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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 June 15, 2022. 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

May...
ACCOB Board meeting

**Please stay tuned for
future events**



• 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>

- **ACCOB Memberships** - We are renewing memberships for 2022. This year the cost of a membership is the same - \$25.00 for individuals and \$50.00 for groups. Please pay by e-transfer to info@artscultureburlington.ca if you are able. If you need to send a cheque, please note we have a **new address** which is associated with our Treasurer:

ACCOB
c/o 25 Ann Moore Crescent
Guelph, ON N1L 0J1

- **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 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.
- **ACCOB Youtube Channel** – ACCOB now has its own Youtube channel which can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrRNgnwTcvhkFqumLo2LbiA/videos> . In 2021 ACCOB introduced 'The Collaborative Experience,' a series of three collaborative workshops demonstrating collaboration between music and various other artforms such as dance, storytelling and visual art. In these workshops we are showcasing artists from the greater Burlington, Ontario locale. ACCOB is grateful to the City of Burlington and the Community Support Fund for its generous support with the development of these workshops. We hope you will visit the channel and view the workshops!

In September, 2021 ACCOB released the workshop entitled '[The Painter & The Pianist](#)', the purpose of which was to explore the compositional relationship between visual art and music. We will see the simultaneous creation of two artistic works. Visual artist Briar Emond will create visual art from scratch and at the same time pianist Charles Cozens will create an improvised piece of music as he sees the art unfold.

The second workshop was released in October, 2021 and is entitled '[The Radio Play](#)'. Storytellers John Hewson, Valerie King and Lori Zozolotto will create a brand new short story, without knowing the subject matter beforehand. Once they have created the story they will perform it twice, the first time without music, and a second time with music. Pianist Charles Cozens will improvise a score to support the emotional elements of the story. By comparing the two performances we can see how music interacts with spoken word.

The final workshop was released in November, 2021 and is entitled '[The Choreograph](#)'. This workshop features Leslie Gray as choreographer and dancers Hailey Lewis and Eric Dahlinger. This workshop

involves the creation of a brand new dance routine, which has not been prelearned, directed by Leslie and performed by Hayley and Eric, accompanied by Charles Cozens on piano.

If you are a paid ACCOB member and would like one of your videos placed on our Youtube channel, please contact us at info@artscultureburlington.ca . We will give consideration to all content provided to us, however, reserve the right to only upload content which we view as relevant and appropriate.

- **Annual General Meeting** – ACCOB’s AGM was held virtually on February 28, 2022 with guest speaker Don Pangman, Founder and Executive Director, ArtHouse Halton.
- **Summary of the President’s Message** – While most things in the past year had to be virtual again there were some very creative and entertaining projects that took place. Along with many online performances by local musicians and area arts groups, ACCOB, with the support of the Community Support Fund put on a series of three workshops entitled the “Collaborative Experience. These were produced by our own Board member Charles Cozens. Culture Days was virtual again and we encouraged people to try and be involved. We hope that Culture Days will include in person events again this year.

The Burlington Arts and Culture Fund is back in place and ACCOB assisted the City with jury selection for these grants. There was approximately \$75,000 in grants available this year.

ACCOB looked for information regarding other granting programs or any other ways arts and culture groups or artists could get funding and we tried to keep our social media positive. We thank you for all your positive newsletter articles. Please send us any articles you would like to be considered for our newsletter for 2022.

Due to a tough financial year for our sector ACCOB renewed 2020 members’ memberships at no charge for 2021. We are grateful for those who decided to offer donations in 2021 to support our ongoing financial needs. Please note, 2022 memberships are now being renewed at an annual fee of \$25.00 for individuals and \$50.00 for groups or organizations. Membership information is on the ACCOB website and we would be grateful for your support.

Membership on our Facebook group has increased in 2022 and it looks like people are interested to see what is happening. If you have suggestions or thoughts on what you would like from us please feel free to send it to us at info@artscultureburlington.ca .

We in the process of planning three virtual workshops for this year and will keep you updated.

We are also looking at applying for charitable status that we halted in 2019 and will keep you updated.

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

- **Southern Ontario Lyric Opera**

Hope you are all keeping well and staying healthy.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

We are excited about the lifting of pandemic restrictions and are pleased to announce that we will perform a live concert at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre on Saturday May 14, 7:30 P.M. Details will be forthcoming soon and tickets are not yet on sale, we would kindly ask that you save the date at this point. This will replace our previous plans to perform Bizet's Carmen which will be re-scheduled for a later date.

We are excited to be working on youth programmes for the kids in our community including school performances in partnership with the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. It's important that youth be introduced to the Arts in general and Opera in particular at a young age which will lead to years of enjoyment in their adult years. Who knows we may have another budding Adrienne Pieczonka or Luciano Pavarotti in our midst. I know how important early exposure to classical music can be having grown up in a music loving home. The Arts has a lot to offer a young person in their formative years, beauty, discipline, collegiality, social skills, wonder, imagination, and more. SOLO hopes to play a part in opening up the world of Opera to young people in our community. I have never met anyone who has regretted taking music lessons, but it's usually been the exact opposite, those who wished they had or had continued.

If you missed our Valentine's video treat it is now included in our "Arias and Desserts" page on our website. It features Mezzo-soprano Eugenia Dermentzis who performed in our December concert at BPAC. She starts with a delicious gluten-free dessert recipe, (I'm a big gf fan), followed by her savoury rendition of "La Vie en Rose".

Here is the link. Enjoy!! https://1drv.ms/v/s!AngM0Y8DzacgtzAfuVYGIF_3mtz4?e=u6Pqyq

If you are interested in supporting us and our work in the community donations can be made through CanadaHelps directly on our website. For donations of \$20 or more you would also be eligible for a tax receipt. We are eager to resume our many activities in the region to keep the art of Opera alive in the area. Your support will help make this possible as we further seek to continue with youth and adult programs and events, as well as safely resuming live performances from outreach concerts to mainstage productions. Your support is greatly appreciated! If you prefer to send us a cheque details can be found on our website on the "Donate" page. Please join our e-mailing list also through our website.

We are grateful for the financial support from the Burlington Foundation, the Incite Foundation for the Arts, and the Pieczonka Family Foundation. Their support at this critical time means we can sustain

ourselves during the current pandemic and produce virtual concerts until such a time we can once again resume live concerts

We look forward to seeing you soon and appreciate your continued support and interest in SOLO!!

Warmly

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Artistic Director

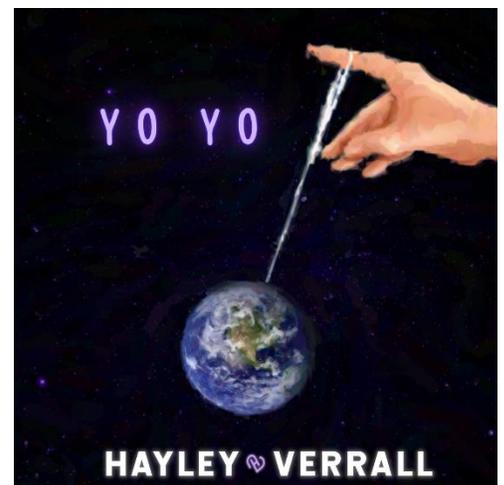
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- **Hayley Verrall**

Happy Spring! I'm excited to see the sun poking out and that the temperatures are starting to be above zero for the most part. I'm looking forward to outdoor gigs and festivals. I did keep busy over the winter and performed outdoors at Conservation Halton's Winterlit in February, but it was COLD! Trust me, I played a lot of summer songs to get through those weekends and remind myself that it wouldn't be long!

I'm so happy that live music indoors is back and that we are able to see everyone's smiling faces again. I am particularly pleased that I am able to sing at nursing/retirement homes again, although I need to be masked up for that. I was overwhelmed by the warm and enthusiastic response I received from the audience at my most recent Singing for Smiles show, people begging me to return again soon. Those are the shows I love doing the most.

I have been told that I have great versatility as a vocalist and for that reason I think a crossover single was inevitable. I released my new single '[Yo Yo](#)' on March 18, 2022 to all streaming platforms. Like my other singles, 'Yo Yo' sends a universal message – you can be whatever you want, go out there and do it, but if you aim small they'll use you and throw you away. The original piece was performed by JP Maurice, but be assured that this is not a rehash. I was really inspired to up the ante on the vocal arrangement and it changes the entire mood of the song. Although my previous releases have been in the pop country genre I think 'Yo Yo' stays true to my art and form as it continues to showcase the stellar quality I believe I am at the core. A message for these times, I think 'Yo Yo' will make you feel as inspired and energetic as the track itself! Get ready to be propelled!



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

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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!

Please send new contact info or e-mail changes to

info@artscultureburlington.ca