



# Arts For All 2024 Annual Report

Celebrating 25 years of creating arts access for all.

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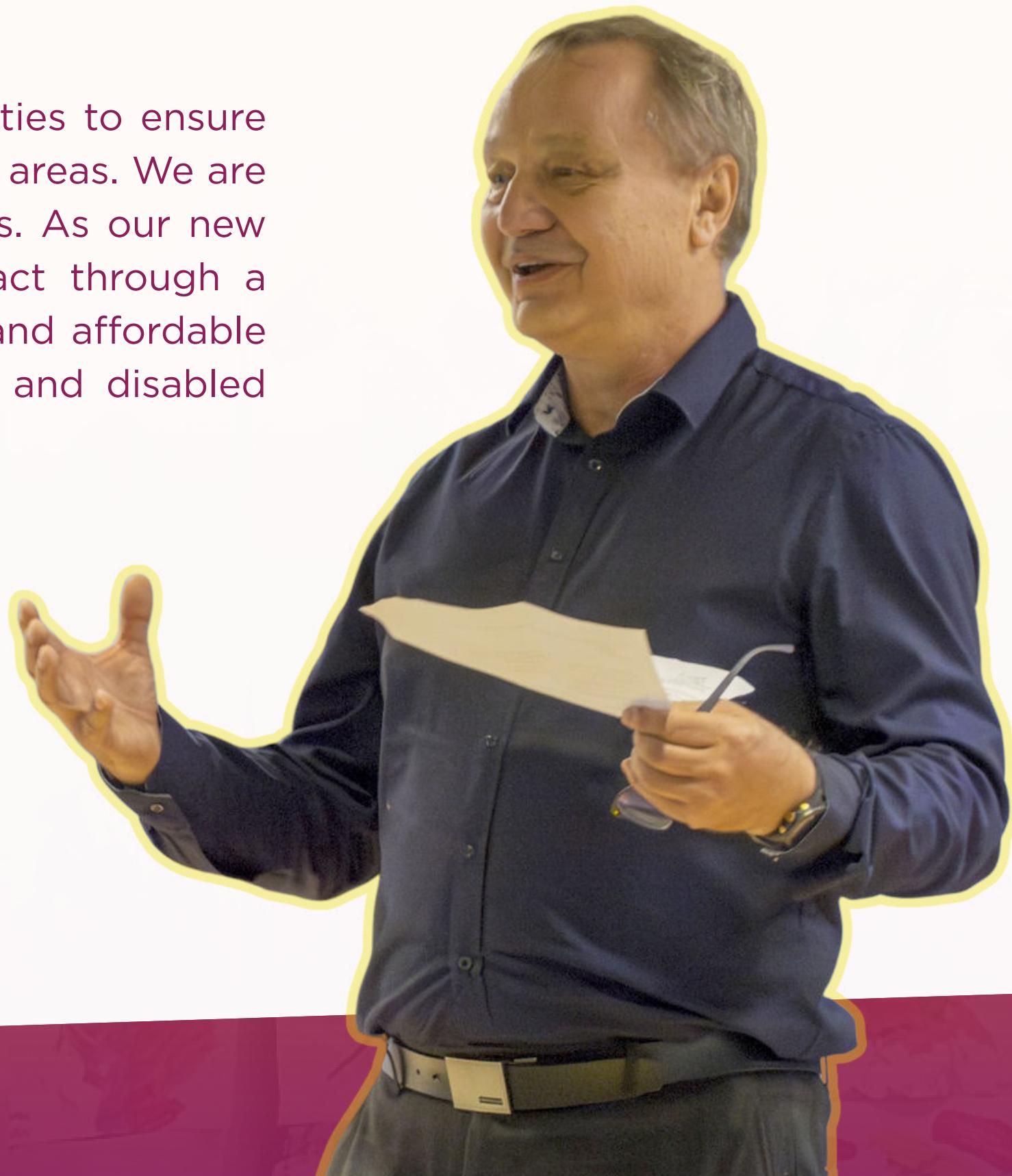
**Connect**  
Artists to  
Communities

**Inspire**  
Arts Every Day,  
Everywhere, for  
Everyone

# *Director's Message*

It's been another busy year with expanded community service opportunities to ensure that all children have access to the arts in our community and surrounding areas. We are proud to report that we have served over 70,000 children in five regions. As our new name, "Arts For All" describes, we are expanding our reach and impact through a focused mandate to engage all children and families through accessible and affordable arts programming -- prioritizing marginalized, Indigenous, francophone, and disabled children and youth.

Like most other service organizations, our operations had been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Support from our community, cross sector partners, and various levels of government helped over the short term and allowed us to maintain staff and continue with programs in adaptive online delivery models. Since the Covid-19 pandemic relief support ended, we have been responding to the growing community need for expanded arts access and services, who came to better understand the impact and value of the role of arts have in the healthy development of children and youth.





In order to achieve our goal, we will deepen our current partnerships in the community. We will continue our work of including arts as a strategy to ensure a well-rounded healthy community through our three principals: Inspiration, Confidence, Well-being.

Of course, we would not be able to do this essential work without our Board, volunteers, wonderful sponsors, donors, government, foundations, child/youth partner agencies, and last but not least artistic and administrative team and artist educators who work tirelessly to make arts accessible for all.

We continue to build our community through the arts - together!

Vitek Wincza  
Founder / Artistic & Executive Director  
Arts For All

Arts For All Kinderfest featuring Carousel Players with Central School  Taskin Anha



# *Chairperson's Message*

As we reflect on the past year, we celebrate the artistic achievements of Arts For All. We recognize the positive community impact that has resulted from the delivery of high-quality arts education and community programs.

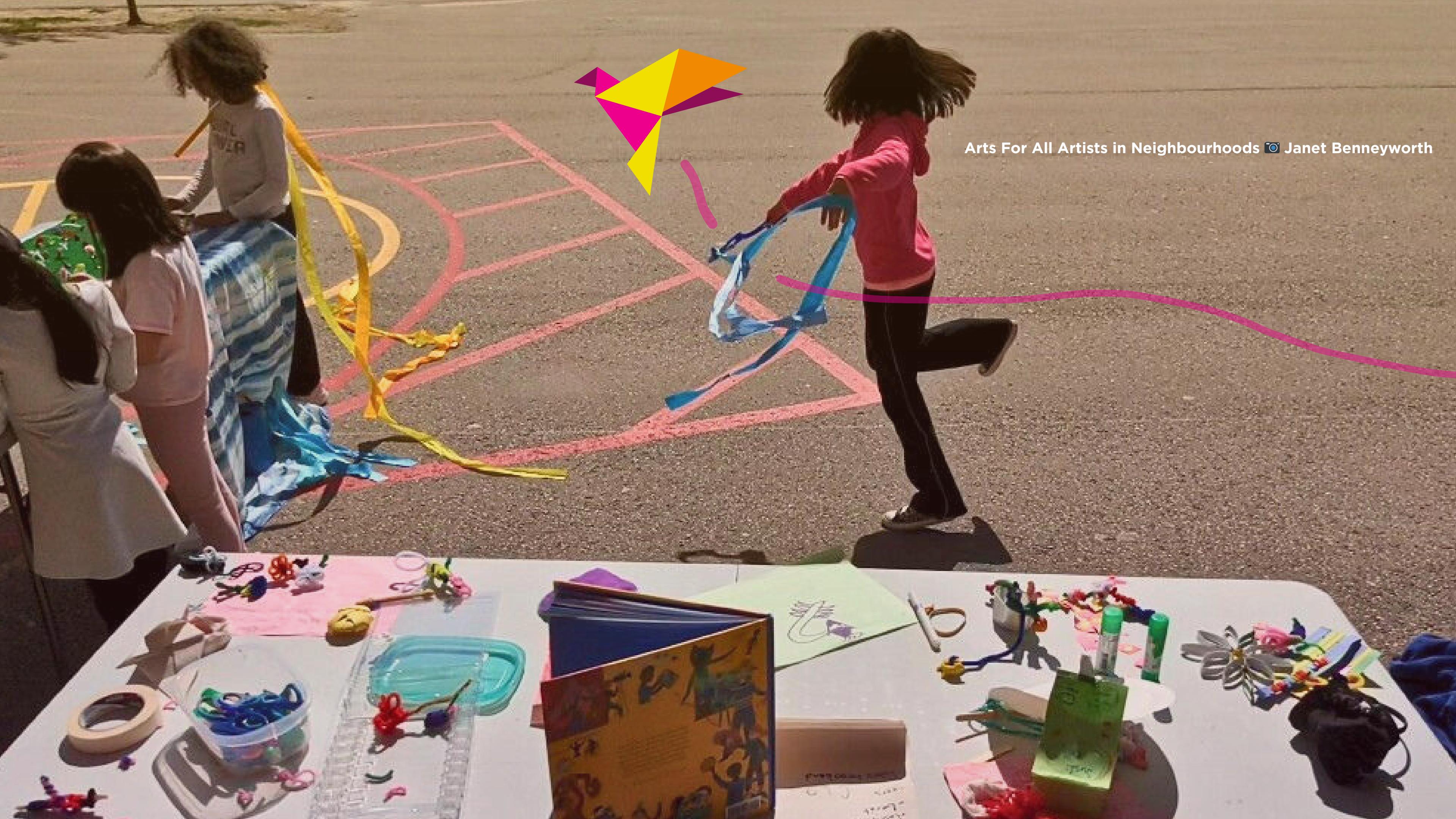
Through the long-standing partnership with the Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts, along with the support of staff, volunteers, and community partners, Arts For All fosters a love of art and strengthens the Hamilton community. Arts For All's mission to provide accessible arts programming, particularly for children and youth, remains the focus. Looking ahead, Arts For All will continue to enhance accessibility to the arts, diversify programming, and advocate for the role of arts education to enrich the lives of our community.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to Arts For All's success to create a vibrant and inclusive Hamilton through the arts.

Jane Foster,  
Chair of the Board of Directors,  
Arts For All



Arts For All Artists in Neighbourhoods © Janet Benneyworth



# 2116

*children*

# 44

*neighbourhoods*

# 12

*hours*



Connecting children and youth to creativity, threading stories of belonging into new tapestries. Grounded in the expression of culture as a right for all, Artasia 2024 elevated the voices of young people through creative practices in fabric. With more community partners than ever before, Artasia's wide reaching impact culminated in an exhibition at Supercrawl celebrating children's voices.

# ARTASIA



After School Arts Program (ASAP) facilitated quality arts activities for children in collaboration with youth service agency partners in over twenty sites across the region.

ASAP engages children and youth at crucial times when parents are at work, and connects with young people ripe for activities unique to the after school environment.

543

*children*

11

*artist educators*

27

*sites*

900

*children*

5

*companies*

7

*shows*



Early childhood is a formative time, serving as the foundation upon which all of life's later endeavours are built. Kinderfest 2024 brought celebrated artists and arts companies from Ontario, B.C., and Quebec to our community to deepen the network of early years arts activities across the region and to share artistic expertise, knowledge and resources.



Arts For All Resonance Choir performing at the Hamilton Public Library



Arts For All, in partnership with the Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre, recognizes that all children have gifts. The Resonance Choir offers a fun and team building alternative to make new friends and share stories together with peers facing their own health challenges. The power of connection with other youth cannot be underestimated.

13

*children*

30

*hours*

4

*performances*

19  
*emerging artists*

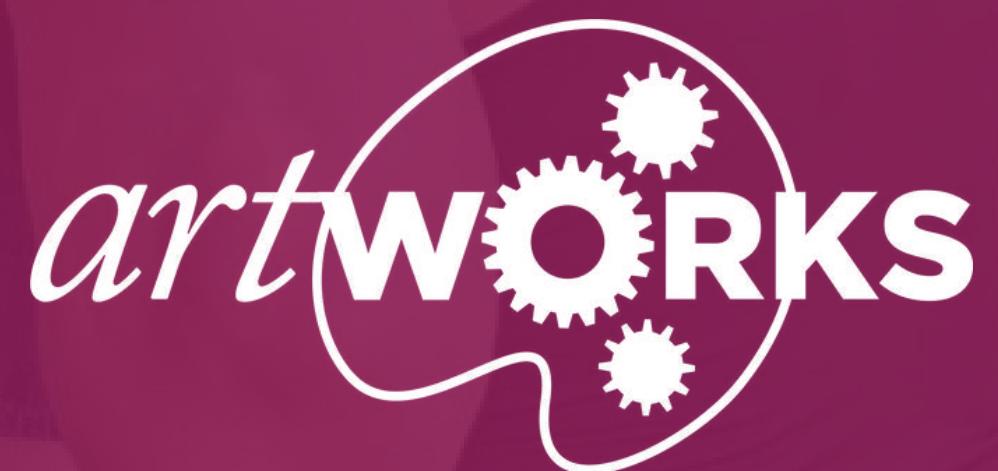
6120  
*paid hours*

2  
*programs*



ArtWorks offers opportunities for young people interested in building the new creative economy to gain aesthetic, artistic, and practical skills to further apply their creative energy in the workplace.

Practicing artists, artist educators and administrators train and mentor emerging artists and recent graduates to put their knowledge into practice.



Arts For All ArtsMatter workshop at the Hamilton Youth Summit with Zorica Silverthorne, Artist Educator



ArtsMatter addresses gaps in arts education within the community and deepens 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.



198

*training hours*

400

*educators*

12

*organizations*

Arts For All Kinderfest featuring WeeFestival with Hamilton EarlyON Taskin Anha



# *Finances*

**CULTURE FOR KIDS IN THE ARTS**  
**Operating as**  
**ARTS FOR ALL**  
**Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets**  
**For the Year Ended August 31, 2024**



## REVENUES

Government grants (Note 3)	\$ 227,227	\$ 361,572
Earned revenue	131,610	41,737
Foundations	124,223	108,700
Donations	17,520	4,843
Interest income	<u>2,272</u>	<u>3,371</u>
	<b>502,852</b>	<b>520,223</b>

## EXPENSES

Contractors	<b>238,371</b>	238,576
Salaries and wages	<b>202,482</b>	206,025
Professional fee	<b>37,232</b>	16,719
Program expenses	<b>24,724</b>	35,335
Amortization	<b>20,383</b>	23,370
Advertising and fundraising	<b>1,897</b>	5,894
General and administration	<b>30,369</b>	12,855
	<hr/> <b>554,458</b>	<hr/> 538,774

## DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES

## OPENING NET ASSETS

## CLOSING NET ASSETS

2024

2023



Arts For All at the Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts

# *Board of Directors*

**Jane Foster**  
*Chair*

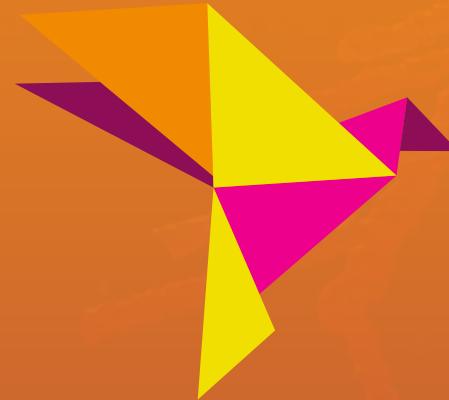
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*Vice Chair*

**Candice Keem**  
*Treasurer*

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*Secretary*

**Brenda Ferguson**  
*Member*





# *Artistic Team*

## **Vitek Wincza**

*Founder & Artistic / Executive Director*

## **Victoria Long**

*Program / Operations Manager*

## **Brianna Seferiades**

*Program / Human Resource Coordinator*

## **Setareh Masoumbeiki**

*Education / Outreach Lead*

## **Taskin Ahna**

*Development / Administration Coordinator*

## **Harold Sikkema**

*Communications / Brand Manager*

## **Clover Thursday**

*Program Coordinator / Designer*

## **Kento Cady**

*Program Communications / Designer*

# Government Support

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canadien



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du Canada

Service  
Canada



Hamilton



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Association canadienne pour les Nations Unies

Ontario  
Trillium  
Foundation



Fondation  
Trillium  
de l'Ontario



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**Filomena Tassi**  
MP of Hamilton West



**Lisa Hepfner**  
MP of Hamilton Mountain



**Chad Collins**  
MP of Hamilton East



**Matthew Green**  
MP of Hamilton Centre



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City Councillor  
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# *Foundation Support*

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FOUNDATION**

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HAMILTON SPECTATOR**

# *Founding Partner*



# *Community Partners*



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Today's Family





Arts For All (AFA) is a charitable organization of the Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts. AFA delivers innovative arts programming, mentorship and employment opportunities that foster civic engagement making arts accessible in the greater Hamilton region. Since 1999, Arts For All has reached over 70,000 children and youth with innovative, high-quality arts education and community arts programs.

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