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Your Impact on Arts, Culture and Heritage

Dear Fundholder(s),

We are incredibly grateful for your support of the Arts, Culture and Heritage in Mississauga. Your contributions are helping enrich Mississauga's cultural landscape, providing opportunities for artistic expression and preserving our shared heritage.

Purpose of the Fund:

The Hazel McCallion Arts, Culture and Heritage Fund supports programs and initiatives that enhance access to the arts, celebrate diversity through culture, and create opportunities for artists and performers to share their talents with the community.

Collective Impact:

Grants from these funds have been pooled with funds that support Arts, Culture and Heritage, collectively allowing us to fund more projects that bring arts and culture to life in Mississauga.

Projects Supported in 2024:

- Art Gallery of Mississauga - Community Art Hive
- CreativeHub 1352 - Lakeshore Art Trail
- DEEN Support Services - Empowering Ability! Accessible Cultural Arts
- Friends of the Museums of Mississauga - Halloween Harvest Festival at the Museums of Mississauga
- Frog in Hand Productions Inc. - Bodies of Knowledge
- Orchestras Mississauga - Beyond the walls of the hall for all
- Children's Aid Foundation Ontario - Wishes for Kids - Arts and Cultural Program
- The Chamber Music Society of Mississauga Inc - Riverwood Summer Concerts, Live and Streamed music series
- The Riverwood Conservancy - Jingtamok: An Indigenous Social
- Visual Arts Mississauga - VAM Creative Residency for Emerging Artists 2024-2025

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- Acclaim Health and Community Care Services - Promoting Mental Wellness for Older Adults through Art
- Mississauga Children's Choir - Providing Free workshops for Peel's Music Teachers
- Active Adult Centre of Mississauga - Music & Movement for Mature Adults
- Sampradaya Dance Creations - Summer Skies 2024
- Blackwood Gallery - QUIET PARADE

Discover how your support has made a lasting impact in 2024. Read on to see the difference you've made.

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Friends of the Museums of Mississauga - Halloween Harvest Festival at the Museums of Mississauga

In 2024, the Mississauga Foundation awarded a grant of \$5,000 through the Hazel McCallion Grant for Arts, Culture and Heritage to The Friends of the Museums of Mississauga for the creation of a custom harvest-themed Augmented Reality (AR) scavenger hunt at the Bradley Museum. The grant funded the development of this interactive activity, which was available throughout the month of October, along with the necessary marketing materials and wayfinding signage to encourage engagement.



The grant's impact was significant. Over 5,000 people participated in the AR scavenger hunt, benefiting from a unique and educational experience that engaged participants of all ages. The activity was designed to foster inter-generational family connection, a sense of belonging, and learning about diverse traditions, particularly Indigenous traditions.

Families reported enjoying the activity, highlighting the educational value and enjoyment they gained from the experience. Many visitors attended the museum specifically for the scavenger hunt, indicating its success in attracting the public and engaging them with the museum's offerings.



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The Chamber Music Society of Mississauga Inc - Riverwood Summer Concerts, Live and Streamed music series



The Mississauga Foundation provided \$10,000 through the Hazel McCallion Grant for Arts, Culture and Heritage, to the Chamber Music Society of Mississauga (CMSM) to support their Concerts at Riverwood series in 2024. This funding supported the organization in offering a series of seven free summer concerts held at the MacEwan Barn at the Riverwood Conservancy, enhancing Mississauga's cultural life and providing an enriching experience for residents of all ages.

The grant enabled CMSM to hire 28 talented artists, cover venue and marketing costs, and manage production needs for the series. Over the course of the summer, hundreds of people attended each performance, with some arriving as early as two hours before the concert to secure seats. The community eagerly anticipated each event, and new attendees were regularly drawn in by the music, which created a sense of connection and engagement within the community.



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Mississauga Children's Choir - Providing Free workshops for Peel's Music Teachers

In 2024, the Mississauga Foundation awarded \$9,400 to the Mississauga Children's Choir (MCC) to support their Music Teachers Workshops. The funding, through the Hazel McCallion Grant for Arts, Culture and Heritage, was used to host six clinician workshops for music educators and professionals in the Peel region during the 2024-25 period. These workshops provided invaluable opportunities for professional development, networking, and collaboration, benefiting both educators and the choir itself.

The workshops have had a significant impact on the community. The five workshops held so far have seen high attendance, with an average of 55 participants per session. These events have not only supported professional growth but have also facilitated new staff referrals and potential chorister connections for MCC. Teachers have expressed a strong preference for in-person sessions over recorded materials, reflecting the value of direct interaction and hands-on learning. Through the workshops, MCC successfully recruited a new staff member and received invitations to visit classrooms, further strengthening its relationship with local educators.



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Active Adult Centre of Mississauga - Music & Movement for Mature Adults

With music, movement, and a touch of European charm, seniors at the Active Adult Centre of Mississauga are proving that creativity has no age limit.



Through their program Music and Movement for Mature Adults, participants came together to present *A Trip Around Europe in Song* — a lively performance celebrating culture, connection, and community. Funded by The Mississauga Foundation's Hazel McCallion Fund for Arts, Culture & Heritage, this initiative gave older adults an opportunity to share their talents, express themselves through dance and song, and experience the joy of performing together.

The event not only brought audiences on a musical journey across Europe but also highlighted the power of the arts to inspire, engage, and uplift — at every stage of life.



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Blackwood Gallery - QUIET PARADE

In 2024, the Mississauga Foundation awarded \$5,000 to the Blackwood Gallery for the QUIET PARADE event, a major celebration of disability culture in Mississauga. The Grant supported accessibility services, consultation fees, workshop facilitators, the printing of an accessibility guide, event supplies, and artist fees for the parade.



QUIET PARADE brought together artists, students, event partners, and residents, creating an impactful celebration of disability culture. With hundreds of attendees and dozens more participating in workshops, the event garnered significant attention, as reflected by UTM's social media metrics, which reported over 19,000 impressions and 900 engagements. Over 25 volunteers also helped support the program, ensuring the event ran smoothly.

The Blackwood Gallery's mission is to foster inclusivity and engagement with art that challenges social norms and supports diverse communities. The QUIET PARADE event not only advanced this mission but also highlighted the importance of making public spaces more accessible and inclusive.



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Your support has been instrumental in growing Mississauga's arts and culture scene. To continue this progress, we invite you to make an additional donation to the Arts and Culture Fund. If you know others who are passionate about Arts, Culture and Heritage, please consider sharing this opportunity with them.



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