

The ACCOB Newsletter

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CALENDAR

April...
ACCOB Board meeting

May...
ACCOB Board meeting

Please stay tuned for future events

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:

- **Robert Bateman Highschool adaptive re-use project (EICS-20-22)** – Earlier this year the City of Burlington announced they will be putting out a Request of Interest for possible uses of space in Phase 2 of the indoor areas at the Bateman school site later in 2023.

The Arts and Culture Council of Burlington is hoping to put in a Request of Interest on behalf of the Arts and Culture sector in our City.

In order for us to do that we would like to know what types of spaces you would like to see, how often you would use these spaces and how much you feel would be the appropriate price to pay for these spaces. We have created a small survey and we would appreciate it if you could take a couple of minutes to complete it for us. This survey will run until April 21, 2023 and we will gather the data after that and see what the level of interest is and what types of spaces you are hoping for.

- Here is the link for the survey and we hope you can complete this for us.

<https://s.surveypal.com/y9hbmm77>

- **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, 2023** and the next newsletter will be released in **July, 2023**. 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.



- **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/scotiastrust/jp-bickell-foundation.html>

- **ACCOB Memberships** – If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2023 please do so! The annual cost of a membership is \$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> . Stay tuned as we will soon be releasing one of three new workshops for 2023. We hope you will visit the channel and view our new

workshops as well as the past ones if you have not already done so!

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 27, 2023 (the in person event was converted to Zoom due to inclement weather) with guest speaker Chris McKhool, Sultans of String.
- **Summary of the President's Message** – The Burlington Arts and Culture Fund is back and there were many applicants again for the \$75,000 in available funds. ACCOB once again assisted the City with jury selection for these grants. Thanks to Angela Paparizo and Adam Belovari from the City of Burlington for promoting and administering the BACF and all of the other things they do for Arts and Culture in our City.
- ACCOB applied for and received a BACF grant. Charles Cozens and Angela Paparizo filmed three workshops at B Town Sound in Burlington on February 26, 2023.
- We've had good input from many of our members for our quarterly newsletters and we tried to keep as much information in them as we could.. We thank you all for all of the input for the newsletters and the Facebook page and for keeping things very positive. Please feel free to send us any articles you would like to be considered for our newsletter for 2023. Our Instagram and Facebook presence continues to offer as much content as possible and we encourage you to send out your events so we can share them throughout the community. If you have any suggestions or thoughts for us please feel free to send us an email at artscultureburlington.ca.
- We did not see much of an increase in membership in 2022 and we are looking at improving this for 2023 and beyond. Please spread the word if you can to help us increase these numbers. We are grateful for those who decided to offer us donations this year to help support our ongoing financial needs. Please note that memberships are now available and the pricing is an annual fee of \$25.00 for individuals and \$50.00 for groups or organizations. There is information on the ACCOB website and we would be grateful if you could support us.
- This year along with improving and supporting our quarterly newsletters we are hoping to plan a networking event and some type of fundraiser for you later this year.
- ACCOB sent a written delegation to the Dec 8/22 Environment, Infrastructure and Community Services Committee meeting of the City. It outlined the possible need for space at the Bateman High School location that the City recently acquired. We provided some thoughts that we had come up with ourselves and also mentioned a similar space in Oakville at Q.E. Park that was created a few years ago. We would like to get more input from the community on this and a survey will be provided to community members.

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

- **Andrea Battista**

Andrea celebrated 40 years of teaching music in Ontario in 2022 and presented a talk on those 40 years to the Hamilton-Halton branch of the Ontario Registered Music Teachers Association. Last spring she organized a concert in Hamilton in memory of June Caskey, an outstanding music teacher in the Hamilton area. The concert featured Valerie Tryon, Rachel Mercer, Angela Park, Alexei Gulenco and a host of other fine area musicians. The concert raised \$7,500 for a scholarship in June's name. This scholarship will be given for several years to an outstanding area musician who plans to study music at the university level.

By the time you read this, H-H ORMETA's Teachers in Concert recital will have been held at Port Nelson United Church in Burlington. Organized by Andrea, this annual fundraiser was postponed during the COVID years, but this year's concert will feature 16 different musicians, playing classical, jazz and Broadway numbers. Every year the local branch of ORMETA gives out several thousand dollars of scholarships to music students who have received outstanding results in their music exams. All the professional performers in the concert will be performing for free.

Andrea and her chamber group Effusion were asked to present their concert, The Gratitude Project, again in Burlington, this time as a celebration of the 75th anniversary of Holy Rosary Church. Members of the group are Jason Hales, tenor, Shiori Kobayashi, clarinet and sax, Stephanie Numan-Scholman, violin and viola, with Andrea on piano. We are grateful to Burlington musician, Philip Corke, for his wonderful arrangements of several numbers. The poems in this programme were read beautifully by KooGle Theatre's Leslie and Christopher Gray. Once again, we received a lot of praise for the project from audience members.

Right now, Andrea and her colleagues are working on a women composers project, which we plan to present next fall. We will focus on women from classical, jazz, folk, musical theatre and film genres. For more information on these projects, contact Andrea at andrea.battista50@gmail.com.

- **Burlington Symphony Orchestra**

The Burlington Symphony Orchestra presents a 5-concert series every year at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. To mark our 50th season, the opening concert featured some of the music that was performed at its first concert 50 years ago. The mayor opened the concert and several city councillors were in attendance. There was a reception after the concert for donors and subscribers. Under the direction of the very able Maestro Denis Mastromonaco, the orchestra is selling out their concerts. The family Christmas concert was a sell-out, the Valentine's Day concert sold 600 tickets and there are only a few tickets left for the John Williams concert on Saturday night, April 8. This concert will feature music from E.T., Star Wars, Raiders of the Lost Ark, Harry Potter and Jurassic Park, so it is not to be missed. Our final concert in May will feature concertmaster, Corey Gemmell, who is celebrating 25 years with the orchestra this season.

The Burlington Symphony Orchestra is a community orchestra, with several paid professional members. Many of its volunteer members are also successful professional musicians and teachers. We have students from Burlington who are playing in the orchestra, which will ensure that our young people gain experience locally. Because we want the orchestra to be around for many more years, we have launched a \$50,000 for 50 years campaign and are working on several fundraising projects this season. We will be featuring many of our professional musicians in a chamber concert on Saturday evening, June 10 at St. Christopher's Anglican Church in Burlington. Our young local performers will be featured in a string quartet. We have also done several outreach concerts at the Burlington Public Library and at corporate events around town. The May concert will also feature our 2023 Young artists, who have auditioned to play with the orchestra and are some of the finest young musicians in the GTA. The BSO has been holding this competition annually for the past 30 years.

For more information on the Burlington Symphony Orchestra, to donate or to buy tickets, please go to www.burlingtonsymphony.ca. All tickets for our concerts can be purchased online through our website or at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre.

- **Hayley Verrall**

Happy Spring! I'm finding more daylight hours and warmer weather to be inspiring!



I noted last time that I won an honorary mention for the Faith Nolan Music Award in November, 2022 and I finally received the award.

I'm currently busy applying to perform at festivals and events for the summer and fall so keep an eye out on my social media to find out where you can see me. Right now I am confirmed for the Korral Entertainment Showcase at the Country Music Association of Ontario awards events on June 1, July 14 at the Acoustic Music Series at Ireland House, August 12 at the Burlington Buttertart Festival, and September 23 at the Milton Fall Fair.

On February 17 I released my current single '[I Guess That's Love](#)' to all streaming platforms and to date it has accumulated over 16,000 Spotify streams. I hope you'll go have a listen!


I will have more new music coming out in the next couple months or so stay tuned! Please follow me on all social media at [@hayleyverrallmusic](#) and if you have Spotify or any other streaming platform, please don't forget to listen to my music there!



- **Vanessa Cress Lokos**

JORDAN ART GALLERY
In The Spotlight
March 1 - April 30, 2023

Vanessa Cress Lokos
Reflection



The 'Forever' 2022, oil on canvas, 18 x 18 inches

Cress Lokos invites us to contemplate our own stories within her work, "whether depicting a moment in time or from the time it was created." She seeks to "make sense of our relationship to one another", stating, "Often, we are together yet alone."

Open Wed — Mon until Victoria Day
(closed Tues.)
Open 7 days from May 24
10 am — 5 pm

TWENTY VALLEY
3836 Main St., Jordan
Jordanartgallery.com
Ph.: 905-562-6680

As a Burlington artist, I am delighted to have ten of my artworks in this wonderful gallery, located in the Niagara Region. I recommend taking the 30 minute trip to this historic town.

- **The Burlington Performing Arts Centre**

We are now accepting nominations for the 2023 Hall of Fame Inductee. Get your nominations in by Monday, April 24!

Established in 2013, The Burlington Performing Arts Centre's Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the performing arts in Burlington. Recipients of this award demonstrate the diversity of artistic accomplishment that comprises the rich cultural tapestry of the City of Burlington.

The 2023 Hall of Fame Inductee will be announced at the 2023/2024 Season Launch event on May 31, 2023.

<https://burlingtonpac.ca/community/hall-of-fame/>

#BPAC2223 #BurlION #BPAC #HallofFame

- **Burlington New Millennium Orchestra**

The BNMO has auditioned several young prodigious Canadian performing artists ages 5 to 18 to perform in concert with orchestra, Tuesday May 16, 2023 at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre, Burlington Ontario.

The program is cross-genre and will feature young performers in both music and dance in a variety of styles including Classical, Jazz, Pop, Rock, Ballet and more.

Instrumentalists will include performers on a variety of instruments such as piano, strings, woodwinds and brass, voice and more.

Thank you and I look forward to this exciting concert presentation.

- **Chris McKhool – Sultans of String**

It has been a busy time, and I am still walking on air after receiving the Dr. Duke Redbird Lifetime Achievement Award from The JAYU Arts For Human Rights Awards, as well as winning the 2022 Song of the Year and nominated for Performer of the Year by Folk Music Ontario.



Also, during the pandemic we accidentally made a feature length film, a lot of which was filmed right here in Burlington – “Sultans of String: The Refuge Project – Visual Album”. This film just won at the Cannes World Film Festival, Best Istanbul Film Festival, Vancouver Independent Film Festival, and is selected for the Montreal Independent, Scarab, and Folk in Film Festivals! So far it has played at Westdale Theatre in Hamilton as well as in Toronto. The film includes songs from our Refuge and Sanctuary albums.

Please stay tuned for more screenings in the New Year, and in the meantime you can check out our 2 min preview of the film here <https://youtu.be/kvVe90RJwb4>

On behalf of fellow Sultans of String members Kevin Laliberte, Drew Birston, and Chendy Leon, we thank the Canadian Folk Music Awards / Prix de musique folk canadienne for recognizing our album Sanctuary as GLOBAL ROOTS ALBUM OF THE YEAR and Producer of the Year went to John Beetle Bailey and me!

The BNMO, Burlington's only professional orchestra, is searching for several young performers on instruments including piano, violin, cello, trumpet, flute and voice.

They will be selected from across Canada with recommendations from the Royal Conservatory Of Music (RCM), The Canadian Music Competitions (CMC), the Kwanis Music Festivals and other arts organizations.

Musical genres will include Classical, Jazz, Pop, Folk, Rock and World Music.

This outstanding program features the finest in up-and-coming young musical artists.

Tuesday, May 16, 2023
Burlington Performing Arts Centre, Burlington, Ontario

www.bnmo.ca | www.facebook.com/burlingtonnewmillenniumorchestra/

Huge thanks to our families and our incredible team, including Lisa Weitz, Christine Buchanan, Christine Bode, Fontana North, Crossover Media Music Promotion, and Eric Alper.

We also must thank Canada Council for the Arts | Conseil des arts du Canada, Ontario Arts Council - Conseil des arts de l'Ontario, Toronto Arts Council, Arts & Culture Council of Burlington, and Rick and Marianne Chester. Bravo Niagara Festival of the Arts, Canadian Arabic Orchestra and MASC for presenting us live.

Super gratitude to our co-producer John Bailey! But really, we need to thank our collaborating artists. We created Sanctuary to amplify the incredible contributions of new immigrants and refugees to Canada.

Leen Hamo (Kazdoura)

Saskia Tomkins: a musician of the bowing kind

Juan Carlos Medrano Magallanes

Ahmed Salah Moneka and Tara Salah Moneka

Donné Roberts Music

Padideh Ahrarnejad

Yukiko Tsutsui - 筒井 柚紀子

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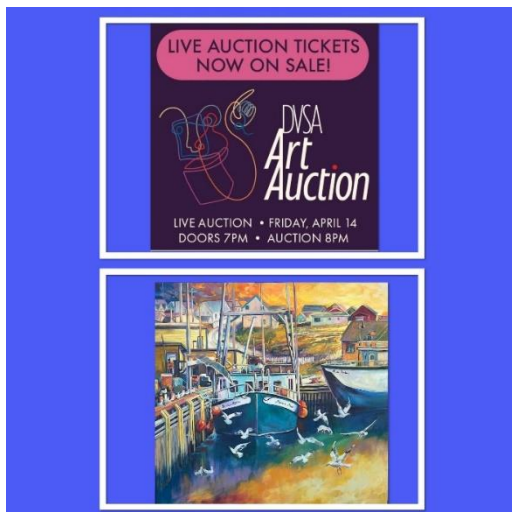
Marito Marques



Thanks to our team in Turkey - Suat Suna, Gündem Yaylırubu, and Mehmet Akatay. Also, Sammy Figueroa, Eddie Paton, Ravi Naimpally, Meg Contini and Tamar Ilana Page. And also essential Indigenous voices, including Duke Redbird, Elder of the Global Village, Chelsey June, and Jaaji Okpik of Twin Flames.

This award goes out to all of you. Please find these artists online and support their music!

- **Anne More**



I am very honoured and excited to be included in the Live Auction at this years DVSA Art Auction.

- **Southern Ontario Lyric Opera**

Southern Ontario Lyric Opera Presents: **La Traviata by G. Verdi**

Saturday May 13, 2023, 7:30 P.M.

Burlington Performing Arts Centre

Karoline Podolak, Soprano

Ernesto Ramirez, Tenor

James Westman, Baritone

Southern Ontario Lyric Opera Chorus and Orchestra

Sabatino Vacca, Conductor

The beauty and elegance of this timeless masterpiece has forever captured the hearts of music lovers everywhere. It will be presented fully staged with full orchestra.

Box Office 905 681 6000 www.burlingtonpac.ca



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