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Supporting the Arts in Guelph: The Musagetes Fund grants over \$64,000 to sixteen local charitable art organizations!

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The Guelph Community Foundation and its fundholders are proud to announce our 2025 Musagetes Fund recipients. The funding decision was made by the fundholders in late May 2025 to distribute \$64,000 to sixteen 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.

Online applications for The Musagetes Fund were accepted from March 3 to April 7, 2025 through the Guelph Community Foundation's granting portal for project or operational funding requests. The grant has a focus on 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 16 recipients of GCF's *Musagetes* 2025 fund:

Organization	Funding Request
10C - Shared Space	Summer Solstice Shindig
Art Gallery of Guelph	155,578 Exhibition
Art Not Shame	Operational Funding
Ed Video Media Arts Centre	Operational Funding
Eden Mills Writers' Festival	Eden Mills Writers' Festival 2025
Focus on Nature	Fresh Perspectives Photo Exhibit

Guelph Arts Council	Art for all: 50 years of GAC
Guelph Concert Band	Operational Funding
Guelph Contemporary Dance Festival	Operational Funding
Guelph Film Festival	Guelph Film Festival 2025
Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition	Transported: Objects of Belonging and the Immigrant Experience
Guelph Youth Music Centre	Empowering Guelph Through Music
Guelph Youth Singers	Building Community and Connections Through Music
Seed, Soil and Spirit School	BIPOC Willow Basket Weaving Intensive
Silence	Operational Funding
Suzuki String School of Guelph	Operational Funding

Due to inflation and rising prices, the need for charitable support is great as programing and operational costs are higher than in previous years. The Foundation is honoured to be able to provide this financial support for these non-profits so they can better 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.