

NOVEMBER 23, 2017

Dear Friend,

Can you imagine a world without Art?

A life without theatre; music; dance; literature; architecture; culinary arts; drawing; painting; sculpture; photography; film; animation and more would be so very dull and depressing. Thankfully, that's not going to happen because the Windsor Endowment for the Arts (WEA) is a sustainable financial foundation whose vision is to support the arts while growing the endowment.

As a supporter of the arts, you may know that WEA is a funding body devoted to the arts for the betterment of the community. WEA believes that Windsor-Essex is rich with artistic talent and cultural possibility, and we work to encourage the growth of the arts and arts organizations in our region.

Our donors made it possible!

On May 12, 2016, through the generosity of our supporters, WEA honoured, recognized and celebrated artists, cultural professionals and businesses who have enriched our community through significant and innovative contributions to the region's arts and culture scene.

Won't you help us by sending in a donation today?

WEA appreciates that the arts contribute to our quality of life and that their intrinsic value includes true prosperity and stronger communities. **Please help us** this fall, as we cultivate the wealth of cultural and artistic assets and resources in Windsor-Essex, and harness creativity in support of economic and social growth in our region.

With grateful appreciation,

Carolyn Rourke
President



2016 Recipients

Arts Leadership AWARDS

Community Arts:
Leamington Arts Centre

Literary Arts:
Irene Moore Davis

Performing Arts:
Richard Householder

Visual Arts:
Gibson Art Gallery

Arts Infrastructure GRANTS

Community Arts:
Danah Beaulieu

Literary Arts:
Terrance Travis

Performing Arts:
Gina Lori Riley Dance Enterprises

Visual Arts:
Windsor International Film Festival

Emerging Artist GRANTS

Community Arts:
Chris Rabideau

Literary Arts:
Grant Munroe

Performing Arts:
Spark Plug Players

Visual Arts:
Asil Moussa

Elizabeth Havelock GRANT IN THE ARTS

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You can send your gift today using the **DONATE TODAY** Button below, or you can visit us online at www.wea-arts.com and click on **DONATE** to WEA to make a contribution.

Windsor Endowment for the Arts is a registered charitable organization. Your donation of \$50, \$100 or more will help us build a legacy in perpetuity to support the education, awareness, appreciation and development of the arts in Windsor and region – for our children and grandchildren.

*P.S. The arts are fundamental to our humanity.
They enrich and inspire us – fostering creativity, goodness, and beauty.*

Please join me today and become a member of the
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YOU CONTRIBUTION CAN BE IN THE FORM OF:

- A gift
- An individual or a corporate membership
- A monthly or annual pledge

GIFT CAN BE DESIGNATED TO:

- Endowment Fund
- Changing the Odds, Youth Arts Program
- The Eric Jackman Youth Grant in the Arts
- The Morris and Beverly Baker Foundation Youth Grant in the Arts

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All donations are gratefully accepted.

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Supporting Arts and Culture in Windsor Essex

ANNOUNCING

EXCITING CHANGES

WEA's Arts Infrastructure Grants and Emerging Artist Grants Increase grants to \$3,000

With strong community support, we have been able to increase the grants to \$3,000 in 2018 to provide greater support to artists and arts organizations in our community.

The Lois Smedick Emerging Artist Grant in Visual Arts / \$3,000

This year WEA and our community lost a long-term supporter of the arts, Lois Smedick. WEA's Board has named a grant in her honour.

The Eric Jackman Youth Grant in the Arts / \$1,000

Following the spectacular presentation of **Artistry of Windsor-Essex** on November 23, 2015 at Caesars Windsor, Honouree Dr. Eric Jackman gifted the Windsor Endowment for the Arts \$50,000. A portion of this gift has established **The Eric Jackman Youth Grant in the Arts** to be awarded to a senior high school student who completes a co-operative placement through their school, in an arts related business or organization.

The Morris and Beverly Baker Foundation Youth Grant in the Arts / \$2,000

On September 27, 2017 WEA presented at Caesars Windsor The Baker Legacy – A Community Gathers to Celebrate to pay tribute to The Morris and Beverly Baker Foundation for their extraordinary contributions and commitment made through continuing investment in healthcare, education, arts and culture in Windsor-Essex.

The Morris and Beverly Baker Foundation Youth Grant in the Arts has been established and will be presented in 2018 to a graduating high school student entering university or college in one of the following programs: literary arts, performing arts or visual arts.



CHANGING THE ODDS COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION THROUGH THE ARTS

Changing the Odds (CTO) is an interdisciplinary arts program designed for local youth (ages 12-19), living in challenging circumstances. Presented in partnership with the University of Windsor's School of Dramatic Art (SODA), **Changing the Odds** provides at-risk youth with the opportunity to participate in arts activities that will:

- **Encourage and enhance their cognitive, creative, and critical abilities;**
- **Generate positive and creative ways to think and express themselves;**
- **Utilize their strengths to take action for change in their lives and in their communities; and**
- **Develop new skills, abilities, and determination to fashion positive change.**

Every summer, for the past five years, WEA has engaged area youth in a variety of arts experiences and further demonstrated that the arts promote confidence, social justice, personal growth and peer acceptance. Feedback and testimonials from participating youth, teachers, artists, and community partners laud that **Changing the Odds** is truly transformative and life changing.



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The Windsor Endowment for the Arts needs your support.

Your commitment today to our Endowment Fund will help us build a legacy, in perpetuity, to support the education, awareness, appreciation and development of the arts in Windsor Essex. Please help us make a profound and lasting impact on the cultural life in our community.

Thank you!