

Advisory Committee

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Collectives of Ontario

Ontario Presents

Canada Dance Festival

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)

Le Théâtre du Nouvel-
Ontario

Theatre Ontario

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Minister of Tourism, Sport and Culture

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Dear Ms. Jones:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of ArtsBuild Ontario, we would like to welcome you to your new role as the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

ArtsBuild Ontario is the only non-profit charitable organization in Canada mandated to support arts and cultural infrastructure. Cultural spaces and activities are an integral part of vibrant life in any community, and your passionate support for the entire cultural scene in your constituency is well known. We are excited to have a minister who will be a dynamic advocate for positive growth and development on behalf of the cultural sector.

We welcome the opportunity to share with your Ministry the sector-wide data we are collecting on the state of arts facilities in Ontario, what type of support is needed to bring our facilities to a state of good repair, and how to make them accessible to those with special needs. Ontario's cultural spaces are aging and require significant upgrades or renovations to become accessible for audiences and users of all abilities.

Our network has identified accessibility as a top priority for their spaces in the next five years so one of ArtsBuild Ontario's current projects is "Enabling Change". We are working with an Accessibility Advisory Committee and our extensive network of arts facilities and arts service organizations across Ontario to increase awareness and support compliance with the Design of Public Spaces Standard by developing tools, training and resources for businesses, non-profits, and the public sector. We look forward to engaging with you and your ministry to support this and other much-needed initiatives especially as it aligns with your passion for supporting the cause of special needs adults and children.

Again, on behalf of our Board of Directors of ArtsBuild Ontario, we welcome you to this new role and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss these and other projects of benefit to the people of Ontario.

Best regards,



Chris Loreto
Board President



Patricia McKinna
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