

BC Arts Council Assessors for 2022/23

Council grant programs are reviewed through peer assessment. Independent artists, arts administrators, and other professionals working in the sector meet to assess grant applications, advise on priorities, and make recommendations to Council on the awarding of grants.

What follows is a complete list of assessors who sat on BC Arts Council assessment panels and advisory committees between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023. We are grateful to these individuals who served as advisors and assessors for the BC Arts Council as well as for Council programs offered through ArtStarts in Schools, BC Touring Council, Creative BC, and First Peoples' Cultural Council. Please also see [the full list](#) of individuals, organizations, and partner agencies who received funding during this period.

Professional Arts Funding

PROFESSIONAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE

Arts & Cultural Service Organizations

Kait Blake
Jay Dodge
Donna Kane
Diane Levesque
Brian McBay

Arts Festivals - Performing Arts

Curtis Clear Sky
Miriam Manley
Lisa Martin
Christie Watson

Arts Festivals - Studio Arts

Sean Cranbury
Ana de Lara
Emiko Morita
Regan Shrumm
Colin Van Loon

Arts Training

Nyla Carpentier
Winnie Doyle-Marshall
Jeff Faragher
Adam Grant Warren

Book Publishers

Anna Comfort
Suzanne Methot
Melissa Pitts
Laura Trunkey
Andrew Wooldridge

Literary Arts

Marisa Alps
Molly Cross-Blanchard
L'Amour Lisik
Danny Ramadan
April Thompson

Media Arts

Kemi Craig
Lindsay McIntyre
Sylvain Saily
Regan Shrumm

Museums and Indigenous Cultural Centres

Lucy Bell
Sherri Kajiwara
Sharn Sandhra
Kira Westby
Michelle Willard

Performing Arts -Dance

Marion Landers
Caitlin McKee
Starr Muranko
Ian Pears
Shelby Richardson

Performing Arts -Music

Mohamed Assani
Pat Carrabre
Janna Sailor
Xin Xuan Song
Kevin Tobin

Performing Arts - Theatre

Paulina Grainger
Jessica Schacht
Isaac Thomas
Adam Grant Warren

Visual Arts

Deanne Achong
Alanna Edwards
George Harris
S F Ho
Lorilee Wastasecoot

PROFESSIONAL PROJECT ASSISTANCE

Arts Festivals

Karmella Benedito De Barros
Lauren Dembicky-Polivka
Robyn Lamb
Heather Lamoureux
Anoushka Ratnarajah
Evann Siebens
Sam Snobelen

Arts Training

Jeff Faragher
Jessica Schacht
Tiffany Tjosvold
Nyla Carpentier
Winnie Doyle-Marshall
Adam Grant Warren

Early Career Development

Carleigh Baker
Haley Bassett
Marina DiMaio
William Kuo
Sophia Laurio
Sadira Rodrigues
Brittany Ryan
Vicki Stroich

Literary Arts

Shashi Bhat
Tori Elliott
Leslie Hurtig
Vici Johnstone
Angelique Lalonde
Patricia Massy
Johnny D Trinh
Silas White

Media Arts & Visual Arts

T Bannister
Lynette La Fontaine
Julian Hou
Amy Kazymierchuk
Yiksea Leung
Henry Heng Lu
Kendra Place
Anne Riley
Sarah Dan Ruo Wang

Museums & Indigenous

Cultural Centres -
Kathryn Gagnon
Juanita Johnston
Coralee Miller
Emily Ooi
Cherie Wilson

Performing Arts**- Dance**

Idan Cohen
Kayla Henry
Vidya Kotamraju
Madelaine McCallum
Simone Blais
Lynette Harper
Monique Salez
Shana Wolfe

Performing Arts**- Music**

Alan Corbishley
Joseph Hirabayashi
Chloe Kim
Julie McIsaac
Mishelle Cuttler
Deanna Gestrin
Daniel Mills
Nancy Tam

Performing Arts**-Multi-Disciplinary**

John Aitken
Rose Cortez
Milton Lim
Dave Morris
Elyssia Sasaki
Vicki Stroich

Performing Arts**- Theatre**

John Aitken
Pedro Chamale
Rose Cortez
Itai Erdal
Maria Escolan
Laurel Green
Dave Morris
Vicki Stroich



INDIVIDUAL ARTS AWARDS

Creative Writers

Sara Cassidy
Kevin Chong
Francine Cunningham
Chris Gatchalian
Aislinn Hunter
Jonina Kirton
Ashley Little
Tara McGuire
Suzanne Methot
Scott Steedman
Aren X. Tulchinsky

Media Artists

Yun-Jou Chang
Jamuna Galay-Tamang
Maria Lantin
Brian Lye

Performing Artists

- Dance
Simone Blais
Lynette Harper
Monique Salez
Shana Wolfe

Performing Artists - Music

Mishelle Cuttler
Deanna Gestrin
Daniel Mills
Nancy Tam

Performing Artists -Multi-Disciplinary

Milton Lim
Dave Morris
Elyssia Sasaki

Performing Artists - Theatre

Pedro Chamale
Itai Erdal
Maria Escolan
Laurel Green

Professional Development

Gabriela Aceves
Ken Blackburn
Chris Bose
Cameron Fraser-Monroe
Ingrid Hansen
Sarah Kwok
Yiksea Leung
Diane Levesque
Giselle Liu
Alyssa Martens
Joelysa Pankanea
Shanae Sodhi
Kim Stewart
Julia Taffe
Kelsey Wavey
Laura White

Visual Artists

Nicole Brabant
Jesse Campbell
Kerri Flannigan
Paul de Guzman Sia
Charo Neville
Melany Nugent-Noble
Laura Rosengren
Ghinwa Yassine
Karen Zalamea



Scholarship Awards

Applied Arts & General

Michelle Fu
Jesse Gray
Nicole Neidhardt
Regan Shrumm

Media Arts

Lauren Marsden
Giovanni Spezzacatena
Jackson Wai Chung Tse

Visual Arts

S F Ho
Shoora Majedian
Meesh QX

Dance

Stacey Horton
Shelby Richardson
Dyana Sonik-Henderson

Music

Müge Büyükçelen
Curtis Clear Sky
Chloe Kim
Brooke Maxwell

Literary

Cecily Nicholson
Carmen Rodriguez
Scott Steedman
Kai Taddei

Theatre

Veda Hille
Seyedamirnaeim - Amir
Hosseini
Lindsay Sterk

Strategic Initiatives

ACCELERATE

Simone Blais
Kait Blake
Sidi Chen
Winnie Doyle-Marshall
Joanne Finlay
Deanna Gestrin
Deblekha Guin
Ken Hall

Elliott Hearte
Eli Hirtle
S F Ho
Seyedamirnaeim - Amir
Hosseini
Suzanne Methot
Emiko Morita
Kendra Place

Dane Roberts
Sadira Rodrigues
Jessica Schacht
Xin Xuan Song
Carla Stephenson
Beng Leng Tan-Favreau
Sarah Dan Ruo Wang
Adam Grant Warren

ARTS IMPACT GRANT

Foundational Impact - Community Arts

Joy Bremner
Bethany Handfield
Cathy Stubington

Community & Artistic Impact - Community Arts

Anne DeGrace
Adrienne Greyeyes
Anita Lal
Johnny D Trinh

Foundational Impact - Studio Arts

Astrid Heyerdahl
Juanita Johnston
Heidi Waechtler
Karen Wong

Community & Artistic Impact - Studio Arts

Nicole Chernish
Douglas Jarvis
Kate Kerr
Nya Lewis
Sara Louie

Foundational - Performing Arts

Heather Burns
Chelsea Carlson
Ivan Habel
Caitlin McKee

Community Impact - Performing Arts

Leah Foreman
Rosemary Georgeson
Robin Layne
Caroline Liffmann

Artistic Impact - Performing Arts

John Aitken
Naomi Brand
Pedro Chamale
Alen Dominguez
Giselle Liu
Joelysa Pankanea
Kevin Tobin

ARTS INFRASTRUCTURE

Consultation/Capital Improvements

Ammar Mahimwalla
Sheryl McGraw
Rance Mok
Shirley Shen
Amy Wertz

Specialized Equipment Acquisitions

Giselle Clarke-Trenaman
Adrian Muir
Amanda Thomson
Matthew Tremblay

Community Arts Funding

Arts Based Community Development & Leon and Thea Koerner

Violet Elliott
Tracy Kutschker
Mitch Miyagawa
Fay Nass

Operating - Community Arts Organizations

Christine Anonuevo
Haley Bassett
Christine Besold
Sidi Chen
Joanne Finlay
Mitch Miyagawa
Sadira Rodrigues
Carla Stephenson
Beng Leng Tan-Favreau

Project Assistance - Community Arts Organizations

Jaci Metivier
Sadira Rodrigues
Marnie Temple
T'uy't'tanat-Cease Wyss

Equity Advisory Network

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Kait Blake
Sidi Chen
Kemi Craig
Molly Cross-Blanchard
Joanne Finlay

S F Ho
Kenji Maeda
Suzanne Methot
Emiko Morita
Starr Muranko
Carmen Papalia

Jivesh Parasram
Danny Ramadan
Sadira Rodrigues
Regan Shrumm
Carla Stephenson
Adam Grant Warren