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CALENDAR

October
ACCOB Fundraiser

**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.

- **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, 2023 and the next newsletter will be released in January, 2024.** 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 via Zoom and we also work on various things throughout the year. Please contact us at info@artscultureburlington.ca.



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- **Arts Grants**

Ontario Trillium Foundation – www.otf.ca

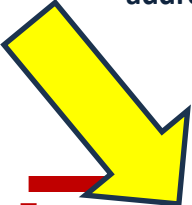
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<https://thecatherineandmaxwellmeighanfoundation.ca/>

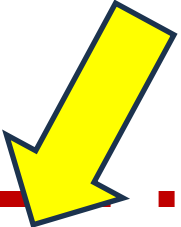
The Metcalf Foundation - <https://metcalffoundation.com/>

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

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- **ACCOB Fundraiser** – ACCOB will be holding a fundraising event on October 24, 2023 at Nickelbrook Brewing Co. There will be some live entertainment to look forward to and you will be able to renew your ACCOB membership for 2024 at a discount! Even if you cannot attend, we hope that you will purchase a ticket to help support ACCOB so that ACCOB can keep supporting Burlington's arts and culture community. Please send an e-transfer for \$50 to info@artscultureburlington.ca with 'fundraiser ticket' and your email address in the message and we will email your ticket back to you. If you would like to receive your ticket a different way we can take care of that as well, just email info@artscultureburlington.ca and we will work it out!



ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL OF BURLINGTON

— *FUNDRAISER* —

FUNDRAISER TO HELP ACCOB
SUPPORT COMMUNITY ARTS AND CULTURE

email info@artscultureburlington.ca

When: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 - 7.00 - 9.00 PM
Where: Nickel Brook Brewing Co.
3426 Mainway, Burlington, ON

admit one: \$50

TICKET ENTITLES HOLDER TO
ONE \$20 INDIVIDUAL
ACCOB MEMBERSHIP
REDEEMABLE ONLY AT THE
EVENT.

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> . 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!

ACCOB applied for and received a BACF grant. Charles Cozens and Angela Papparizo filmed three workshops at B Town Sound in Burlington on February 26, 2023. The third and final workshop, [Roots & Ivory](#), is now on our Youtube channel for viewing. This workshop explores the compositional relationship between spontaneously created visual art and music. We will see the simultaneous creation of two artistic works which are co-dependent. Our visual artist Sungmi (Sunny) Kong will create a piece of visual art from scratch and at the same time pianist Charles Cozens will create an improvised musical composition as he sees the art unfold.

The previous workshops [La Danse Nouveau](#) and [Poetry in Motion](#) also remain available for viewing.

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.

- **Culture Days** – ACCOB, in conjunction with the City of Burlington, held a Culture Days Presentation at the Burlington Seniors Centre on September 30, 2023. Thank you to all who attended and we hope you enjoyed the evening! We were pleased to have three Burlington artists display their work:

[Donna Grandin](#), professional acrylic fine artist, who paints and volunteers in the arts community in Burlington

[Cathy Disbrow](#), needle felting artist, who sculpts unique creations by connecting wool fibers: whether it's stabbing wool with a barbed needle OR using hot water and agitation.

[Jennifer Maruno](#), full time novelist and children's book author. Jennifer was kind enough to bring along fellow Burlington authors [Lynn Leitch](#), [Jennifer Mook-Sang](#) and [Sylvia McNicoll](#).

We had a poetry/book reading from Sylvia McNicoll from her book [Blue to the Sky](#).

We had several musical performances from:

[Hayley Verrall](#) and her band members, Nick Begg and Jacob Marshall. They performed three original songs including Hayley's radio release '[I Guess That's Love](#)', her current radio single '[Slow Motion](#)' and an as yet unreleased song dedicated to Burlington, 'Big City, Small Town'.

[Koogle Theatre Company's](#) Christopher Gray and four of Koogle's students, Addison, Ava, Nathan and Matthew, who took us on a musical journey of some classic Disney pieces.

Burlington Ukulele Society led by Bob Tadman who had toes tapping with their classic and fun sing a long songs.

[Amber Jane Kakiishiway](#), an Indigenous-Cree performing artist from WhiteBear First Nations Treaty 4 who spoke about her own story and performed with her hand drum.

[Joyride](#), a collaboration by pianist/accordionist Charles Cozens and oboist/bassist Coline Maier, who performed what they call jazz crossover which encompasses many styles including jazz, ragtime, blues, tango, gypsy and klezmer.

El Deso Wind Ensemble led by Lizuarte De Sousa who performed contemporary pieces in a new and fascinating way.

Sabatino Vacca and Michael Robert-Broder from [Southern Ontario Lyric Opera](#) who together performed several operatic pieces designed to entice us to attend their upcoming performance of Puccini's Madama Butterfly.

We had some individual and group cultural dance performances from [Redleaf Cultural Integration](#).

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

- **Chris McKhool - Sultans of String**

Celebrating the release of the new Sultans of String CD, *Walking Through the Fire*.
Listen here! <https://sultansofstring.lnk.to/WalkingThroughtheFire>



A special event presented by the Burlington Performing Arts Centre brings the magic of collaboration to the stage, with award-winning First Nations, Métis, and Inuit artists from across Turtle Island joined by Billboard charting/6x CFMA winner Burlington local Chris McKhool and his band Sultans of String!



Walking Through the Fire is a musical multimedia experience unlike any other. From Métis fiddling to an East Coast Kitchen Party, rumba to rock, to the drumming of the Pacific Northwest, experience the beauty and diversity of music from Turtle Island with Alyssa Delbaere-Sawchuk of the Métis Fiddler Quartet, Ojibwe/Finnish Singer-Songwriter Marc Meriläinen (Nadjiwan), Coast Tsm'syen Singer-Songwriter Shannon Thunderbird, electronic musician Din (F-105) as well as virtual guests joining in on the big screen, including Elder and poet Dr. Duke Redbird, the Northern Cree pow wow group, Inuit singers Kendra Tagoona, Tracy Sarazin and more!

Music legend Tom Wilson, whose national bestseller memoir, *Beautiful Scars*, reveals the impact of discovering his Mohawk heritage, will also join this very special evening of performance. Musically, Wilson is best known for his work with Blackie & The Rodeo Kings and Lee Harvey Osmond.

The Burlington Performing Arts Centre was the first performing arts centre in Canada to create a Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund Legacy Space inside a public venue. Legacy Spaces are safe, welcoming places where conversations and education about Indigenous history — and our collective journey

towards reconciliation — are encouraged and supported. Learn more about Legacy Spaces at <https://downiewenjack.ca/our-work/legacy-spaces-program>.

Each year, the Burlington Performing Arts Centre programming reflects this commitment to reconciliation, particularly during Secret Path Week. This week is a national movement commemorating the legacies of Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack and takes place annually from October 17-22, marking the dates that Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack joined the spirit world. Now in its sixth year, their concert series provides a fundraising opportunity meant to aid in our collective reconciliation journey to promote awareness, education, and thoughtful action around Canada's true history.

- **Victoria Wallace**

Here are 2 exhibitions I currently have work in, plus a 3rd I have opening in October in Jordan.

- "Shifting Lens"

Ontario Society of Artists is pleased to announce their 'Eastern Hub' exhibition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden, featuring art works by 16 elected OSA members, including Burlington artist, Victoria Wallace. The show runs from September 7th until November 25th, 2023.

- Abstracts 2023 - John B Aird Gallery.



Online juried slide exhibition with playlist and PDF catalogue.

For the purposes of the Gallery's first online ABSTRACTS project, we loosely defined Abstract Art as an artistic practice that is as migratory as artists' ability to manifest simple or complex content within a fluid or non-representational field. Juried by artist and educator, Gary Evans, this year's catalogue features over 30 contemporary artists across Canada, including work by Burlington's Victoria Wallace.

<https://airdgallery.org/2023/08/27/abstracts-2023/>

- "The Moody Moon" at Jordan Art Gallery with guest artist, Victoria Wallace. October 2 - 31/23

"The face of the "Man in the Moon" illusion may have been created by powerful asteroid impacts that shook this space rock billions of years ago, but that hasn't stopped cultures the world over from reading moods and personal meaning into that face or phase of the moon.



In this series, I explore the many faces behind the moody phases of the moon".

At Jordan Art Gallery, open 7 days a week, 10am to 5pm, Jordan Village, Lincoln, Ontario.

- **Hayley Verrall**

Hello, Burlington! Not gonna lie, I am not looking forward to winter so I am grateful for the extended summer we're having right now.



The summer has gone by in a blur. In the last newsletter you read about the impending release of my new single 'Slow Motion' on July 14, 2023. Well, this little song baby is now out into the world! I hope you'll go look for it and stream it on whatever platform you use to listen to music. After a few hiccups she was also released into radio land and was Yangaroo's top country download on August 31, 2023!

I was honoured to find out that the Fair Play Country Music Awards awarded me Rising Star in August.

I am out and about this fall. Me and the boys just played at ACCOB's Culture Days, which was so great. I sang the song I wrote for Burlington, 'Big City, Small Town'. I'm super stoked that I got to perform the song live because you can also currently find that song on a big poster down on the Beachway Path as part of the City of Burlington's Culture Days Public Art Project.

You can next catch me at The Casbah Lounge on October 4, at Balls Falls Thanksgiving Festival on October 6 (with the band!), at Rockton World's Fair October 7-9 and at Fair and at Conservation Halton's Hops and Harvest Festival on October 13. You can visit my website at www.hayleyverrallmusic.com for set times and more information. As always, 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!



- **Sabatino Vacca - Southern Ontario Lyric Opera**

Dear Friends of SOLO, hope you are keeping well.. We have some updates we are excited to share with you. 2023/2024 SEASON!

We will launch the new season with Puccini's impassioned *Madama Butterfly* with a matinee performance on Sunday October 15 th at 2:30 p.m. Tickets have been selling quite well but there are still good seats left. We will feature an outstanding Canadian cast of leads, fully staged with orchestra. More details are available on our website.

Our season continues with a seasonal concert on Wednesday December 20 th 7:30 p.m. We are very happy to feature and welcome back Soprano Karoline Podolak who sang the role of Violetta in Verdi's *La Traviata* for us back in May. Among her many awards, this summer Miss Podolak was the overall winner of the Grand Prix, People's Prize, Bordeaux National Opera Prize, and Lyceum Prize, of the 35 th International Marmande Singing Competition. Joining Karoline will be tenor Rocco Rupolo, a recent graduate of the prestigious Young Artist programmes with Vancouver Opera, and L'Opéra de Montréal. Along with members of our Chorus it promises to be a memorable evening of sacred, secular, and operatic favourites.

Tickets for both of these performances can be purchased by calling the Box Office during hours of operation at

905 681 6000. Or online at:
burlingtonpac.ca/events/madama-butterfly/
burlingtonpac.ca/events/sounds-of-the-season/

On Saturday March 2 nd we will perform Bizet's ever-popular *Carmen*. Hard to imagine this beloved opera the world over was not well received when it premiered. Bizet dying shortly thereafter was not to enjoy even a glimpse of just how popular it would become! However, Spanish overtones served up with French exuberance in the hands of a master composer was surely a recipe that was bound to eventually take the opera world by storm! It certainly did and continues to do so! Tickets will be available soon.

MORE!

Along with our mainstage events at BPAC we will be performing more outreach concerts in the community.

The first one will be at Westdale United Church in Hamilton on Sunday October 29 th at 3 p.m. The concert will feature soprano Shantelle Przybylo, baritone Alexander Hajek, and violinist Lucia Barcari, with myself on piano. Tickets are available through Eventbrite Music Feeds The Soul Feat. The Southern Ontario Lyric Opera

We will perform the 2nd half of a concert at St. Luke's Anglican Church in Burlington on Saturday November 4th . We will be featuring soprano Maria Vetere, tenor Joel Ricci, and myself on piano. We have also been invited to perform concerts for East Plains United Church on Saturday December 2, 7 p.m.

Please let us know if your own place of worship might be interested in hosting a joint fundraising concert with us.

We have an ambitious season ahead. We look forward to seeing you and appreciate your continued support and interest in SOLO!

Warmly

Sabatino Vacca

Artistic Director

SOLO: Opera & Beyond!

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- **Louise Murray - Burlington Welsh Ladies' Chorus**

The Burlington Welsh Ladies Chorus (BWLC) was founded in 2017 with nine members, currently boasting 40+. We have the wonderful Janice Beninger as our Director supported by our superb accompanist Chris Hunt.

Since its founding, the main goal of the Chorus has been to provide engaging entertainment for the City of Burlington, Ontario and beyond. The Chorus has performed at various respected venues throughout the area, including the Atrium at the Royal Botanical Gardens, St. Augustine's in Dundas, St Matthew on the Plains, Culture Days in Burlington, various Retirement Homes, Oakville Performing Arts Center, Benares Historic House in Mississauga, Kincardine and a fundraiser with the Canadian Friends of Hôpital Albert Schweitzer.

The BWLC while founded with Welsh traditions, we are not strictly a Welsh choir, our songs are from different cultures in several languages. We sing in three-part harmony with a repertoire including popular music, show tunes, spirituals, opera and of course Welsh and Welsh inspired songs. One of our main objectives is to share the benefits and joy of choral music with our community and we welcome all.

Just before our Summer break in June we had an amazing time performing for the Concerts in the Park series supported by the City of Burlington. This event generated interest in our chorus and we welcomed 2 new members this week who were at that event. One new member said, "It looked like you were having fun while performing and she wanted to be part of that."

The BWLC are a self-funded, not-for-profit charitable organization and continuously fundraise as we continue to grow in repertoire, reputation, and diverse membership and even though we take our chorus seriously we really do have a lot of fun.

Upcoming Concerts:-

Joint concert with Hamilton Concert Band hamiltonconcertband.com

Sunday October 22nd at 7pm, Melrose United Church, 86 Homewood Avenue, Hamilton Ontario L8P 4C3

Fall Concert featuring 4SKOR a dynamic and sophisticated vocal quartet 4skor.ca

Saturday October 28th at 7:30 Wellington Square United Church, 2121 Caroline Street, Burlington ON L7R 1L7

We look forward to seeing you there and for more information about our chorus and all our other events please check out our website and connect with us if you have any specific questions, more than happy to chat 😊

Interested in joining, check out our website for detail bwlcladieschorus.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