

Executive Director's Message

This year was a year of continued transition for ArtsBuild Ontario (ABO). We were tasked with seeking grant support from available avenues to continue the work of ArtsBuild. Karen Stintz left ArtsBuild in November 2015, seeing Lindsay Golds take over as Executive Director. Lindsay has been with ArtsBuild since 2011, as Project Coordinator and most recently Director of Programs.

In 2015 and early 2016 applications were submitted to the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Ontario Arts Council and the Department of Canadian Heritage's Strategic Initiatives Fund to expand our existing programs for the next two years.

We were successful in obtaining these three project grants as well as renewing our operating grant from the Ontario Arts Council.

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 revenue generation opportunities that will foremost support our organizations, and support our sustainability.

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

Thank you,



Lindsay Golds
Executive Director

2015 – 2016 Highlights

GOVERNANCE AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ArtsBuild Board of Directors

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

ArtsBuild recognizes the outgoing contributions of Jane Gardner, Jason van Eyk and Sandra Tulloch (founder) who served ArtsBuild for many years, and stepped down in October 2015.

We are pleased that our board has been joined by Will Chow, Leif Malling and Karen Stintz,

ArtsBuild Advisory Committee

The ArtsBuild Advisory Committee, comprising major arts service organizations in Ontario, 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 and as well as informing arts organizations across the province about ArtsBuild's various programs, tools and resources.

FUNDING PARTNERS

Ontario Trillium Foundation

The Ontario Trillium Foundation's support has been instrumental in evolving ArtsBuild's programs and our capacity as an arts service organization. In 2015/16 ABO applied to the Ontario Trillium Foundation through their Grow Grant stream, and we were successful! This funding begins in our 2016/17 fiscal year. Without support from OTF for over the past five years, ABO would not have realized many of our programs that exist to date.

Ministry of Tourism and Culture

In March 2016 our two year grant from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport ended for the workshop series titled LEARN IT | BUILD IT | MANAGE IT, through their Cultural Development Fund (CDF).

This workshop series focused 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. We delivered five workshops throughout 2015 – 2016 for a total of 10 over the grant period.

These workshops were a great opportunity to understand more deeply what issues are affecting our facilities and organizations.

Department of Canadian Heritage

We secured funding from the Department of Canadian Heritage through its Strategic Initiatives fund for three years, ending March 2018. This funding will allow us to expand our SpaceFinder program into Alberta, BC, Manitoba, Waterloo Region and York Region.

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 and through their

Arts Service Projects. Both grants were applied to in 2015/16, but money will flow in 16/17.

Metcalf Foundation

2015/16 saw the last year of our partnership project, SpaceFinder Toronto as funded through the Metcalf Foundation. This tool has been a huge success for ArtsBuild and the Toronto community. This seed funding allowed us to expand SpaceFinder in five additional locations supported by the Department of Canadian Heritage.

CORPORATE SUPPORTERS

ArtsBuild is proud of the generous support we have received from the following 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

Walter Fedy

Cultural Community Organizations

We continue to partner and work with the following key organizations that help 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 improve the platform for better use by our constituents in our next fiscal year.

MANAGING

Asset Planner for the Arts

We have 23 arts organizations using Asset Planner for the Arts. We work with these organizations on an ongoing basis to ensure they are maximizing the benefit and investment in the tool. We will see this program develop into a revenue generating program in 2016/17.

Arts Facilities Mentoring Network

We wrapped up our second iteration of this program, and began planning our third iteration that will now be possible thanks to support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

This one-to-one mentorship program aims to give customized support to our organizations in need.

BRICKS&MORTAR

Bricks&Mortar has done tremendously well through the dedication of our past Project Coordinator. We now have information on over 450 arts facilities. This will help valuable data will help us advocate for our sector moving forward.

Stantec has agreed to review the report and substantiate its data – based on their projects and experience.

SpaceFinder in Canada

The Canadian Heritage grant – Strategic Initiatives, will allow ABO to expand SpaceFinder into BC, AB, MB, York Region and Waterloo Region. Since funding did not flow as originally anticipated (7 months later than published date), ABO spent 2015/16 working with our local leaders to get them prepared for launch, awaiting the funding to arrive. AB and BC were quick to move forward. 2016/17 will see the launch of all five communities.

Ontario Trillium Foundation will give us the opportunity to launch SpaceFinder in three new locations in Ontario in 2016/17.

FINANCING

Energize Microloan Fund for the Arts

With no uptake, we had to make the decision to convert funds from our Microloan program to a small one time granting program. This investment will result in funding eight small projects province wide. We will feature these projects in eight case studies that will be made public for our organizations, so that they can learn about the potential savings and work being done by their peers.

NEW DIRECTIONS

2015 – 2016 was a challenging year but one that saw tremendous growth. ArtsBuild applied and received two significant grants from Ontario Trillium Foundation and Canadian Heritage – Strategic Initiatives Fund, that will allow us to continue to execute programs that we spent previous years building. These two grants will allow us to look to our future as an arts service organization that can serve the needs of our facilities and organizations effectively.

We know that 2016-17 will be spent executing these great programs while also sourcing revenue generation opportunities for ArtsBuild to secure our ability to continually be able to offer these programs year after year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2015-16)

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Karen Stintz

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Artist Run Centres and Collectives of Ontario

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Ontario Association of Art Galleries (OAAG)

Professional Association of Canadian Theatres (PACT)

Réseau Ontario

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.



ARTSBUILD ONTARIO CORPORATE PARTNERS

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 2015 – March 31 2016***Revenue**

Public sector grants	\$ 191 966
Program	24 998
Project Partners	48 467
Sponsorships	20 500
In kind donations	84 910
Private Sector	11 000
Other	2 223
Conference	-

TOTAL REVENUE \$ 384 064**Expense**

Human Resources	\$154 271
Program	110 055
In kind expenses	84 910
Operations	11 997
Professional fees	10 593
Evaluation	-
Marketing	2 147
Board	-

TOTAL EXPENSE \$373 973**NET INCOME \$ 10 091****UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS****BEGINNING OF YEAR \$ 27 793****UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS,
END OF YEAR \$ 37 884***ArtsBuild Ontario's complete audited financial statements are available upon request.***CONTACT INFORMATION****LINDSAY GOLDS**

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