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Supporting the Arts in Guelph: The Musagetes Fund grants over \$49,000 to eleven local charitable art orgs!

Guelph, Ontario – Wednesday, May 24, 2023 – The Guelph Community Foundation and its fundholders are proud to announce our 2023 Musagetes Fund recipients.

The GCF board and staff are pleased to share the 2023 Musagetes Fund recipients. The funding decision was made by the fundholders the week of May 8, 2023 to distribute \$49,180 to eleven charitable organizations in Guelph and Wellington County. Since 2004, this donor advised granting stream has been providing grants to registered charities (or organizations partnered with a registered charity) that provide contemporary art and culture programming.

Applications for The Musagetes Fund were accepted from February 27 – April 10, 2023 online through the Guelph Community Foundation's granting portal for project or operational funding requests. The grant is particularly interested in funding new approaches to building community and culture. Preference was given to organizations that engage a community-based partner who satisfies a connection(s) to social justice, environmental resilience, and intercultural relationships through the arts.

This fund is intended to "act as a catalyst for the ongoing production and enjoyment of performing, visual, and literary arts excellence in Guelph and area." In Classical Greek mythology, Musagetes (pronounced 'Mews-a-get-ees') is the name given to the god Apollo in his role as protector and promoter of the Muses. This is why this fund shares its name as it similarly champions the arts.

The Guelph Community Foundation would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Musagetes fundholders and advisors for their continued support of contemporary art and culture in our Guelph and Wellington County. We are so grateful to be able to help support the arts in our community so they can continue to inspire, challenge, and delight their audiences.

Congratulations to the 11 recipients of GCF's *Musagetes* 2023 fund:

Art Gallery of Guelph: Exhibition funding

Art Not Shame: Operational funding

BIPOC Outdoor Gear Library: Barkat بركت (Abundance) Workshop Series

Ed Video Media Arts Centre: Operational funding

Guelph Arts Council: Operational funding

Guelph Civic Museum (The): Unsettling The Grand Exhibition

Guelph Dance: Guelph Contemporary Dance Festival

Guelph Film Festival: Film Festival

Guelph Jazz Festival: Jazz Festival

Guelph Public Library: Youth Playwriting Workshop Series

Silence Sounds: Audiopollination Guelph

Due to the rising cost of living and inflation the need for support is great. The Foundation is honoured to be able to provide this financial support for the eleven non-profits that are benefiting from this grant to be able to do their impactful work. If you are interested in learning more about how you or your family can support charities in our community, or donate to this grant program, contact The Guelph Community Foundation at info@guelphcf.ca or visit the website, guelphcf.ca. *Together, we can make a difference.*

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About The Guelph Community Foundation

The Guelph Community Foundation is a charitable public foundation whose purpose is to provide leadership in community philanthropy and enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Guelph and surrounding areas through endowments, stewardship, and granting programs. The Foundation pools the charitable gifts of donors into permanent, interest earning endowments. The income from the endowments supports a range of charitable programs and activities. The Guelph Community Foundation is located at 55 Wyndham St. N., Suite 4A, in the Old Quebec Street Shoppes in downtown Guelph. To learn more please visit guelphcf.ca.