

# The ACCOB Newsletter

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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](mailto:info@artscultureburlington.ca) **by December 15, 2022 and the next newsletter will be released in January, 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](mailto:info@artscultureburlington.ca).

## CALENDAR

October...  
ACCOB Board meeting

**Please stay tuned for  
future events**



### • Arts Grants

Ontario Trillium Foundation – [www.otf.ca](http://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** – If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2022 or wish to get a head start to renew 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](mailto: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  
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- **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](mailto: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> . Here you will find ‘The Collaborative Experience’ a series of three collaborative workshops ([The Painter & The Pianist](#) , [The Radio Play](#) , [The Choreograph](#)) ACCOB released in 2021 demonstrating collaboration between music and various other artforms such as dance, storytelling and visual art. We hope you will visit the channel and view the workshops!

We in the process of planning three new virtual workshops and will keep you updated.

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](mailto: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.

- **Burlington Culture Days - Join the RE:emergence Sept. 23 to Oct. 16**

The City of Burlington is inviting residents to join local artists, cultural professionals and creative organizations to attend free, interactive in-person or online events and activities during the 13th annual Culture Days from Sept. 23 to Oct. 16, 2022. Culture Days has become the largest cultural event in Canada, attracting an estimated 2.5 million annual attendees to thousands of free activities and performances hosted by artists, cultural organizations and municipalities in hundreds of communities across Canada.

This year's theme Re:emergence, explores new ideas and innovation in arts and culture while committing to building tangible change in the sector and society. As we learn to live with COVID-19, the Ontario Culture Days Festival will offer a hybrid of in-person events as well as digital and self-guided programming. If you would like to find a Culture Days event, visit [culturedays.ca](http://culturedays.ca).

The City of Burlington's public art program is also launching a temporary art project. Throughout the Culture Days celebration, the public art program will be installing temporary artworks on signs along the Waterfront Trail, near Beachway Park. The signs will feature the work of twenty local visual artists and writers. This project will provide trail users with a safe and accessible way to enjoy art and to learn more about the amazing creators in our community.

### **Burlington Culture Days ranks in the top ten among mid-size cities!**

Culture Days - a national, non-profit organization celebrating arts and culture - has ranked Burlington's 2021 Culture Days celebration 7th overall nationwide among cities with a population between 50,000-500,000. This ranking helps us know that Burlington is a champion for arts and culture. In 2021, hundreds of cities, towns, and regions of all sizes embraced Culture Days to spark creativity, build community and showcase their local talent and cultural assets.

Burlington's Culture Days feature local arts and cultural professionals, creative organizations and businesses that host free events for the community. Culture Days is hosted by:

- >the City of Burlington
- >Independent Burlington artists
- >The Arts and Culture Council of Burlington
- >The Art Gallery of Burlington
- >The Burlington Performing Arts Centre
- >Burlington Public Library
- >Museums of Burlington
- >The Royal Botanical Gardens
- >Tourism Burlington

## MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

- **Vanessa Cress Lokos**



Burlington artist and resident, Vanessa Cress Lokos was accepted into this year's Paint Ontario Juried Exhibition and received an Honourable Mention award for her painting "Gotcha".

Recently, her primary focus has been on contemporary figurative painting. She creates these works using traditional glaze oil techniques. Irony, playfulness and the unexpected are often conveyed in her work.

She has been exhibiting regularly since 2009, this is her third year applying and being accepted into the show. If you are in the Collingwood area this October be sure to stop in at the Blue Mountain Foundation for the Arts to see the latest work by Vanessa. The CGOS group exhibit "Renewal" is on until October 29.

Vanessa is also a member of the Ontario Society of Artists, the Canadian Glaze Oil Society, the Burlington Fine Arts Association, the Arts and Culture Council of Burlington, and Hamilton Artist Inc.

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- **Hayley Verrall**

I can't believe that the summer is over already! It's been a whirlwind!

Attending the Canadian Country Music Awards in Calgary was fantastic. I did some sightseeing in Alberta before the festivities started. Lake Louise is sooo beautiful! Can you imagine living in that area and waking up to that view every day?!

I made so many new friends and connections and it really got me motivated to continue writing music and collaborating with other artists.





I met so many of our already famous Canadian country artists including Jason Blaine (in this photo), Meghan Patrick and JoJo Mason!

I spent some time in the recording studio this summer recording three new singles with my new producer and some fabulous studio musicians. I'm totally blessed that I get to work with all these amazing people in between their tour work with the likes of Luke Bryan and The Reklaws! These new tracks sound fantastic and I can't wait to reveal them to the world. Stay tuned and I'll let you know when that's going to happen.

In August the International Singer Songwriter Association honoured me with the silver award for 2022 International Female Emerging Artist. It was incredible to secure the nomination out of 20,000 ISSA members and even more amazing to win the award!

Once again, for Culture Days you will be able to see some of my song lyrics installed as temporary artwork on signs along the Waterfront Trail, near Beachway Park along with the work of nineteen other local visual artists and writers.

As always, I continue to play my live gigs. I've had so many requests for performance this past summer and fall and it's encouraging to know that my name and my music are indeed out there and being heard. I'll be at the Balls Falls Thanksgiving Festival on Sunday, October 9, 2022 from 12-2 pm. Also keep an eye out on my social media for details as I'll be performing at some local Christmas events.

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!

- **Burlington Welsh Ladies Chorus**

Burlington Welsh Ladies Chorus started back on September 6, 2022!

We rehearse Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:30 @ St Matthews-on-the-Plains and all voices are welcome.

We have more fun concerts to finish up our year! Hope to see you soon!

FYI We sing in three-part harmony, our repertoire is made up of pop, show tunes, hymns, opera choruses, spirituals, and a few Welsh songs. You do not need to be Welsh to join our chorus!

If you need more info email [ladies\\_chorus@burlingtonwelsh.com](mailto:ladies_chorus@burlingtonwelsh.com) .



- **Nicole Dolson**

I am very happy to have my still life painting "Walnuts, Pears & Pewter" accepted into the Colour and Form Society's 70th Annual Open Juried Exhibition which will be held in the Etobicoke Civic Centre Art Gallery, Sept. 20 - Oct. 13, 2022.

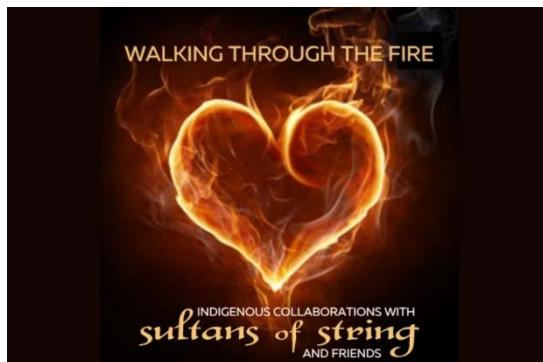
ETOBICOKE CIVIC CENTRE ART GALLERY, 399 The West Mall, Etobicoke.

@colour\_and\_form\_society



- **Chris McKhool – Sultans of String**

I am so grateful and excited for being voted Best Local Musician by Burlington Post. Burlington welcomed me and Sultans of String here 5 years ago and I have loved contributing to the arts community here, and I am so thankful for support from so many great organizations and people including the City of Burlington, Arts & Culture Council of Burlington, Burlington Post, Burlington Symphony Orchestra, One Burlington, Port Nelson United Church, The Burlington Performing Arts Centre, Burlington Public Library, Sound of Music Festival, Diana Zimber, Tammy Fox, Robert Missen, Myles Rusak, Kathryn Dunmore and so so many more, while we fundraised for Burlington Food Bank, the UN Refugee Agency, Environmental Defence Canada and performed dozens of free livestreams for local Burlington schools, thanks to the support of the Burlington Arts & Culture fund.



Sultans of String are now embarking on our most ambitious and essential project of our career. We're recording our ninth album, a beautiful collection of collaborations with First Nations, Metis, and Inuit artists across Turtle Island/Canada. Please watch the short video at this link to find out why this album is so important

Link: <https://igg.me/at/sultansCD>

## 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](mailto:info@artscultureburlington.ca) to post on FB.
- **Send us information** – If you have content for upcoming newsletters please email it to [info@artscultureburlington.ca](mailto:info@artscultureburlington.ca).
- **Website** - ACCOB has updated and improved its website. Please check [www.artscultureburlington.ca](http://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  
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