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2019 Annual Report

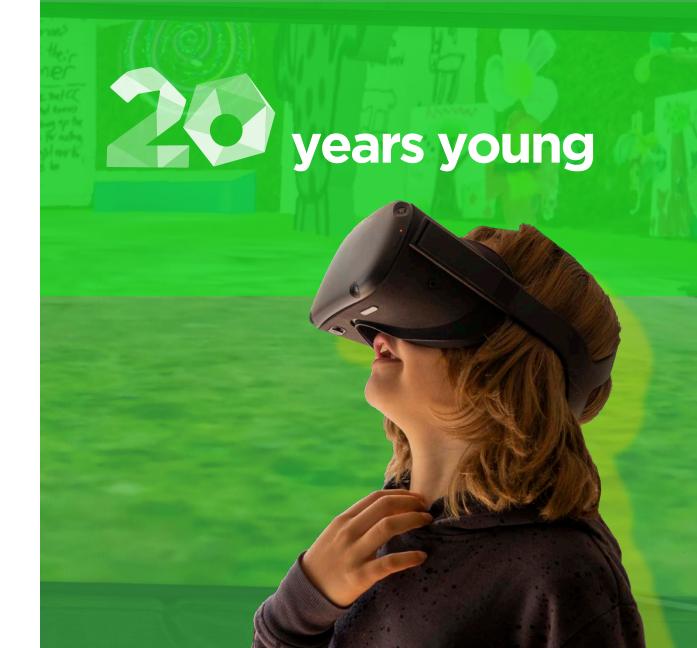


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Vitek Wincza, Founder & Artistic/Executive Director



Founded in 1999 by Vitek Wincza, Culture for Kids in the Arts is the charitable organization of the Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts







Director's Report

Our 20 Years Young celebration is an investment we have all made together to **make arts accessible** - everyday, everywhere for everyone. Culture for Kids in the Arts has been working since 1999 finessing our mission statement, vision and purpose and has arrived with clear vision for the next 20 years. We are at the start of a new beginning implementing our learning into the future.

Together with partnerships and collaborations we have served and shared our mission of **arts for all** with over 57,000 children and youth in the greater Hamilton region. Our future includes creating greater awareness

of our impact through strategic planning and meaningful relationships with new champions committed to the role arts play in the healthy development of our youngest citizens.

We're making sure our programming is accessible and visible to all through our **six flagship programs.** Like branches to a tree, each program contributes a special uniqueness into the overall mission and vision.

CKA's program focus aims to bring the whole world closer together through arts and technology. Our work makes connections by eliminating distance and time. We're

learning through telling the stories of different cultures and sharing our vision with faraway communities in Canada and the world. As we continue exploring the voices children have to share, technology helps us expand to become even more accessible and visible.

Thank you to our Board of Directors, both past and present, who have governed our organization with dedication and commitment to the founding mission. Our team of artists, educators and administrators are a strong team that have all devoted their time and talents to the children and youth in our community. And a special thank you to the many flourishing relationships with funders and supporters. It is because of all of you, that our mission is happening - connecting kids to creativity to build a better community. I'm looking forward with great optimism to what the next 20 years will bring - together with all of you.

Sincerely,

Vitek Wincza Artistic and Executive Director Culture for Kids in the Arts

Chairperson's Report

The middle of 2019, was an exciting time to assume the role of Board Chair for Culture for Kids in the Arts, as I had the privilege of celebrating the organization's 20th anniversary. While this is without a doubt, an important time to look back and reflect on the past 20 years, the Board is equally as thrilled to have the opportunity to look forward and to help shape the next 20 years for this unique and important community-focused organization as it works to bring accessible arts programming to the Hamilton area.

The impact CKA made in 2019 through its programming - the After School Arts Program engaged 570 children, Artasia reached another 450, and the emerging Kinderfest gave over 500 children a memory-worthy experience through theatre - is more than noteworthy as an annual achievement. These numbers are just the beginning, a leaping off point for CKA, as it puts a plan in place to strengthen its brand through strategic planning, enhanced communications, community engagement, and a renewed focus on fund development, the summation of which we are confident will result in **growth and increased impact** over the next 20 years!

On a personal note, in 2019 I had the opportunity to attend two Kinderfest performances with my young nieces. Watching them take part in the creative approach to live theatre, their eyes wide with wonder, made me proud to be working with an organization with the mission to make such programming accessible to all. The idea that exposure to the arts at a young age can help young people develop, build confidence, connect with others, and experience the joy of expression and creation is exciting. Looking forward to the next 20 years of developing young minds through art!



Gwen Cottle, Chair of the Board of Directors, Culture for Kids in the Arts





CKA Flagship Programs

















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-Vitek Wincza





Artasia

Community Arts

Artasia 2019 created a Virtual Reality #ArtPark in partnership with a research team led by Dr. David Harris Smith from McMaster University. Over 15 locations from 5 community organizations across 3 regions participated in embedding the artwork created by 450 children and youth in the virtual park.







After School Arts Program

Arts Education

The After School Arts Program (ASAP) delivered quality visual arts, drama, dance, visual and media arts programs in after school programs. Eighteen artist educators were caring adults for 570 children and youth in 19 locations across 2 regions in partnership with 2 community organizations. Six performances of "Park In Our Neighbourhood" ignited our young participants' passion to perform and engage in civic matters that involved the communities they care for.





ArtWorks

Mentorship

ArtWorks mentored 10 post-secondary students from varying arts and culture, education and communications programs to work directly with practicing artists and artist educators, who provided training and guidance as these students put their knowledge into practice.









Arts for All

Professional Learning

CKA is driven to support the healthy development of children and youth, and to offer resources for shared learning and growth with community partners. CKA continues to develop tools that empower artists, educators and human service workers in diverse spaces and communities.

Being "arts ready" means that the people who work with children and youth everyday are informed about the importance of arts and how creative use of time is an essential asset to healthy development.







Kinderfest

Early Learning

CKA presented an array of shows from Germany, South Africa, France, and Quebec at Kinderfest, a professional performing arts festival for the very young and young at heart. This intimate multi-arts festival supports the emotional and intellectual development of children ages 0 - 6 with aesthetically rich performances designed to captivate and stimulate young minds.







Resonance Choir

Accessibility

The Resonance Choir establishes a link between arts and health and brings families and health care professionals together by inspiring children and youth with long term health challenges to experience the benefits of music. An inspiring moment was experienced by many as the Resonance Choir sang the national anthem at the Hamilton Bulldogs game in February 2019.







Organization

Culture for Kids in the Arts (CKA) was founded in 1999 by Vitek Wincza, Founder and Artistic Director of the Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts, a unique environment for programs in dance, music, visual, theatre and media arts. Under the artistic leadership of Wincza, CKA continues to experience steady growth while ensuring accessibility to quality arts programming for children and youth. CKA operates out of a historic arts education building in a shared facility that represents a vibrant cultural hub and is recognized for its innovative and accessible arts programming for children and youth. Working hand-in-hand with community partners as satellite learning centres. CKA has delivered interactive arts programs to over 57,000 local children and youth.





Vision

Culture for Kids in the Arts (CKA) is dedicated to providing access to quality arts programming to children and youth in the greater Hamilton region.

Mission

Connecting kids to creativity to build a better community: Culture for Kids in the Arts expands the learning potential of children and youth through high quality community-based arts experiences and arts educator training and employment programs.

Mandate

Culture for Kids in the Arts (CKA) is a catalyst for innovative community-based arts, training and employment programs that foster civic engagement by making participation in the arts available to each and every child and youth in greater Hamilton.





Finances



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Statement of Operations and changes in net assets For the year ended August 31, 2019

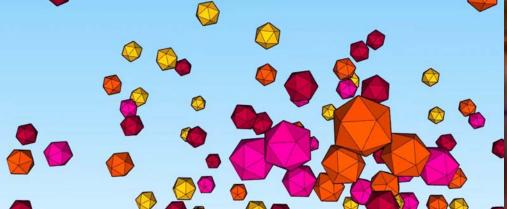
REVENUES	2019	2018
Government grant (Note 3) Donations and sponsorship Earned revenue Fundraising Other Income	\$ 145,785 63,255 44,729 6,214	\$ 158,760 190,204 35,204 6,314 3,773
	259,983	<u> 394,255</u>
EXPENSES		
Program expense General and administration (Note 4) Consulting Professional fee Insurance	239,740 56,300 24,162 3,638 	257,642 51,596 8,537 3,500 2,393
	326,336	323,668
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	(66.353)	70.587
OPENING NET ASSET	86,493	15,906
CLOSING NET ASSET	\$ 20,140	<u>\$ 86,493</u>



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Psalm, Melissa, Izzy, Brenda, Tyler, Lacey, Margot, Julia, Suzie, Elizabeth, Nancy, The Resonance Choir, Madisen, Vince, Darcy, Olivia, Dana, Gwen, Dave, Setareh, and Vitek

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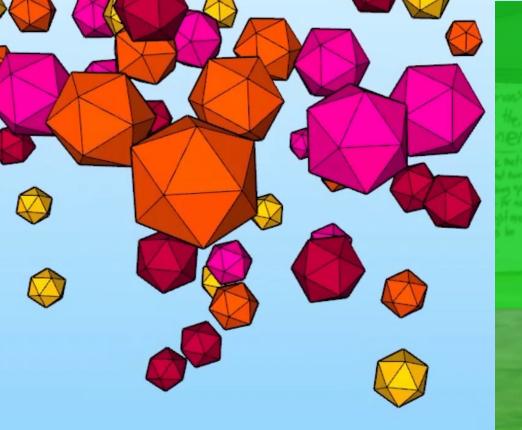














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