

2019-2020

**CALGARY ARTS ACADEMY FOUNDATION**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

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## TREATY 7 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Calgary Arts Academy acknowledges Treaty 7 territory—the ancestral and traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy: Kainai, Piikani and Siksika as well as the Tsuut’ina First Nation and Stoney Nakoda First Nation. We acknowledge the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for generations. We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us. We recognize the land as an act of reconciliation and gratitude to those whose territory we reside on or are visiting.







Calgary Arts Academy Education Centre 2020

## ABOUT CALGARY ARTS ACADEMY FOUNDATION

Calgary Arts Academy Foundation (CAAF) is a registered charity founded in 2008 and is comprised of volunteer members from across Calgary's arts and business communities. Our purpose is to ensure financial stability for programming and infrastructure for the delivery of inclusive Arts Immersion education at Calgary Arts Academy (CAA).

To date, CAAF's most significant project was to raise \$1.4 million to support the modernization of the historic Weston Bakery building at Stampede Park's Youth Campus. CAA's Education Centre is now home to our Year 4 to Year 9 students since October 2017. Our separate Knob Hill Campus houses our Kindergarten to Year 3 learners.

Our many volunteers and staff have organized creative fundraising campaigns, including: Building the Spirit of Generosity Brick by Brick, Be the Change capital campaign, Arts & Inspiration, and Re-Imagine Learning.

Our campaigns are led and organized by our Board of Directors and key staff representatives:

**Directors**

Andrew Wiswell, Chair  
Laura Bicknell, Vice Chair  
Tom Caldwell, Director  
Michelle Ure, Director  
Nancy Wiswell, Director

**CAA Representatives**

Dale Erickson, Superintendent  
Kevin Loftus, Communications  
Janice Nigh, Community Arts Coordinator

## ABOUT CALGARY ARTS ACADEMY

Calgary Arts Academy is an innovative Kindergarten to Year 9 public charter school that engages children through Arts Immersion to become confident learners and spirited citizens. As the only school of its kind in North America, we employ professional artists and certificated teachers who collaborate to plan and deliver the Alberta Education Program of Studies. Founded in 2003 by a group of concerned parents and community members, individual student success is our first priority. We leave tradition behind and embrace new education methods and learning style theories.





## A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION CHAIR

2019-2020 was a year of creativity, challenge and change. Our Foundation continues to be amazed by the energy, talent and artistic passion clearly demonstrated by our students and staff.

The global pandemic shut down all Alberta schools in March, and everyone shifted their focus to online learning. Our community quickly made this adjustment and transferred their creativity to a digital world. We are very proud of our CAA team.

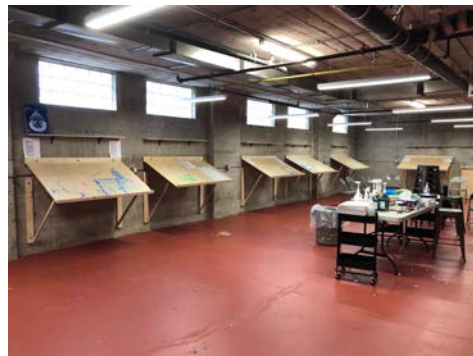
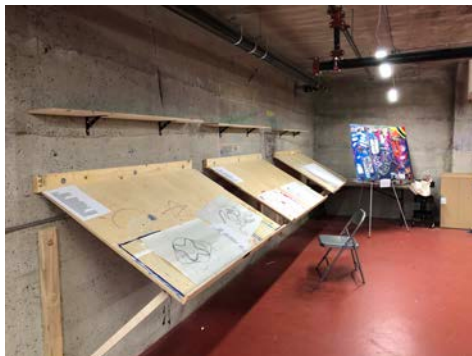


Andrew Wiswell  
CAA Foundation Chair

We are also very delighted by Alberta Education's approval of the school's application to offer a high school program, which will begin with Year 10 for the 2020-2021 school year. This approval is well deserved thanks to many years of effort, led by Superintendent Dale Erickson. We look forward to seeing what the students and staff are able to accomplish. Year 11 will be added for the 2021-2022 school year, and Year 12 will be added for the 2022-2023 school year. Congratulations to all!

The pandemic created challenges for the Calgary Arts Academy Foundation team as well. Although our Outdoor Activity Area project was postponed, we did complete the Artists Studio that added artists tables, lighting and a storage system for art pieces. We are grateful to all the volunteers and supporters of these projects.

Our experienced CAAF Board of Directors is a group of dedicated volunteers who can make anything happen! Thank you all!



The Artists Studio at CAA's Education Centre

# A WORLD OF SUPPORT 2019-2020 DONORS

## Supporter Circle

### \$5,000 +

Calgary Shaw Charity Classic  
Charles I. Fraser

## Community Circle

### \$1,000 +

Anonymous  
Doug Frenette  
Global Steel Ltd.  
Mia Kukic  
Andrew & Nancy Wiswell

## Artist Circle

### \$500 +

Laura Bicknell  
Cheralyn Doell  
Todd Hirsch  
Raymonde Legault-Smith  
Ken McNeill  
John McWilliams  
Smoky Lake Chamber of  
Commerce  
Trotter & Morton

## Friends & Family Circle

### \$50 +

1150547 Alberta Ltd.  
Anita Alfke  
Lukas Beck  
Nouran Belassi  
Patrina Bell  
Syreeta Bennie  
Elizabeth Bicknell  
John & Sherry Bicknell  
Gary Bourgeois

Samantha Bradford  
Matthew Braun  
Jason Brunner  
Blythe Butler  
Sergiu Cavalgiu  
Kiera Christiansen  
Josh Dalledonne  
Cyreena Davis  
Dave Desmeules  
Josie Drever Chu  
Destinee Dummer  
Rikki Dymond  
Kate Ellis  
Dinno Espiritu  
Chris & Frances Ewington  
Tony Eyamie  
Financial Executives Institute  
Sharon Fleming  
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Kevin Loftus  
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Chris McGrath  
Jaime Mitchell  
Steven Morton  
Tammy Murphy  
Cara Overholt  
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Amanpreet Wadhwa  
Scott Westlund  
Susan Wright  
Yan Yu



# HOW WE DID CAA FOUNDATION FINANCIALS



## BALANCE SHEET

Calgary Arts Academy Foundation  
September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

Cash	\$149,376
Accounts receivable	126
(less doubtful accounts)	
Inventory	
Temporary investment	21,048
Prepaid expenses	

**Total Current Assets** \$170,550

#### Fixed Assets

Long-term investments	
Land	
Buildings	
(less accumulated depreciation)	
Plant & equipment	
(less accumulated depreciation)	
Furniture & fixtures	
(less accumulated depreciation)	

**Total Net Fixed Assets** \$0

**TOTAL ASSETS** \$170,550

### LIABILITIES

#### Current Liabilities

Operations	\$25,289
Accounts Payable	0
Capital Campaign	132,753
Interest payable	0
Taxes payable	0
Accrued payroll	0

**Total Current Liabilities** \$158,042

#### Long-term Liabilities

Mortgage	\$0
Other long-term liabilities	0

**Total Long-term Liabilities** \$0

### EQUITY

Current Earnings	(\$37,011)
Previous Retained earnings	49,518

**Total Shareholders' Equity** \$12,507

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** \$170,549

### APPROVAL STATEMENT

This Financial Statement has been reviewed and approved by:

signature  
Cole Jordan - Secretary Treasurer  
Position

Date

25-Nov-20

signature  
Laura Bicknell - Vice Chair  
Position

Date





# CALGARY ARTS ACADEMY 2019-2020 HIGHLIGHTS

## MAGIC HAPPENS WHEN ...

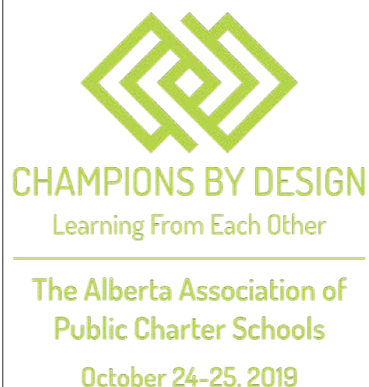
The theme of the year was "Magic Happens When ..." and celebrates the magic that happens when you go outside your comfort zone to accomplish your goals.



In November, Year 8/9 students presented their production of William Shakespeare's Star Wars: The Force Doth Awaken.



In September, the Global Leadership Club had its first bake sale and in October travelled to Olds High School to meet with



CAA hosted the Charter School conference in October - 13 charter schools and over 450 attendees.



In October, Year 6/7 students painted murals at the old Penguin Car Wash in Inglewood as part of their studies of mural art.



In October, Year 2/3 students invited parents to their restaurant "Le Deux Trois." This project was a part of their culinary arts lessons which included math and geology.





On December 6, all students, staff and the Adult Choir presented "Magic Happens When," our annual winter celebration at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium.



The Knob Hill Spirit Club arranged a number of fun activities for the community, including a fundraiser to benefit the Veterans Food Bank and another to help save

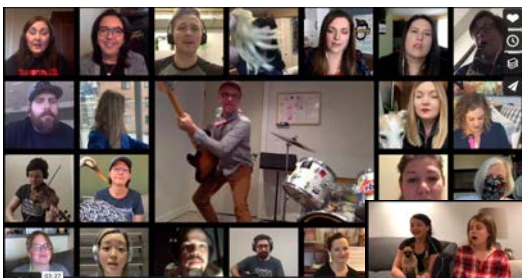
In March, Year 8/9 students presented their original production of Camp at Vertigo Theatre.



Also in March, Year 2/3 students planned to present their original production of ComicCon Adventures at the Knob Hill Campus. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the show was cancelled.



We were fortunate to have the use of tools like Microsoft Teams and FreshGrade when in-person classes were cancelled in March and our students began online learning.



CAA Staff let our community know that we're thinking about them by creating a music video titled "Nowhere With You." The community responded with their own video of the same song and title.



Our Year 9 graduates were honoured on June 5 in a touching virtual ceremony.