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The Arts & Culture Council of Burlington [ACCOB]

is a not-for-profit arts and cultural organization dedicated to creating a vibrant, diverse artistic and cultural community

EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

Events which we hope help you as members:

- **Newsletter** - ACCOB started a quarterly newsletter in 2019. If members in good standing have anything to contribute please send the information to info@artscultureburlington.ca by December 15, 2021. Please send in **Word format**, no more than 1 page in length, all photos must be in **jpg or png** format and attached to your email.
- If you have some interest in being a volunteer or in being on our Board, please contact us. As a Board we meet once a month at the AGB and we also work on various things throughout the year. Please contact us at info@artscultureburlington.ca.

CALENDAR

October...
ACCOB Board meeting

**Please stay tuned for
future events**



- **Louis Tsai – ACCOB Board Member**

Here are some links for arts grants:

Ontario Trillium Foundation – www.otf.ca

Ontario Arts Council - <https://www.arts.on.ca/home?lang=en-ca>

The Catherine and Maxwell Meighan Foundation -
<https://thecatherineandmaxwellmeighanfoundation.ca/>

The Metcalf Foundation - <https://metcalffoundation.com/>

JP Bickell Foundation - <https://www.scotiawealthmanagement.com/ca/en/home/scotiitrust/jp-bickell-foundation.html>

- **Burlington Community Support Fund** - As part of the City of Burlington's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City relaunched its existing community support programs into a streamlined program called the Community Support Fund. This program joined existing programs to provide financial support to residents and community groups who want to enrich and connect the Burlington community through sport, recreation, art and cultural experiences. Read more about it at <https://www.burlington.ca/en/live-and-play/community-support-fund.asp>.
- **Music Performance Trust Fund** - The Music Performance Trust Fund (MPTF) is funding 100% of both live and streaming performances during the pandemic. It costs the "employer" nothing but a little paperwork. For live performances during COVID, you must upload a letter from the employer and/or venue stating that (1) the performer(s) have the venue's permission to stage a performance, and (2) safety protocols will be followed. Specific questions should be addressed to Brent Malseed at the Hamilton Musicians Guild Local 293. Telephone: 905 525 4040 or Email: local293hmg@bellnet.ca.
- **ACCOB Fundraiser** – ACCOB is a self reliant arts and culture council, receiving funds through membership and fundraising. For this reason, it is important that you renew your membership annually (2021 was renewed compliments of ACCOB) and tell others about membership. It is also important to attend fundraisers as the funds help us help you. ACCOB hopes to plan some fundraisers and workshops in the future. We would love to hear your ideas and would love for you to be involved either as a participant or as a volunteer! Please contact us at info@artscultureburlington.ca.

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

- **Andrea Battista**

2021 has been a strange year for all musicians, and I am looking forward to being able to perform again and to play with my musical colleagues. I continued teaching through the internet and am pleased to report that several advanced students were able to finish music exams online. For all of these kids, my face was one of the only ones apart from family that they saw during the lockdown and I was extremely impressed with how well they progressed. All the families deserve a big thank you for their support, because many had to upgrade technical equipment and become much more experienced in recording. I am looking forward to teaching in person (with masks) this term.

The Burlington Symphony Orchestra, of which I am a member, is hoping to perform again this season at BPAC in a 5-concert series, and we plan to begin in person rehearsals in October, if all things go well. Please get out and support live classical music in the community.

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The Gratitude Project

A program of music and poetry inspired by and dedicated to gratitude

Andrea Battista, piano Jason Hales, tenor
Stephanie Numan-Scholman, violin/viola Shiori Kobayashi, clarinet
Leslie and Christopher Grey, readers Philip Corke, arranger

Saturday, October 23, 2021, 7:30 pm Tickets \$15, available at:
OR
Sunday, October 24, 2021, 2:30 pm > Long & McQuade,
Port Nelson United Church > A Different Drummer Books,
3132 South Drive, Burlington, Ontario > by calling 905-331-8701
 > and online at <https://neighbor.com>

Audience members are asked to come early for socially distanced seating.
Masking is mandatory and proof of vaccination is required.



I am pleased to announce that my Gratitude Project, with funding from the City of Burlington and Port Nelson United Church, will be live on Saturday, October 23, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 24 at 2:30 p.m. at Port Nelson United Church. I applied for funding for this project before the pandemic, but the topic is just what we need at this time. I have selected poems of gratitude: gratitude for family, for nature, for love, for health, for friendship, for life. These poems will be read by Leslie and Christopher Gray from KooGLE Theatre. I and the members of my chamber group, Effusion, have selected music to go with each poem, some of it popular and some of it light classical. The poetry comes from around the world, as does the music. Composer/arranger Philip Corke has arranged some of the music for Effusion. Effusion members are: Jason Hales, tenor, Shiori Kobayashi, clarinet and sax, Stephanie Numan-Scholman, violin/viola and me, Andrea Battista, piano.

Tickets are \$15 and there will be limited seating to allow for social distancing. Port Nelson United Church has a new, very fine ventilation system and I am confident that this will be an event that will bring peace to all who attend. We are so happy to be able to perform live again and we hope to see you at The Gratitude Project.

• **Hayley Verrall**

Hey, everyone! Live music is back! I've been relatively busy with some live shows and I've had a lot of other good things happening.

On July 21, 2021 I was named the 2020 inductee to the Burlington Performing Arts Centre Hall of Fame which is pretty exciting. Being inducted into the Burlington Performing Arts Centre Hall of Fame is an

unbelievable feeling. I am so grateful for the ongoing support that both BPAC and Burlington have provided to me and my music. I feel completely blessed to be a Burlington artist and am ecstatic that BPAC recognizes my worth as such.

On September 21, 2021 I received the news that the lyrics from my original song 'Broken World' will be included in a public art installation being put together for Culture Days.

"The public art program is commissioning artists and writers to create temporary public art signs that will be installed along The Beachway multi-use path. This outdoor exhibition will provide trail users with a safe and accessible way to enjoy art and to learn more about the amazing creators in the Burlington community. Each artwork will be accompanied with a profile of the artist."

I hope you will take a stroll along The Beachway and view not just my artwork, but that of all the local artists included in this project!

Last but not least, I released my new single '[Stir Crazy](#)' on September 24, 2021 to all streaming platforms and am looking forward to the radio release on October 5, 2021. I hope you will give it a listen as I think you will be able to relate to it but also enjoy the fun beat and catchy lyrics.



Please don't forget to look me up on Spotify or Apple Music and follow me at

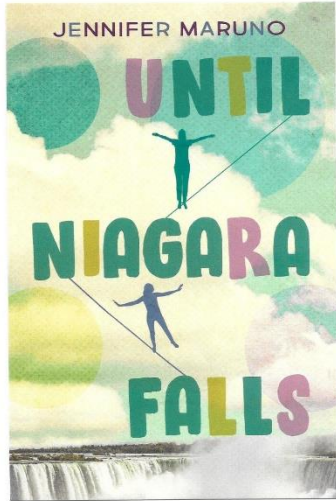
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- **Jennifer Maruno**



Jennifer began her publishing career at the ripe age of eight, creating captions for baby pictures in her local town newspaper. She went on to win the grand prize of a green racing bike from Bick's Pickles for an essay on how to "pick a pickle by Bick's", the inspiration for her newest novel, UNTIL NIAGARA FALLS

For her work with TVO, in developing teaching materials for the television show Mathica's Mathshop, Jennifer received the Federation of Women Teachers Writing Award. Her novels have



won nominations for the Hackmatack, Young Readers of Canada, and the Rocky Mountain Book Awards.

Jennifer Maruno lives in Burlington Ontario, a member of The Writers Union of Canada, CANSCAIP (Canadian Society of Children's Authors, Illustrators and Performers) and CCBC (Canadian Children's Book Centre).

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Website: www.jennifermaruno.com

- **Janet Jardine**



I was thrilled to take part in an in-person art show once again.

There were 18 artists at 8 outdoor locations across Burlington in this self-guided tour, which ran September 25 & 26, 2021, 10 AM to 5 PM both days.

This collaborative effort combined Art in Action with the new Burlington Artists Tent Tour. The event was a hybrid between the traditional studio

tour and a popup outdoor art show with COVID safety protocols in place. And with our new timing, the event also coincided with the launch of Culture Days, 2021.

You can learn who all the participating artists were at [artinaction.ca \(https://artinaction.ca/tenttour/\)](https://artinaction.ca/tenttour/)

For a printable map, visit <https://artinaction.ca/tenttour/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/AiAMAP2021-3.pdf>

- **Burlington Performing Arts Centre's First Installment of its 10th Anniversary Season – Fall Shows on Sale This Week**

With a decade of song, dance, comedy and magic, intimate performances, and grand spectacles to celebrate, the Burlington Performing Arts Centre (BPAC) launched its 10th anniversary season with a limited announcement of fall performances to suit everyone's tastes.

Illusion, musical concerts, comedy and more highlight a diverse line-up of the first portion of BPAC's 21/22 Season shows that have been announced, running from October 29 until December 15. As per Ontario guidelines, all patrons must show proof of COVID-19 double vaccination to be permitted entry into the facility. All shows will be hybrid events, performed for a live audience at BPAC and streamed live to patrons at home.

"We are celebrating our 10th anniversary in style, despite the hurdles of reduced capacity! We have an amazing lineup of shows and performers planned for the entire 21/22 Season, which include the fall performances we're now promoting. At a time when we could all use a little music, laughter, or a reason to stand up and cheer, The Burlington Performing Arts Centre is here for you. We are taking every health precaution to ensure that our patrons in the theatre can sit back and enjoy the show in a safe environment. For those who can't join us in person, you can enjoy all the fun from your own home, as our fall performances will all include a livestream option. We can't wait to welcome you back to BPAC," said BPAC Executive Director Tammy Fox.

TICKETS

Tickets go on sale to BPAC Members at noon on Wednesday, October 6, and on sale to the general public at noon on Friday, October 8.

Renew or order your BPAC membership to be first in line and to receive \$5 off all regular-priced tickets!

THE SHOWS

The season kicks off with a delightfully charming magician, right before Halloween. [LUCY DARLING](#) takes the Community Studio stage October 29, promising a blend of playful improvisational comedy, witty writing, and impossible magical feats.

"I am thrilled to be opening the season for the Burlington Performing Arts Centre – the Paris of the greater Hamilton area," said Carissa Hendrix, a.k.a Lucy Darling. "I have just finished a sold-out run at the Magic Castle and I am so glad we all get to be together again safely. The delicious laughter and the

excitement of a live show I have missed terribly. I think we all could use a little wonder and magic in our lives again. Can't wait to see you."

November's slate of shows starts with [LEGACY: In Support of the Downie-Wenjack Fund](#) on November 5. Returning to BPAC for a fourth year, LEGACY combines performance and storytelling as part of our collective reconciliation journey to promote awareness, education, and thoughtful action. Featuring artists such as: **Tom Wilson**, **Kevin Hearn** (Barenaked Ladies) & **Josh Finlayson** (Skydiggers) of **Gord Downie's Secret Path Band**, **Logan Staats**, **Philip Davis & the Land Back Unity Jam Band**, and more!

The [STEVEN PAGE TRIO](#) takes up residence in BPAC's Main Theatre November 13. Canadian Music Hall of Famer Steven Page has teamed up with Craig Northey and Kevin Fox to perform around the world.

"I'm really excited to be touring again, and the Burlington Performing Arts Centre is one of my favourite places to play," said Page. "I can't wait to play a with Kevin Fox and Craig Northey again – it's been far too long. This show will be fun, safe, memorable and long overdue!"

Local musicians team up at [LIVE & LOCAL Hosted by The Mark Lalama Trio featuring Hayley Verrall & Terra Lightfoot!](#) Each show features both emerging and established homegrown talent, backed on-stage by seasoned industry professionals, the **Mark Lalama Trio**. November 14 will feature guests **Hayley Verrall**, winner of BPAC's 'Hall of Fame' award and **Terra Lightfoot**, a Canadian musician and singer-songwriter from Hamilton, Ontario who has released four albums.

An evening of sophisticated silliness is on tap with [SEÁN CULLEN'S COCKTAIL HOUR \(& A HALF!\)](#). Cullen is Canadian comedy royalty and this show combines his comic and musical talents with a host of special guests. Don't miss the silliness in the Community Studio Theatre November 17 and December 15.

If the smooth, emotive songs of country music legend Patsy Cline are more your speed, you will not want to miss Leisa Way starring in [SWEET DREAMS: The Music of Patsy Cline](#), November 18 to 21 in the Community Studio Theatre.

There is no messing with the classics when the Jimmy Stahl Big Band presents [SOUNDS OF SINATRA](#) on November 20 in BPAC's Main Theatre. Go back to the days when the Chairman of the Board was on top of every music chart, with this performance that will send jazz aficionados back in time.

Enjoy a uniquely Canadian interpretation of the holiday season's musical highlights with [CANADIAN BRASS: Making Spirits Bright!](#), November 26 in the Main Theatre. Experience how the world's most famous brass group rings in the season in style.

Kevin Fox brings his signature style back to the BPAC, combining a beautiful voice with plucking, tapping and looping his cello, creating a unique and intoxicating blend of folk/pop for two performances of [KEVIN FOX: Songs for Cello & Voice](#), November 28.

OPPORTUNITIES & COLLABORATIONS

- **Publish your arts and culture events** – Post your upcoming events on the ACCOB website at <https://www.artscultureburlington.ca/events/> or email info@artscultureburlington.ca to post on FB.
- **Send us information** – If you have content for upcoming newsletters please email it to info@artscultureburlington.ca.
- **Website** - ACCOB has updated and improved its website. Please check www.artscultureburlington.ca for information about ACCOB, its board members and member events.

CALLING FOR YOUR SUPPORT

**Please send us interesting and relevant articles! Concerns?
Questions & Suggestions?
ACCOB is VOLUNTEER run and needs YOUR help!**

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