



# Annual Report

2015 - 2016

Incorporation – Not-for-profit – February 18th, 2003  
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## A Note from Our Executive Director...

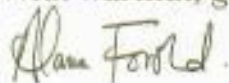
This past year with Community Arts & Heritage Education Project has been an inspiring year of growth, transformation, and change-making through the arts.

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.

Everyone is allowed to create

# 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.

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**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

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## 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!

