our Board of Directors.

- Our board was active in the recruiting process and identifying a new Executive Director this past year.

ArtsBuild recognizes the ongoing contributions of Sandra Tulloch, who continued to sit on the Board in an ex-officio capacity.

We are grateful for the contributions of Joe Lobko who stepped down from the Board this year.

ArtsBuild Advisory Committee

The ArtsBuild Advisory Committee, comprising the major arts service organizations, provides advice and guidance on the needs, issues and preferences of their members. They also are a tremendous support in the area of communications for ABO.

The Advisory Committee has been a contributing factor in informing arts organizations across the province about ArtsBuild's various programs, tools and resources.

2014 – 2015 Highlights

FUNDING PARTNERS

The Ontario Trillium Foundation

The Ontario Trillium Foundation's support has been instrumental in evolving ArtsBuild programs. 2014 marked the end of our latest grant through OTF, and we will await their newest stream of funding to be announced in 2015. Without their support over the past five years, ABO would not have realized many of our programs that exist to date.

Ministry of Tourism and Culture

In 2014, the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport confirmed support of a workshop series titled LEARN IT | BUILD IT | MANAGE IT, through their Cultural Development Fund (CDF).

This workshop series focuses on four key topics surrounding our arts facilities; Building, Managing, Financing and Engaging Community. To present these workshops, we have engaged four topic experts in these key areas. Five workshops were delivered in Toronto, Chatham-Kent, Niagara Falls, KW and Brampton. Five more will be delivered in 2015 – 2016.

Canadian Heritage

The Department of Canadian Heritage through its Strategic Initiatives fund supported ArtsBuild for two years, ending in 2014. This funding allowed us to execute over a dozen programs, tools, resources and initiatives to build the capacity our arts organizations need to build, manage and finance their arts facilities. In the 2014 we maintained these important programs including; Bricks&Mortar, PLAN IT | BUILD IT, and our Resource Library.

Ontario Arts Council

The Ontario Arts Council continues to provide ongoing support as it recognizes the need to assist organizations with their cultural infrastructure projects. We were successful in receiving operating support through the Arts Service Organization stream. We were also successful in receiving a Project grant to

provide additional support for LEARN IT | BUILD IT | MANAGE IT.

Metcalf Foundation

Through a project partnership with Toronto Alliance for the Performing Arts and WorkInCulture, ArtsBuild Ontario received support from the Metcalf Foundation to launch and operate SpaceFinder Toronto. This tool has been a huge success for ArtsBuild and the Toronto community. This year was the second year of funding through this grant, and we have one year left of funding, to support our marketing and staff contributions to its success.

CORPORATE SUPPORTERS

ArtsBuild is proud of the support we have received from these generous new corporate sponsors:

TD Canada Trust – supporting our workshop series as well as seeding our Energize Microloan for the Arts Program.

Toronto Hydro – supporting our efforts to market SaveOnEnergy programs to the sector.

PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

Strategic Relationships

Through work on all projects, ArtsBuild continues to maintain relationships with field professionals to better support our sector, Such relationships include:

Ameresco

Blue Sky Engineering

COMAP

Dalton Company

Natural Resources Canada

Pinchin Ltd.

Toronto Hydro

Cultural Community Organizations

We continue to partner and work with the following key organizations that helps ArtsBuild move forward and serve our constituency.

Artscape (culture-led regeneration and property development),

WorkInCulture (serving the cultural community in skills development)

Toronto Alliance for the Performing Arts (Arts service organization for the performing arts in Toronto)

Theatre Ontario (serving the professional and community theatre sector in Ontario)

Ontario Museum Association (serving the museum sector in Ontario)

BUILDING

PLAN IT | BUILD IT

ArtsBuild continues to promote and add to PLAN IT | BUILD IT. It is a tool demonstrated during and used to support our workshop series.

RESOURCE LIBRARY

ArtsBuild continues to add resources to our online library and we are excited to be able to continue to improve the platform for better use by our constituents.

MANAGING

Asset Planner for the Arts

We have 22 arts organizations using Asset Planner for the Arts. We have spent the better part of this year onboarding these organizations and familiarizing them with the tool and asset management.

Energy Conservation Program

We continued to roll out the grant program supported by our previous grants. We were able to provide 18 small grants to arts organizations to do small energy projects. We will collect the data about the energy saved in the following year, to understand the impact this small investment had on these 18 organizations.

LEARNING

Arts Facilities Mentoring Network

We launched our second iteration of this great program, with twelve new exciting partnerships. We have mentors from MTCC, RIO-CAN, and Artscape. While a small program, we believe this is one of the most effective ways that we can support our arts leaders on the topic of infrastructure.

This program officially launched in January 2015 and will run a full calendar year.

BRICKS&MORTAR

Bricks&Mortar has done tremendously well through the dedication of our Project Coordinator. We now have information on almost 400 arts facilities and growing every day. This will help valuable data will help us advocate for our sector moving forward.

FINANCING

Energize Microloan Fund for the Arts

This year we actively pursued TD Bank to support our idea of a Microloan Fund that would provide small loans to arts facilities to complete small energy related projects. We were successful in securing \$30,000 to seed the fund and are working out the details with Community Forward Fund, a non-profit lender, to execute the underwriting of the loan. EMLF was launched in April 2015.

NEW DIRECTIONS

2014 - 2015 saw ArtsBuild wrapping up two significant grants from Ontario Trillium Foundation and Canadian Heritage – Strategic Initiatives Fund, while still continuing to execute the programs that these grants produced. ArtsBuild has grown tremendously as a result of these grants and we are now executing the LEARN IT | BUILD IT | MANAGE IT workshop series that is a culmination of the skills and resources needed by our sector. We spent much of this year identifying potential new revenue

streams and programs that we hope to see come to life in 2015-2016.

While our programs will continue to focus on the sustainability and the capacity of our constituent arts organizations, ArtsBuild is also concentrating on how we can continue to offer programs, tools and services while sustaining our own operations.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Artist Run Centres and Collectives of Ontario

Ontario Presents

Canada Dance Festival

CITT, Ontario Region

Dance Ontario

Galerie du Nouvel-Ontario, in collaboration with Association des groupes en arts visuels francophones

Ontario Association of Art Galleries (OAAG)

Professional Association of Canadian Theatres (PACT)

Réseau Ontario

Royal Conservatory of Music

Le Théâtre du Nouvel-Ontario

Théâtre Action, in collaboration with Association des théâtres francophones du Canada (ATFC)

Theatre Ontario

Toronto Alliance for the Performing Arts (TAPA)

ARTSBUILD ONTARIO FUNDERS

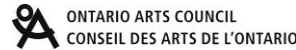
ArtsBuild Ontario is grateful for the funding it receives from these significant funders. The Department of Canadian Heritage and Ontario Trillium Foundation have taken catalytic roles by funding ArtsBuild Ontario's forward looking initiatives.



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We thank these supporters for their generous contributions:



TREASURER'S REPORT

ArtsBuild Ontario Charitable Organization

Highlights from Audited Financial Statements

For the period April 1 2014 – March 31 2015

Revenue

Public sector grants	\$ 154 143
Program	83 983
Project Partners	63 640
Sponsorships	54 000
In kind donations	43 750
Private Sector	10 000
Other	915
Conference	-

TOTAL REVENUE \$ **410 431**

Expense

Human Resources	\$195 692
Program	96 819
In kind expenses	43 750
Operations	20 522
Professional fees	8 401
Evaluation	7 796
Marketing	5 019
Board	480
Conference	-

TOTAL EXPENSE \$**378 479**

NET INCOME \$ **31 952**

**UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS
BEGINNING OF YEAR** **(4,159)**

**UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS,
END OF YEAR** \$ **27 793**

ArtsBuild Ontario's complete audited financial statements are available upon request.

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