



Arts For All

Open Call for Board Members

Arts For All is a registered charitable organization of the **Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts**, dedicated to providing access to the arts for all.

AFA delivers innovative arts programming, mentorship and employment opportunities that foster civic engagement making arts accessible in the greater Hamilton region. It specializes in working with partners to be 'art-ready' – in space, in staff, and in thought. AFA sees the arts as training for the future for all areas of life by nourishing a community's assets, making organizations more innovative, and stretching our imaginations and possibilities.

Founded by Vitek Wincza in 1999 (as Culture for Kids in the Arts), through his experiences in recognizing how arts programs can motivate and inspire learning, Vitek's passion to remove barriers for access to the arts ignited this dream. From this dream he and his team designed innovative arts education and community arts programming for children and youth and professional learning access for practicing and emerging artists.

Arts For All is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors that oversees the organization with the goals of stewarding and expanding partnerships and opportunities, guiding best practices, advocating for arts access, and generating excitement through the promotion of AFA's mission to provide **arts every day, everywhere, for everyone.**

Seeking candidates to serve on our volunteer governing board

AFA is currently inviting enthusiastic new Board members who are passionate about arts and creativity and support access to quality arts programming for all.

New Name with an Expanded Mission!

Since its creation over 20 years ago, AFA has delivered innovative, high-quality arts education programs to more than **57,000 children and youth** at no cost to the families AFA has served.

Together with the Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts, Arts for All is charting its course for the next 20 years.

It's an exciting time to join the Arts For All team! Our new Strategic Plan 2021-2025 has been diligently updated and enacted by our Board. Together with its new members, AFA is poised and ready to spread the word about the renewed brand and impact Arts For All contributes to an inspired, creative and healthy community.



Candidate Profile:

- Strong supporters of AFA purpose and mission
 - Artists who believe in the work of AFA
 - Individuals who have a passion for building a stronger community and who know the power the arts can have for all
 - Energetic professionals eager to contribute skills and expertise in the following areas:
 - Law
 - Policy & Governance
 - Fund Development
 - Human Resources
 - Marketing & Communications
 - Art & Design
 - Early Childhood Development & Education
 - Community leaders and philanthropists willing to engage their peers to support AFA's mission
 - Individuals with Board experience
- AFA encourages candidates who share our commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion and welcome applications from individuals with disabilities, marginalized communities (Francophone, First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples, Black and racialized individuals, and members of LGBTQ2S+ communities to reflect the individuals and families we serve)

Expectations:

- Have a strong commitment to arts and education in the Hamilton region
- Participate in professional engagements and other outreach activities
- Attend Board meetings – up to 10 annually
- Attend the AFA Annual General Meeting
- Contribute as an active member
- Advocate for AFA in the Hamilton region

Contact:

If you are interested in applying for this opportunity, please send a resume to Shane Pennells, AFA's Board Chair, at board@artsforall.co.

Interested applicants should apply no later than **Friday, May 20, 2022**.



About Arts For All (AFA)

Purpose

Creating Arts Access for All.

Providing access to arts for everyone to inspire citizens and foster community wellness.

Mission

Connecting Artists to Communities.

Activating spaces for neighbourhoods to flourish with high-quality arts education experiences and professional artists.

Vision

Inspiring Arts Every Day, Everywhere, for Everyone.

Changing the future by connecting citizens of all ages to creativity to build better communities.

AFA Programming

AFA programs encourage creativity, active participation and engagement with arts for all. AFA Artist-Educators collaborate to realize individuality through engagement with visual, media, and performing arts. AFA has forged strong and effective partnerships with Hamilton community groups and cross-service youth agencies to effect this goal.

Arts For All delivers year-round impact via sustainable arts programs for children and youth:

- **After School Arts Program (ASAP)** – This program provides engaging art education workshops across 3 regions in the greater Hamilton area to 500 children and youth led by practicing artists during the school year.
- **Artasia** – An arts education initiative combining visual and media arts, artistic literacy, and environmental awareness to engage youth in collaborative workshops and gala public art exhibitions and tours.
- **Kinderfest** – An intimate multi-arts festival that supports the emotional and intellectual development of children ages 0–6 with aesthetically rich performances designed to captivate and stimulate young minds.
- **Resonance Choir** – A partnership with the Ron Joyce Children’s Health Centre, the Resonance Choir supports the creative growth of children with different abilities by broadening their musical horizons and creating a supportive space where they can share a joyful experience with their peers.
- **Artworks** - a Training Program offers an opportunity for young people interested in building the new creative economy to gain aesthetic, artistic, and practical skills to further apply creative energy in the workplace.
- **ArtsMatter** – Addressing gaps in arts education within the community and the goal is to deepen the capacity for community agency workers to engage children and youth in the arts. Emphasizing the connection between arts education and the healthy whole development of children, ArtsMatter engages and empowers community organization staff and their spaces to create effective environments for the arts.
- **Black Box Theatre** – This project ensures that arts, culture and heritage have appropriate spaces for better quality programming and infrastructure to experience culture, heritage and the arts.