



Annual Report 2016

**H'ART OF OTTAWA ANNUAL REPORT
APRIL 1, 2015 TO MARCH 31, 2016**

LOOKING BACK

Another year has come to an end and it has been one of H'Art's most successful to date. I'm pleased to report on two major areas that the artists, staff and directors have been working on the past year.

The first is the completion of the donation campaign for the long-term legacy endowment fund with the Ottawa Community Foundation. We can confirm that through the donation campaign we raised over \$33,000.00. Add that to the very generous \$50,000 donation from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous, and the total in the endowment fund is over \$83,000. While we are unable to account for this amount in our yearly financial statements, there is no denying that H'Art of Ottawa now has an unprecedented level of long term financial stability.

The second is that H'Art was chosen, out of thirty worthy candidates, as the first recipient of the Betterful Initiative campaign from McMillan. McMillan is a national advertising agency who has graciously donated \$100,000 of services to help H'Art better convey who we are, what we do and where we are going. The board has been working with McMillan and looks forward to sharing the results of this process in the new year.

I would be remiss to not once again thank the staff, artists and families who contribute to make H'Art what it is. Each year I marvel at the accolades of our artists and this year was no different. Our artists continue to be recognized for their artwork and we are all very proud of what they have accomplished.

Here's to another great year at H'Art.



Michael Leaver
Chair
Board of H'Art of Ottawa

It has been another successful year for H'Art Studio. Both the Endowment Fund and winning the McMillan Betterful Initiative are exciting new endeavours and significant investments in H'Art's future. These two initiatives not only help H'Art move forward, but they validate the worth and work being done by the artists and everyone who believes in and supports H'Art. We are grateful for what these two initiatives bring to H'Art. So many of you stepped up to the challenge and generously donated to our Endowment Fund Campaign, and we thank you all.

The community continues to support H'Art. A few high lights from this past year:

- The City of Ottawa recognized H'Art by giving us our own Studio Community Exhibition Space in the new Richcraft Recreation Complex in Kanata. It is an exhibition wall dedicated to H'Art for the next three years.
- The artists continue to collaborate with the University of Ottawa Medicine and Humanities Department, Arts and Medicine.
- H'Art Studio artists were the first group to be invited by the Senate, to exhibit on Parliament Hill.

H'Art is made up of many people, all of whom contribute to creating a unique and remarkable place where the artists thrive and really live life. Thank you to all of you: the artists, staff, board members, families, friends, community and supporters.

A special thank you for our anonymous donor, and to everyone at McMillan.



Lin Rowsell
Executive Director
H'Art of Ottawa

A YEAR IN REVIEW

ART SHOWS

Rabbit Hole

Ottawa Bagelshop and Deli
March – May 2015

Westfest Pop Up Show

Paradigm Properties, Westboro
June 12-14, 2015

Gigspace Art Show

Gigspace Performance Studio
July 7- Sept 2, 2015

No No No Snow

Green Door Vegetarian Restaurant
October 25– November 28, 2015

In the Spotlight

Shenkman Centre
November 6, 2015

At Citizen Advocacy's fundraiser for Lifetime Networks and Families Matter, H'Art artists Caroline Joannis, Jessie Huggett and Julie Fletcher attended and exhibited their work.

DiversArt Art Show

Aboriginal Room, Centre Block, Parliament Hill, hosted by the Senate Canada
December 17, 2015

In recognition of International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the Senate Administration Advisory Committee on Diversity and Accessibility invited H'Art artists to exhibit and attend the day long show. It was the Senate's first art show. Senator Jim Munson and MP Mike Lake attended. 'Inclusion matters: access and empowerment of people of all abilities'.

Discovery

February 10, 2016

Lynn Bloom, Faculty Mentor for the Medical Student Art Show

Art collaboration with University of Ottawa Medicine and Humanities Department of Innovation in Medical Education hosted by Arts in Medicine Roger Guidon Atrium, Ottawa Hospital

H'Art of Ottawa Upstream Studio Community Exhibition Space

Richcraft Recreation Complex, Kanata
March 1- May 2, 2016

The City of Ottawa has given H'Art this Community Exhibition Space- dedicated to H'Art for the next 3 years. Penelope Kokkinos, Arts Programmer, City of Ottawa, initiated this project.



"It's very neat to paint and I really enjoy coming here. I really enjoy the experimenting with the textures and the mediums and seeing what I can come up with." ~ Jake Riseborough

O T H E R E V E N T S

Space to Grow: Endowment Challenge Campaign

Spring, Summer, Fall 2015

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Endowment Fund with Community Foundation Ottawa

2015, 2016

H'Art Directors with Dan Brunette of Community Foundation Ottawa established an Endowment Fund for H'Art.

Ottawa Global Shapers

May 6, 2015

Betsy Leimbiger, Adam Moscoe, Matika Lauzon of Ottawa Global Shapers, visited the studio. *OGS is an organization of young people who are exceptional in their potential, their achievements and their drive to make a contribution to their communities- an initiative of the World Economic Forum.*

Storefront Program, Ottawa Carleton School Board

Sept 25, 2015

Tanya Ashton and Nancy Ford visited the studio to observe our program.

Royal Ottawa Hospital Butterfly Art contest

Fall 2015

H'Art artists submitted a large mixed media piece. The painting won third prize and is part of the ROH's permanent collection.

H'Art Calendar

Fall 2015

H'Art's first wall calendar

Carleton University 4th year journalism students

October 15, 2015

Emma Trantor and others visited the studio to film and interview artists for a piece.

CBC Ontario Today Program with Rita Celli

October 27, 2015

H'Art artist Caroline Joannis called in to talk about art and disabilities.

Other Events – Cont'd

Senate Canada Visit

November 12, 2015

Marie France Bonnet, Kim Grandmaison and Lucille Provost from the Senate visited the studio to discuss an art show to be held on Parliament Hill.

The Transformative Power of Art – Evaluation Report on H'Art of Ottawa Practicum and Research Project by Leigh Kelly

University of Calgary

2015-2016

Masters in Disability and Community Rehabilitation with an area of interest in Mental Health. The practicum required Leigh to complete a program evaluation on a specific area/question for an organization (H'Art Studio) where physical and mental disabilities are a factor: does art have the power to transform the lives of people with intellectual disabilities?

H'Art's AGM and Butterfly Boogie Bash

November 24, 2015

Bronson Centre

Spoken Word performed by H'Art artists.

Carleton University journalism students

November 30, 2015

Visited and filmed artists in the studio.

Delphine Haslé, CFRE, Development Officer

The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre Foundation

February 2016 Board Meeting

Guest speaker, Delphine, shared information and insight on fundraising.

Queen's University Student Teacher Alternative Practicum

March 21- April 8, 2016

Ashley Lai did her three week alternative practicum at H'Art.

Algonquin College DSW Student Placement

January 11 – February 23, 2016

Ashley Stroud did her placement at H'Art Studio



"I feel good to be a good artist. I am here for 14 years and I love my art and my friends and really good teachers and volunteers. It's important for me to spend time with my friends and my art is so awesome. People always love my art."

~ Marika Smart

H'ART OF OTTAWA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, STAFF AND STUDIO VOLUNTEERS 2015 – 2016

Board of Directors

Michael Leaver–*Chair*
Alisenne Boxall
Jennifer McKay
Claire Leduc
Angie Stockley
Jason Trigger
Stephanie Nadeau
Jay Innes

Staff

Lin Rowsell– *Executive Director, Studio Instructor and Facilitator*
Carmel Whittle–*Studio Coordinator, Studio Instructor and Facilitator*
Eliona Hall–*Studio Instructor and Facilitator*
Azucena Rogers–*Studio Instructor and Facilitator*
Cait Gordon –*Administrative Assistant*

Studio Volunteers

Our volunteers are secondary school coop students, students from the University of Ottawa and Carleton University (Community Service Learning Program and Experiential Learning Service Program), Queen's University, Algonquin College, and people from the community.

Rachel Gray
Catherine Brule
Gwen Cox

Placements

- Ashley Stroud - Algonquin College DSW student placement
- Ashley Lai – Queen's University student teacher Alternative Practicum
- Leigh Kelly – University of Calgary, Cumming School of Medicine, Community Health Sciences Master's practicum and research project – The Transformative Power of Art

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Completed January 2016

Grand total: \$83,477.65



DONORS' LIST 2015 – 2016

Thank you to all our donors. We couldn't do it without you!

Friend (\$1 – \$499)

Anna Maranta
Andrew Dunnet
Carole Coulombe
Diane Elie
Doris Beck
Elaine Pond
Frank Bourgeois
Fred and June Smart
Improv Yourself
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Jessie Stewart
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Laverne Piper
Lise Gagnon

Lois Frankel
Lola Docherty
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United Way Donors

Thank you to our many anonymous and designated United Way donors.

Canada Helps Donors

Thank you to the many of you who used Canada Helps to make memorial, anonymous and regular donations.

SPONSORSHIPS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

Many thanks to our sponsors and community supporters!

Holiday Card Campaign

Our sincere thanks to all individuals who also have supported our Card Campaign!

Organizations who have also supported H'Art:

RBC
Roche Banyan
CIBC Wood Gundy

Gifts in Kind – Thank you to everyone who donates items to H'Art

Bonnie Donovan- resource material, books

The Queen's Players- donated money for a large, flat screen TV for our slide shows. "We believe that H'Art of Ottawa provides important opportunities for artists with intellectual disabilities, and we are happy to help support the important work that you do!"

Bereaved Families of Ontario – filing cabinets



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

See attachment

**FOR H'ART OF OTTAWA YEAR END:
MARCH 31, 2016**