
Annual Report

Calgary Arts Academy Foundation



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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.

CAAF's latest priority was to support the modernization of the historic Weston Bakery building at Stampede Park's Youth Campus, Calgary Arts Academy's education centre that is now home to its Year 4 to Year 9 students.

Our 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. We have also approached numerous individuals and Foundations to support our modernization.

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

Directors

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

Other Representatives

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

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, Calgary Arts Academy delivers the Alberta curriculum through Arts Immersion. We employ professional artists and certificated teachers who collaborate to plan and deliver the Alberta 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 Success Story

Way to go, team!



During the past few years, our Foundation's focus has been to raise funds to supplement Alberta Education's funding of the modernization of the Weston Bakery Building at Stampede Park's Youth Campus. We are delighted to report that by the end of October, 2017 we raised \$1.4 million, the construction project is complete, and 300 Year 4 to 9 students continue their Arts Immersion learning in our new Education Centre. It has been an exciting journey for Calgary Arts Academy and our Foundation to complete this transformational project and the new building is an outstanding opportunity to provide shared spaces for learning, youth and gathering spaces for the broader community.

For a Foundation engaging in a major capital campaign for its very first campaign, raising \$1.4 million was difficult in these challenging economic times. Our success was due to the passion, commitment and hard work of many individuals and groups. We received broad support from philanthropists, individuals and Foundations who put a priority on youth, education and believe in Arts Immersion. Over 300 donors each contributed a range of \$50 to \$325,000 and we needed every donor to be successful! Our goal was achieved almost solely through the efforts of volunteers and our cost of our fundraising was a modest percentage of the total amount raised, an outstanding result in any organization!

We were grateful to receive strong support from our staff, parents and our students who contributed, volunteered and demonstrated "Arts Immersion in action." Our major donors were very impressed with the unique approach and positive engagement of our staff and students in delivering the Alberta curriculum - our way!

Special appreciation goes out to Dale Erickson, Janice Nigh and Kevin Loftus who took on significant Foundation work in addition to already busy schedules. Dale's vision was the heart of the project. Janice spent many nights and weekends on design and project budget decisions up front and as the project moved along and organized fund raising events. Kevin was our marketing and administrative leader in making it all happen (often on short notice) and was critical to our strong success.

Foundation Board members provided ideas, insights and countless volunteer hours from a parent, past parent and independent director perspective. A heartfelt thank you to Vice-

Chair Laura Bicknell who continued to keep us moving forward and provided a positive parent's perspective to our Foundations and major donors. Other Foundation Board members, Tom Caldwell, Heather Lawton, Michelle Ure, and Nancy Wiswell worked hard to deliver fund raising initiatives to assist in pushing the effort over the top.

Lastly, we are so grateful to our major donors who believed, stepped up and encouraged others to follow their lead - Calgary Foundation, Werklund Foundation, Calgary Arts Academy Society, Dick and Lois Haskayne, Jim Stanford, Clarice Siebens, Nancy Wiswell and me. Thank you to so many more of you who contributed and volunteered your time to make this happen.

Attached are donor lists and pie charts summarizing our contributions and demonstrating broad support from many groups.

Our grand opening was held on October 23, 2017 and was well attended by parents, staff and the broader arts community in Calgary. It was so amazing to see the concept, design and construction come together so well. We are all very proud of our new home.

CAAF is currently working closely with CAAS Board, staff and interested partners and supporters on our next exciting campaign which will further support our students and staff in their Arts Immersion focus. These programs will include student program development, staff professional development, enhancing outdoor activity spaces and maintaining current technology programs and equipment. We look forward to working with our many existing supporters and welcoming wonderful new partners.

Thank you all again.

Andrew Wiswell
Chair



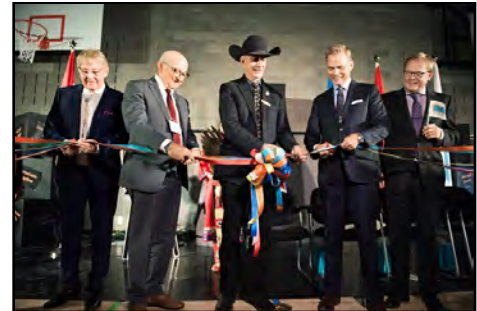
Calgary Arts Academy

Grand Opening

Education Centre at Youth Campus

Calgary Arts Academy celebrated the grand opening of its new Education Centre on October 23, 2017. Located at the Stampede Park's Youth Campus in the historic Weston Bakery building, the innovative learning campus is the new home for 300 Year 4 to 9 students.

The new facility was made possible through a unique partnership between Calgary Arts Academy, Government of Alberta, and Calgary Stampede. With the support of Calgary Stampede Foundation, the partners collaborated to transform the historic Weston Bakery into a unique, modern learning space which provides synergies in education and the arts that benefits Calgary Arts Academy, the broader education and arts community plus the Calgary Stampede Foundation's youth programs like the Calgary Stampede Showband and The Young Canadians.



Ribbon cutting ceremony, from left to right:
Dale Erickson, CAA Superintendent
Avi Habinski, Alberta Infrastructure (retired)
Warren Connell, Calgary Stampede CEO
Todd Hirsch, CAA Society Board Chair
Hon. David Eggen, Alberta Minister of Education

“The Alberta Government’s modernization of the Weston Bakery building combines historic bricks and mortar with modern glass and steel to create a magnificent, purpose-built Arts Immersion Education Centre,” says Dale Erickson, Calgary Arts Academy Superintendent. “In addition to having a new learning space, our students also benefit from having access to existing theatre and performance spaces on Stampede Park. We are looking forward to the completion of future shared spaces, including Walton Hall, a 100 seat theatre that will enhance the educational experience of Calgary Arts Academy students.”

In his address to guests, Hon David Eggen pledged his support of Calgary Arts Academy, and charged them with sharing best practices with other Alberta school jurisdictions.

“The opening of this facility adds to our vision of creating a world-class, vibrant Youth Campus which celebrates western heritage, culture, public education and the arts,” says Warren Connell, chief executive officer, Calgary Stampede. “The collaboration and partnerships that led to this opening make a difference to our youth of today, create synergies between our organizations and advance our quality of education into the future.”

What We've Been Up To

Supporting CAA's Education Centre Project

In addition to written correspondence and in-person conversations with supporters, we hosted events to help raise awareness and funds for Calgary Arts Academy's Education Centre capital project.



On November 2, 2016, business associates and friends joined us at the King Eddy at Studio Bell for an update on Calgary Arts Academy's Education Centre project. Seventy guests enjoyed a wine and cheese reception, plus addresses by Warrenn Connell (Calgary Stampede CEO), Dale Erickson (CAA Superintendent), Todd Hirsch (ATB Financial and CAA Society Board Chair), and Bob McPhee (Calgary Opera General Director and CEO.) After the presentations, guests were treated to guided tours of the impressive Studio Bell building.



On May 12, 2017, we welcomed 250 friends, partners and family members to our second annual Arts & Inspiration event, *Imagine*. Held at the Victoria Pavilion on Stampede Park, guests were treated to live music, delicious food, roving artists and amazing live and silent auctions.



June 19, 2017

We were pleased to host a small, informal reception for some of our donors and prospective donors at the TransAlta Performing Arts Studios on June 19, 2017. Guests enjoyed wine and cheese as they learned of the status of our Education Centre project. After, they were treated to a tour of the building, followed by a tour of the performing arts studios.

How We Did

Supporting CAA's Education Centre Project

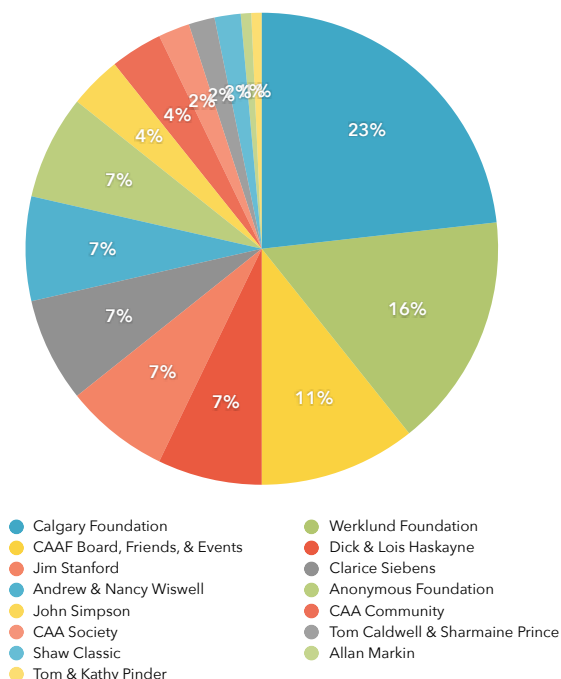
CAAF Received & Committed Funds November 2017

CALGARY ARTS ACADEMY

RECEIVED & COMMITTED FUNDS

DONOR	AMOUNT
Calgary Foundation	\$325,000.00
Werklund Foundation	\$225,000.00
CAAF Board, Friends, & Events	\$150,000.00
Dick & Lois Haskayne	\$100,000.00
Jim Stanford	\$100,000.00
Clarice Siebens	\$100,000.00
Andrew & Nancy Wiswell	\$100,000.00
Anonymous Foundation	\$100,000.00
CANA Management	\$50,000.00
CAA Community	\$50,000.00
CAA Society	\$30,000.00
Tom Caldwell & Sharmaine Prince	\$25,000.00
Shaw Classic	\$25,000.00
Allan Markin	\$10,000.00
Tom & Kathy Pinder	\$10,000.00
Total Funds	\$1,400,000.00

OVERVIEW



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*Our actual year-end is August 31, 2017. Additional information is provided to celebrate the accomplishment of a major goal - the grand opening of Calgary Arts Academy's Education Centre at Youth Campus on Stampede Park.

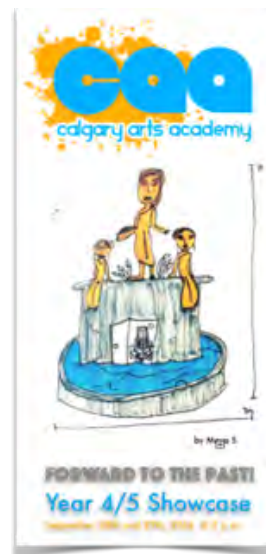
At the School

Calgary Arts Academy Events

515 Artists and a Whole Year of Creating



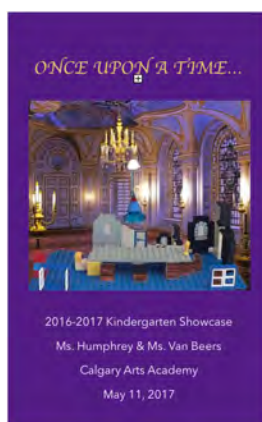
Year 8/9 students presented their "William Shakespeare's Star Wars" production on November 1, 2016 at the John Dutton Theatre.



Year 4/5 students presented their production of "Forward to the Past" on September 28 and 29, 2016 at the Glenmeadows Campus.



All 515 students plus all staff and the Adult Choir were on stage for our annual Winter Celebration on December 9, 2016 at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium.



Kindergarten students presented their curriculum-based showcase on May 11, 2016 at the Glenmeadows Campus.



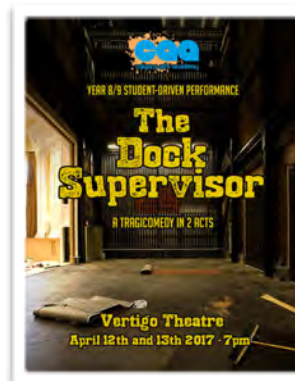
Year 2/3 students presented their production of "The Identity Express" on February 1 and 2, 2017 at the



Year 1 students presented their production of "Harry Potter and the Magic of Year One" on April 6, 2017 at the Glenmeadows Campus.



Year 6/7 students presented their production of "On Air" on February 8 and 9, 2017 at the Knob Hill Campus.



Year 8/9 students presented their production of "The Dock Supervisor" on April 12 and 13, 2017 at Vertigo Theatre.

Thank you!

Calgary Arts Academy Supporters

All Donations Made and Commitments Received

Legacy Circle (\$200,000 +)

Calgary Foundation
Werklund Foundation

Visionary Circle (\$100,000 +)

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Clarice Siebens
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Andrew & Nancy Wiswell
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Innovator Circle (\$50,000 +)

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