


ANNUAL Report

2014-2015

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A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...



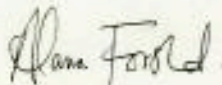
I am thrilled to be taking on the new position of Executive Director of Community Arts & Heritage Education Project.

This past year has been an exciting time of tremendous growth and creativity in our programs. We are continually inspired by the work created by participants in our programs. The children, youth, families, and seniors who work with our staff and artists continue to animate our community with their songs, dance, images, voices, and stories, and nurture ideas for new projects.

In 2014-2015, new partnerships have sparked, both locally, and with groups from outside of Thunder Bay including Tangled Art + Disability and Jumblies Theatre. These collaborations have enabled us to build capacity, ignite change, and plant seeds of creativity in our community.

I extend a tremendous thank you to CAHEP's artists, funders, volunteers, staff, board, partners, and participants for all that you do. Together, we work collaboratively to develop refreshing new programming that continues to nurture community, share our stories, and foster a bright and exciting arts sector, both in Thunder Bay, and beyond.

Warmly,



Alana Forslund, HBFA
Executive Director



A LITTLE ABOUT US

WHO IS CAHEP?

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CAHEP is an award-winning artist-led organization unique to Thunder Bay. We bring free-of-cost arts education programming to children, youth, their families, and seniors within our community, and within schools.

Each year, we work with 50 paid local artists and more than 11,000 participants in Thunder Bay. The artists we work with represent a diverse skill-set, including dance, drama, cultural programming, literary arts, music, new media, and visual arts.



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ART MAKES CHANGE

We believe that arts can transform lives.

Our programs are designed to **empower participants** and address barriers they may face. We take time to get to know them as individuals, learn about their needs and interests, and together, create an arts program that responds to exactly what they would like to do.

Using the arts, we're able to ensure that individuals, regardless of barriers that may exist, are engaged, can develop **leadership skills**, take **healthy risks**, **collaborate**, and foster a strong **sense of pride** in themselves, their peers, and their communities.



OUR STORY

CAHEP began in 2003 as a pilot project funded through the Ontario Trillium Foundation, put in place to address community needs established by a network group of 18 stakeholders.

These needs included:

- More financial support for artists
- More community-based arts education programs
- Partnerships with private sector and individual artists
- Artist in Residency programs
- More venues for young artists to perform and display their talents



From here, CAHEP sprouted into a dynamic and award-winning multidisciplinary arts education organization. We began offering programs in collaboration with the schools and community of Thunder Bay, engaging thousands of children, youth, families, and seniors each year. Our artists have facilitated a multitude of projects that range from short-term workshops in cultural programming, dance, drama, literary arts, music, media, and visual art, to longer-term multi-artist collaborations including Uth Ink (youth playwriting project), and an in-depth theatre project titled How Bear Heart Woman Brought Truth Back to the People.

Throughout our 13 years of operation, our organization and its programs have kept flexible, developing programs that respond to the ever-changing needs of our community.

MISSION: Enhancing community through accessible, inclusive arts and heritage education for children, youth, and their families.

VISION: To enrich lives through community engagement in multidisciplinary arts and heritage.

VALUES: Promoting art/heritage in the community | Valuing the work of artists | Participant-centered programming facilitated by local artists | Accessible and low/no cost programs | Community outreach and partnership building | Opportunities for artist development | Transformative possibilities of arts and heritage engagement | Providing a showcase of work for participants | Creating positive connections with arts and heritage disciplines.



Image by Laura Paxton
Flashback Photo, 2015.

MEET OUR TEAM



CAHEP is an artist-run organization. Our staff consists of a small team of wonderful local artists with knowledge in administration and program development. We extend a tremendous thanks to them for their time, talents, and efforts they put forth to ensure that our programs are constantly evolving, growing, and exciting to participants.

OUR 2014-2015 STAFF:



ALANA FORSLUND
Executive/Artistic Director



PAM CAIN
CAHEP Developer



ELEANOR ALBANESE
School Program Coordinator



SHAYLYN BISHOP
Community Arts Assistant
(Funded through the Ministry of
Tourism, Culture & Sport's Summer
Experience Program)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Chair: Paul Reid

Community Legal Worker, Kinna-Awcyia Legal Clinic

Secretary: Maureen Mills

Senior Special Events Officer, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation

Treasurer: Meghan Aylward

Executive Coordinator, Erickson Contracting Inc.

Director: Victoria Bolduc

Aboriginal Transitions Advisor, Lakehead University

Director: William Hedican

Local Artist and Community Resource

Director: Rob Magnusson

Secondary School Art Teacher, Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute





OUR ARTISTS

Eleanor Albanese: Multidisciplinary Arts
 Shaylyn Bishop: Visual Arts
 Jordan Burnell: Digital Music/Hip hop
 Pam Cain: Visual Arts
 Ma-Nee Chacaby: Wisdom Keeper/Elder/Visual Arts
 Stephanie DePiero: Dance
 Keri-Lyn Durant: Multidisciplinary/Spoken Word/Theatre
 Alana Forslund: Visual/Textile Arts
 Zoe Gordon: Media/Multidisciplinary Arts
 Beht Haywood: Visual/Multidisciplinary Arts
 Kelly Henderson: Multidisciplinary Arts
 Elizabeth Hill: Music
 Brian Holden: Visual Arts
 David Hotson/boyRoland: Visual Arts/Graphic Arts
 Carol Kajorinne: Visual/Multidisciplinary Arts
 Susan Kakepetum: Cultural Programming
 Derek Khani: Visual Arts
 Fritz Lehmborg: Ceramic Arts
 Taylor Loney: Visual Arts
 John Mackett: Visual Arts

Judy Mayor: Visual Arts
 Riaz Mehmood: Media Arts
 Melissa Miller: Visual Arts
 Danielle Montgomery: Visual Arts
 Clyde Moonias & Wildflower Singers: Drumming
 Nathaniel Moses & Family: Cultural Teachings
 Crystal Nielsen: Visual Arts/Beadwork
 Lora Northway: Visual Arts
 Claudia Otto: Creative Movement
 Nevada Panteluk: Visual Arts
 Laura Paxton: Photography/Visual Arts
 Jeanette Posine: Cultural Teachings
 Dayna Slingerland: Textile/Craft/Visual Art
 Chris Sutherland (Shibastik): Hip Hop/Visual Arts
 Lise Vaugois: Music
 Laura Wilson: Dance
 Rita Zavagnin: Movement/Theatre/Drama

44 LOCAL ARTISTS

worked through CAHEP programs in 2014-2015



VOLUNTEERS



A tremendous thank you to all of the volunteers who give their time, thoughts, effort, creativity, and hearts to make our programs and events the best they can be.

Carolyn Albanese
 Geraldine Albanese
 Heather Albanese
 Sheena Albanese
 Meghan Aylward
 Carolyn Baxter
 Kathleen Bedard
 Victoria Bolduc
 Alex Borghessan
 Marianne Brown
 Nathan Burke
 Lila Cano
 Betty Carpick
 Jayal Chung
 Darla Contois
 Sheena Cooper
 Jacquie Cottingham

Sam Crowe
 BethAnn Cryderman
 Stephanie DePiero
 Melanie Dupont
 Keri-Lyn Durant
 Shayne Ehman & Axel
 Gail Fikis
 Bob Forslund
 Judy Forslund
 Beht Haywood
 William Hedicar
 Ruth Howard
 Zoe Gordon
 Alyssa Hicks
 Angie Jensen
 Carol Kajorinne
 Wilma Kempe

Alaina King
 Kristen Krievin
 Lilia Leon
 Harley Legarde-Beacham
 Taylor Loney
 Jerin Louis
 Rob Magnusson
 Lisa Macchione
 Olivia Macchione
 Gary McMahon
 Lisa Milani
 Maureen Mills
 Danielle Montgomery
 Nick Mrozek
 Megan Olivia
 Joanne Otte
 Paul Reid

Matthew O'Reilly
 Jelena Psenichik
 Neebing Psenicnik-Kuper
 Jimmy Tsang
 Hannah Rogers
 Alexis Sakanee
 Dayna Slingerland
 Paula Thiessen

59 AMAZING VOLUNTEERS



