

BC Arts Council Assessors for 2023/24

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 2023 and 31 March 2024. 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.

Operating Assistance

Kait Blake
Kemi Craig
Lucy Bell
Pat Carrabre
S F Ho
Sharn Sandhra
Sherri Kajiwara
Suzanne Methot

Professional Arts Funding

Arts Circulation and Touring

Alex Chen
Amélie Malissard
April Thompson
Carol Sawyer
Caroline MacCaull
Cassandra Bourchier
Chad Hershler
Dane Roberts
Gavan Cheema
Jenn Jackson
Jesse Birch
Joshua Beamish
Karen Thao La
Libby Willoughby
Maria Gonzalez Rios
Nicole Stanbridge
Nyla Carpentier
Paige Louter
Patrick Ernst
Pete Kytwayhat
Robyn Jacob
Shristi Uprety
Tara Travis

Arts Festivals

Chelsee Damen
Cherie Wilson
Colleen Brown
Deblekha Guin
Dinah D
Howard Jang
Jarin Schexnider
Kathleen Mullen
Neil Cadger
Pawan Deol
Roxi Dykstra
Siloën Daley
Starr Muranko

Arts Training

Jessica Hickman
Jill McKenna
Kevin Chong
Marla Eist
Nakkita Trimble
Stacey Koosel
Thea Loo
Yasmine Kandi



Early Career Development

Alysha Seriani
Chantal Gibson
Cheyenne Scott
Diane Kadota
Diyān Achjadi
Genevieve Robertson
Justene Dion-Glowa
Laisha Rosnau
Lorilee Wastasecot
Mary Louise Albert-Margolick
Moozhan Ahmadzadegan
Nova Weipert
Simone Blais
Sydney Black

Literary Arts

Brian Lam
Jane Davidson
Janine Young
Joseph Dandurand
Lara Kordic
Meaghan Hackinen
Rebecca Wood Barrett
SJ Valiquette
Topher Beaton

Media Arts & Visual Arts

Andrea Valentine-Lewis
David Mesiha
Derya Akay
Emily Luce
Faune Ybarra
Jessica Miinguaqtii
Marnie Temple
Michelle Sound
Natalie Rollins
Romi Kim
Tsēmā Igharas
Yunuen Perez Vertti

Museums & Indigenous Cultural Centres

Alana Firedancer
Alyssa Gerwing
Cherie Wilson
Damara Jacobs-Petersen
Demi London
Derek Jang
Jenna Bower
Kisselle Reid

Performing Arts – Dance

Alison Keery
Ashvini Sundara
Cameron Fraser-Monroe
Dyana Sonik-Henderson
Giselle Lu
Muneera Wallace
Sophie Dow
Vanessa Goodman

Performing Arts – Music

Leah Abramson
Mark Armanini
Mark McGregor
Patrick Ernst
Russel Wallace
Sherryl Sewepagaham
Tracie Yee

Performing Arts - Multi-Disciplinary

Anthony Lee
Justina Vanovcan
Lucas Myers
Michelle Bardach
Pedro M. Siqueira
Pegah Tabassinejad
Raes Calvert
Randi Edmundson

Performing Arts – Theatre

Christine Quintana
Lucas Myers
Maria Gonzalez Rios
Melissa Glover
Michelle Bardach
Pedro M. Siqueira
Pegah Tabassinejad

INDIVIDUAL ARTS GRANTS

Creative Writers

Brandi Bird
Brandon Reid
Emi Sasagawa
Emily Pohl-Weary
Gail Anderson-Dargatz
Harrison Mooney
Hiromi Goto
JD Derbyshire
Jennifer Manuel
Kate Harris
Laura Farina
Nicolle Natrass
Scott Steedman
Teresa McWhirter

Media Artists

Elisa Ferrari
Jay Cardinal Villeneuve
Karin Lee
Lauren Marsden
Lindsay McIntyre
Miriam Needoba
Nisha Platzer
Sarah Kapoor

Performing Artists

Anthony Lee
Ashvini Sundaram
Cameron Fraser-Monroe
Christine Quintana
Giselle Liu
Justina Vanovcan
Maria Gonzalez Rios
Melissa Glover
Raes Calvert
Randi Edmundson
Sandy Powlik
Vanessa Goodman

Professional Development

Aaron Wells
Allan Cho
Amy Wertz
Cameron Fraser
Cathy Terepocki
Christie Watson
Colleen Heslin
Daina Ashbee
Danielle Geller
Davey Calderon
elika mojtabaei
Farshid Samandari
Frieda Luk
Harmanie Rose
Hussein Janmohamed
Lily Cryan
Mariel Belanger
Morgan Tams
Myc Sharratt
Natasha Smith
Nita Bowerman
Osvaldo Ramirez Castillo
Parmela Attariwala
Rae Spoon
Rebecca Hass
Shayna Jones
Wanda John

Visual Artists

Ben Bogart
Dion Smith-Dokkie
Evan Berg
Jenelle Pasiechnik
Jennifer Cane
Kely Robinson
Lori Goldberg
Lucien Durey
Mariel Belanger
Sandeep Johal
Tafui McLean



Scholarship

Arts Administration

Hannah Jickling
Kay Slater

Dance

Alexis Fletcher
Jojo Zolina
Nick Miami Benz

Literary

Carmen Aguirre
Francine Cunningham
Jillian Christmas
Megan Cole

Music

Bruce Vogt
Caley Watts
François Houle
Teodora Dimova

Media Arts

Barry Doupe
Kristin Man
Paige Gratland
Victoria Jaenig

Theatre

Brent Hirose
Cameron Anderson
Cameron Peal
Tiana Jung

Visual Arts

Alicia Lawrence
Hyung-Min Yoon
Luca Cara Seccafien
Aaramë Robillard
Gloria Han
Hazel Meyer
Levi Glass

Strategic Initiatives

ARTS INFRASTRUCTURE

Planning & Consultation/Capital Improvements

Carolyn Holmes
Rance Mok
Shiloh Sukkau

Specialized Equipment Acquisitions

Ben Wilson
Chengyan Boon
Emily Neumann
Ross Nichol

Community Arts Funding

Arts Based Community Development & Leon and Thea Koerner

Gabriel Newman
James Darin Corbiere
Jonathan Greenway
Sarah Rhude
Yun-Jou Chang

Project Assistance and Operating Assistance - Community Arts Organizations

Christine Anonuevo
Sadira Rodrigues
Sidi Chen

Equity Advisory Network

Adam Grant Warren
Carla Stephenson
Emiko Morita
Joanne Finlay
Kait Blake
Molly Cross-Blanchard
Regan Shrumm
S F Ho
Sadira Rodrigues
Sidi Chen
Starr Muranko
Suzanne Methot