



Annual Report

2015 - 2016

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A Note from Our Executive Director...

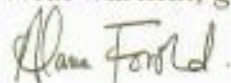
This past year with Community Arts & Heritage Education Project has been an inspiring year of growth, transformation, and change-making through the arts.

It is an absolute inspiration to work with CAHEP, in collaboration with the people who make up the fabric of our community. Throughout the year, we saw thousands of people come together, working with professional artists to make change, tell stories, and learn about each other. Through our programs, we felt a deep connection to the ripples of transformation that art can make within Thunder Bay.

CAHEP honoured the water through 22 multidisciplinary arts projects during Artists in the 5th, we explored the roots of our community during Four Lands with Jumblies Theatre, and we saw the beginnings of our first community art studio in the heart of Downtown Fort William.

This work could not have taken place without the team efforts of our staff, board of directors, artists, funders, partner organizations, and the community members who bring inspiration and enthusiasm to our programs. On behalf of CAHEP's staff and board, I extend a tremendous thank you to each of the 14,000 people who contributed to CAHEP this year.

With warmth, gratitude, and appreciation,



Alana Forslund

Alana Forslund
Executive & Artistic Director



A Little About Us

WHO IS CAHEP?

- changed from 2013-2014

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 14,000 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.



ART MAKES CHANGE

We believe that art can transform lives.

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

Each year, we are invited to join many neighbourhoods, classrooms, and community spaces to bring inclusive arts programs to people who feel called to creativity.

CAHEP ensures that individuals have access to programs that are driven by their ideas, celebrate their stories, and honour their creativity. We thank the many professional artists who work with us each year to make this possible.

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 14 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.



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 2015-2016 Staff



ALANA FORSLUND
Executive/Artistic Director



PAM CAIN
CAHEP Developer



ELEANOR ALBANESE
School Program Coordinator

Board of Directors

Chairs: Paul Reid (term ended June 2016)

Community Legal Worker, Kinna-Aweya Legal Clinic

Rob Magnusson (beginning June 2016)

Secondary School Art Teacher, Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute

Secretary: Heather Uchman

Masters of Social Justice Candidate

Treasurers: Meghan Aylward (term ended February 2016)

Executive Coordinator, Erickson Contracting Inc.

Danielle Williams (beginning February 2016)

Educator, Lakehead Public Schools

Director: Maureen Mills

Special Events Manager, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation

Director: William Hedican

Local Artist and Community Resource

Our Artists

Eleanor Albanese
Kathleen Baleja
Tracey Barry
Kathleen Bedard
Lorrina Belluz
Barbara Benwell
Clay Breiland
Cole Breiland
Jordan Burnell
Pam Cain
Lila Cano
Betty Carpick
Ma-Nee Chacaby
Jayal Chung
Stephanie DePiero
Michelle Derosier
Elliott Doxtater-Wynn
Keri-Lyn Durant
Sam Egan

Shayne Ehman
Sarah Furlotte
Zoe Gordon
Kalyn Heffernan
Brian Holden
Natalie Hotson
Ruth Howard
Katie Hughdie
Carol Kajorinne
Susan Kakepetum
Lake Superior Women Drummers
Adrienne Marcus Raja
Judy Mayor
Connor McMahon
Claudia Otto
Laura Paxton
Michelle Richmond Saravia

Tine Schrijvers
Nikki Shaffeulah
Morris Shapwaykeesic
Dayna Slingerland
Lise Vaugeois
Kerri Whitehurst
Laura Wilson
Rita Zavagnin

47 ARTISTS

*worked through CAHEP programs
in 2015-2016*

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.

Rob Magnusson, William Hedican, Paul Reid, Heather Uchman, Meghan Aylward, Danielle Williams, Maureen Mills, Fay Beery, Danielle Montgomery, Betty Carpick, Bethann Cryderman, Mel Dupont, Sarah Baum, Lisa Milani, Linda Bruins, Carol Baxter, Julia Gordon, Samara, Victoria Bolduc, Lorrie Walker, Jayal Chung, Shaylynn Land, Mykola Cuthbertson, Yvonne Murray, Jeremy Noel, Tina Vieira, Marian Stevenson, Kim Buoncore, 12 SHSM students, Keri-Lyn Durant, Zoe Gordon, Alice Nichols, Nevada Panteluk, B Haywood, Judy Forslund, 20 City of Thunder Bay Youth Volunteers, Tina Jeff, Jessica Johnson, Crystal Baxter, Michelle Richmond Saravia

70 AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!

Collaborative Partners

Each year, we work with dozens of partners who provide time, supervision, space, promotion, participants, and knowledge to help make our programs possible.

Our partners include a broad range of community groups, social service agencies, health organizations, neighbourhood collectives, and schools.

2015 was an incredible year for collaborations. We extend the most heartfelt thanks to all of the groups who supported our programs!

Baggage Building Arts Centre
Bombardier
Canada Games Complex
Canadian Mental Health Association/First Place Clinic
Castlegreen Community Centre
City of Thunder Bay (Movie Nights in the Park)
Community Action Group
Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique des Aurores Boreales
Downtown Fort William Business District
EcoSuperior
Evergreen & United Neighbourhood ← check
Healthy Kids Community Challenge
Kashechewan Youth
Jumbies Theatre
Lakehead Public Schools SHSM Program
Lakehead Public Schools
Lakehead University School of Social Work
Magnus Theatre
March of Dimes

Murillo Library
Rosslyn Library
Superior CVI
Tangled Art + Disability
Thunder Bay Art Gallery
Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board
Thunder Bay Community Auditorium
Thunder Bay Crime Prevention Council
Thunder Bay & District Health Unit
Thunder Bay Multicultural Association
Thunder Bay Public Library - Waverley Branch
Vale Community Centre/Boys & Girls Club
Victoriaville Centre
West Thunder Community Centre/YouthMove
Wheelchair Sports Camp
YSI Collaborative



Funders & Supporters

OPERATING:

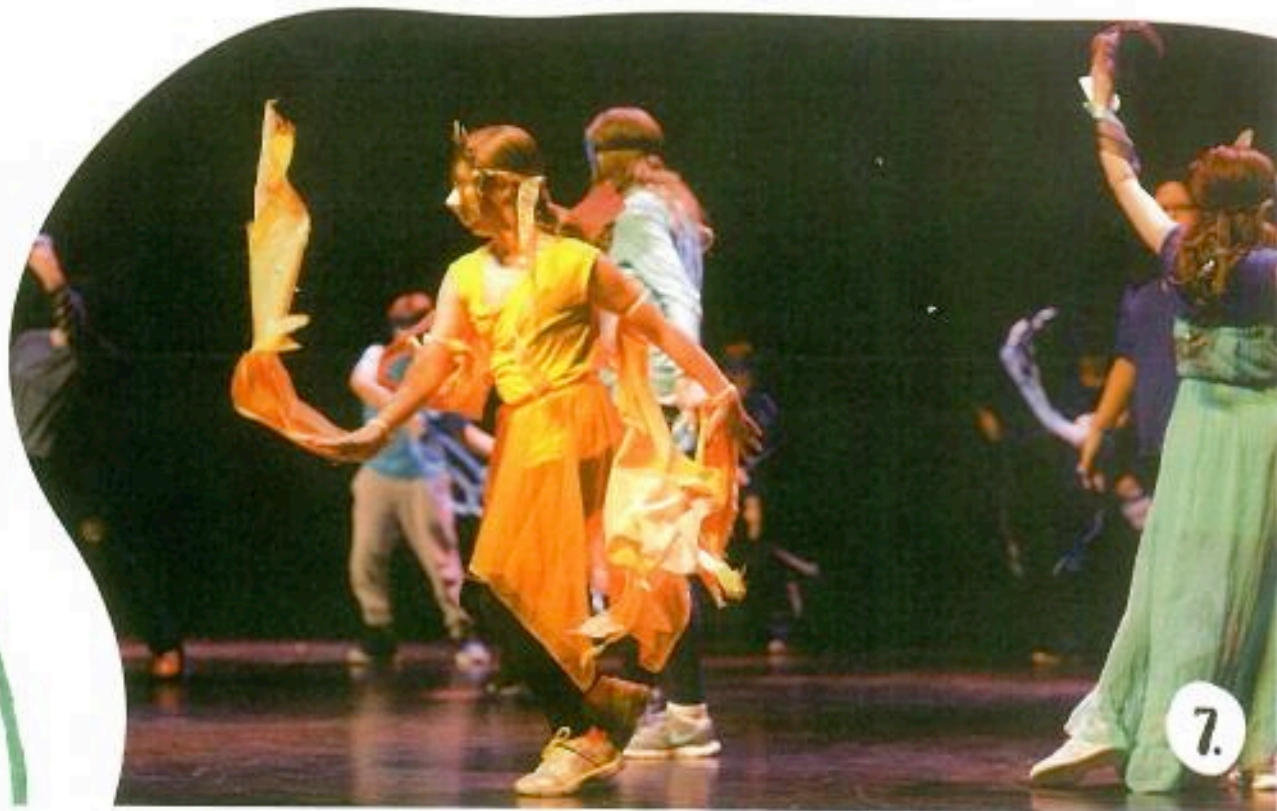
Ontario Arts Council (Arts Education Organizations)
City of Thunder Bay

PROJECT FUNDING:

Ontario Arts Council: Artists in the Community/Workplace
United Way of Thunder Bay
Thunder Bay Community Foundation
District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board
John Andrews Foundation
Intact Foundation
Telus Foundation
Johansen Larsen Foundation

PARTNERSHIP SUPPORT:

Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board, Lakehead Public Schools, EcoSuperior, Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique des Aurores Boreales, Jumblies Theatre, Tangled Art and Disability.





Our Programs

Our 2015-2016 programs included:

Artists in the 5th: *In-school arts education programming for grades 4-6 in 3 school boards in the City.*

Art to the Streets: *A travelling, in-depth arts program with under-represented communities in Thunder Bay.*

Forest of Reading: *An in-school program where students collaborate with local artists to create art inspired by books.*

General Arts Programming: *Short-term projects provided for interested schools and community groups.*

Professional Development for Artists: *Nurturing a healthier creative community by providing collaborative opportunities for artists to get together, learn, create, get inspired, and grow.*

Rural Arts Program: *Engaging under-served areas surrounding Thunder Bay in arts education opportunities.*

Special Projects including:

Four Lands Project with Jumblies Theatre

Tangled on Tour with Tangled Art + Disability

Tiny Wonders Art Collaborative



Water's Wisdom

ARTISTS IN THE 5TH 2016

Artists in the 5th is CAHEP's longest-running program. This year honoured stories about the water through our theme:

Water's Wisdom! 27 local artists worked with 21 grades 4,5 and 6 classes to create dance, drama, literary art, new media, and visual art that explored the vitality of water in our day-to-day lives.

All projects were presented at the Arts Fiesta, hosted at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium. Over 1100 were in attendance to enjoy this multidisciplinary arts extravaganza.

With the generous support of the Downtown Fort William BIA and Victoriaville Mall, we were able to use an empty store space to install a month-long exhibit of 200 works of art created by learners from the program. Over 4500 people viewed this exhibit and took part in arts projects in the space that were inspired by the water.

We thank the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board, Lakehead Schools, and Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique des Aurores Boreales, the Special High Skills Major Program, for their partnership in this initiative.



Supported by Thunder Bay Community Foundation, DSSAB, and participating schools

500 LEARNERS

27 ARTISTS

22 CLASSES

**5600 PEOPLE SAW
VISUAL ART & PERFORMANCES**

Forest of Reading

This program brought 10 visual art projects into classrooms throughout the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board. Local visual artists participated in the program, collaborating with Teacher Librarians to develop and implement art projects that were inspired by books nominated for the Ontario Library Association's Blue Spruce Award. Artworks were put on display for a month-long exhibit at the Baggage Building Art Centre.

250 LEARNERS

10 LOCAL ARTISTS

Supported by the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board.



General Arts Programming

Through our General Arts Program, CAHEP offers short-term programming with local organizations, neighbourhood groups, and social service agencies to ensure that the arts reach more people in our community.

2015-2016 Projects included:

The Great Travelling Blanket Fort at Movie Nights in the Park

Wooden Fish Painting with EcoSuperior at Fisherman's Park

Off the Wall: Intro to Stenciling with West Thunder Community Centre and YouthMove



Rural Arts

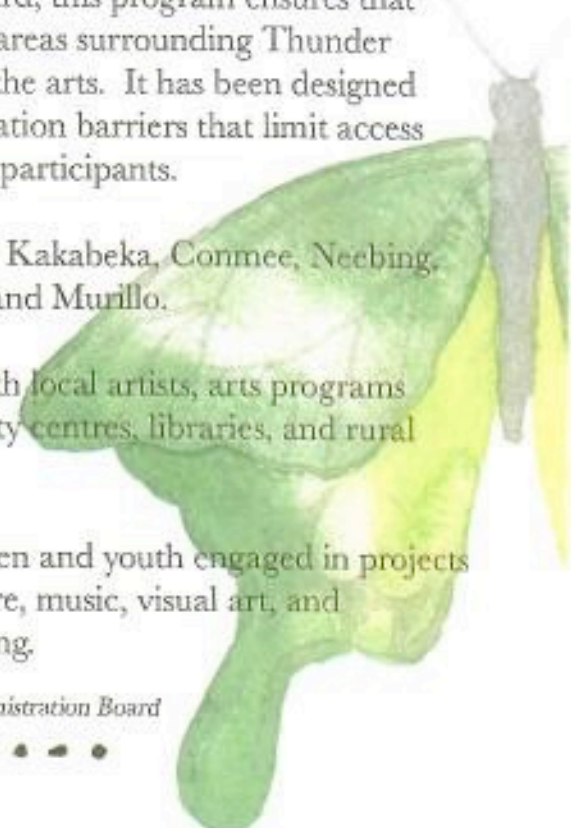
Funded through the District of Social Services Administration Board, this program ensures that under-served rural areas surrounding Thunder Bay have access to the arts. It has been designed to reduce transportation barriers that limit access to the arts for rural participants.

Rural areas include Kakabeka, Conmee, Neebing, Oliver Paiponge, and Murillo.

In collaboration with local artists, arts programs unfold in community centres, libraries, and rural schools.

Participating children and youth engaged in projects that included theatre, music, visual art, and sculptural storytelling.

Supported by District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board





Art to the Streets

Sprouted from the Neighbourhood Arts Program, Art to the Streets brings professional artists to under-resourced neighbourhoods of Thunder Bay, including Simpson-Ogden, Downtown Fort William, and Windsor Picton Blucher.

All programs are free-of-cost and close to areas where participants live and play, reducing barriers that exist for many in our City. Partner organizations included Evergreen a United Neighbourhood, Community Action Group, Vale Community Centre, and the Churchill Hub.

2015-16 marked the first time CAHEP was able to offer programming in a community art space that was all our own, thanks to support from the Downtown Fort William BIA, Mirabelli Corporation, and Victoriaville Mall. We opened the Inside Out Community Art Studio in Victoriaville in the spring of 2016, and have been bringing free drop-in artmaking sessions every week since, engaging with participants of all ages and abilities.

Children, youth, families, and seniors have worked on projects that have included:

- Photo Transfer with Barbara Benwell
- Stop Motion Animation with Zoe Gordon
- Quillwork with Susan Kakepetum
- Starting from Scratch: Intro to Beatmaking with Jordan Burnell

We work with participants to decide on the types of projects they would like to engage in. We see youth grow to become neighbourhood leaders, families share stories that bring them closer, and the community build a support network through collaborative creation.

Projects are supported through funding from OAC Artists in the Community/Workplace, United Way of Thunder Bay, Johansen Larsen Foundation, Telus Foundation, John Andrews Foundation, Intact Foundation, and District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board.

118 COMMUNITY PROJECTS
5900 PARTICIPANTS



Jumbies Theatre

Partnership Project

FOUR LANDS OF THUNDER BAY

Imagine a surreal landscape filled with tiny forests, poems about heartbreak and hope, miniature braids of sweetgrass, and pocket-sized canoes. Through collaborative art-making, the Four Lands of Thunder Bay explored these and many other perspectives that are embedded in the fabric of our community.

This week-long initiative was offered by Jumbies Theatre (Toronto) in collaboration with CAHER. Travelling gatherings brought people together to explore miniature-making, written word, song, performance, and visual art inspired by Four Lands: The Goodland, Badland, Lostland, and Dreamland.

Participants brought unique life experiences to the project, and it quickly became a collage of hidden stories, narratives, and community dreams. For some, Four Lands opened a window to share untold stories. For others, it was a welcomed opportunity to nourish lost creativity. Some participants were trying art for the first time, while others had been creating for years.

What emerged was breathtaking, healing, and simply captivating. From moss-covered cabins, to unicorns, to miniature pow wow grounds built from matchsticks and fragments of paper, to tiny hideouts made of cedar, the project embraced hundreds of community stories.

Gatherings were hosted at the Baggage Building Arts Centre, Victoriaville Mall, and the March of Dimes. Lead artists included Jumbies staff: Ruth Howard, Nikki Shaffecullah, Adrienne Marcus Raja, and Sam Egan, and many local creative contributors.

The Four Lands Project is supported by Ontario Arts Council, Ontario Trillium Foundation, Canada Council for the Arts, and the City of Thunder Bay.

Good Land — child laughter, loon calls, swirries erupting
 Trap line, Kiakina, Shaonit, Ugaug
 Bibooni, Yakaagun, Oohiching? HOME

In my Badland tears fall from hurt and
~~sharp~~ separation.

In my Dreamland the northern lights reflect
 on the ice and a white crow flies over head.

In my lost land... it is spring
 Spring is lost as is here in northwest
 Ontario we just wait winter over so we
 can reconnect with the land.

In my good land... It is summer.
 there is love, kindness, comfort,
 nourishment with loving and protection
 spirits. The land gives and we take
 only what we need and honour with songs.

In my lost land an hour's speed in winter

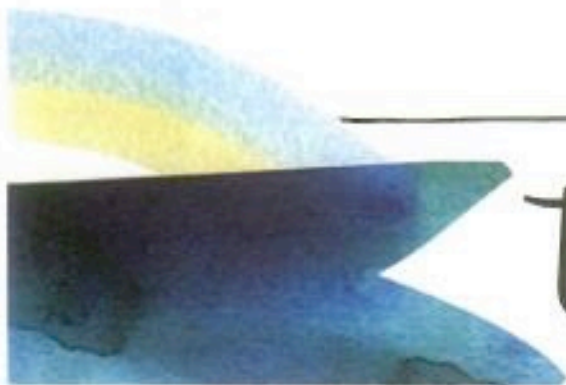


The Art of Community

As a part of Jumblies' visit for the Four Lands of Thunder Bay, we offered a two part professional development workshop for Thunder Bay artists.

Together at the Baggage Building Art Centre, we explored collaborative artmaking and community engaged arts with the guidance and expertise of Jumblies Theatre's Artistic Director, Ruth Howard.

Thanks for enriching our creative community, Jumblies!



Tiny Wonders art collaborative



At CAHEP, we love all things miniature! Inspired by tiny art, our staff and Board of Directors developed a new fundraising initiative.

In Autumn 2015, we hosted a series of mini-artmaking drop-ins at the Baggage Building Art Centre, and saw over 100 community members come out to explore tiny felting, painting, and sculpture-making.

During these workshops people were invited to donate a small original artwork to CAHEP that would be sold at our Tiny Wonders Pop-Up Art Shop at the December Dreams Artisan Market at the CLE Coliseum.

This pop-up sale quadrupled our fundraising goal!

We thank the following individuals for their donations and support:

Ann McGoey, Rob Magnusson, Alana Forslund, Judy Forslund, Brian Holden, Linda Dell, Aimee Thivierge, Becky Davis, Heliina Swerdlyk, Terry Fossum, William Hedican, Kathleen Baleja, Keith Ailey, Lori Gilbert, Charlene Snow, Shannon Bateman, Kiri Butter, Joanne Otte, Maureen Mills, Meghan Aylward, B Haywood, Victoria Bolduc, & Fay Beery



Tangled on Tour

CAHEP worked together with Tangled Art + Disability (Toronto) to help bring the second disability + arts festival to Thunder Bay.

This year, there was a focus on integrating local artists into this growing festival. Events included a film screening, beatmaking workshop, an art exhibit featuring creative responses by local artists, and a music-creation workshop and hip hop show with Wheelchair Sportscamp.

CAHEP was even able to work with a youth from one of our programs to photograph Kalyn Heffernan of Denver Colorado's Wheelchair Sportscamp as she delivered an inspiring artist talk and workshop at the Baggage Building Art Centre.




CAHEP MEETS WITH THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO HONOURABLE ELIZABETH DOWDESWELL



In 2015, CAHEP's Executive Director, Alana Forslund was invited to be a part of a team of arts organizations who make up a small part of Thunder Bay's creative community when Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell came to Thunder Bay.

We were able to share some of the stories of the importance of art in engaging community in Northern Ontario.



Get In Touch!

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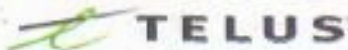
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