



prince george and district
community arts council

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

NOVEMBER 2025

Overall Summary of Activities in 2024-2025

INSTRUCTIONAL

- Youth Arts Camps
- Arts North Digital Courses and Studio
- Youth Art Workshop and Showcase
- Artists in the Schools
- Pottery Classes
- Seniors Paint Club

ARTISTIC EXHIBITS

- Feature Art Gallery
- Studio 2880 Artisan Gift Shop
- Artist-in-Residence

ANNUAL EVENTS

- Studio Fair
- Art Battle
- Great Northern Chili Cook-Off
- Members and Volunteer Appreciation Event

PERFORMANCES

- Prince George Performing Arts Series (7-performance season)

FACILITIES

- Operator of two civic arts facilities, Studio 2880 and the Prince George Playhouse

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

The 2024–2025 season has been a landmark year for the Community Arts Council, marked by new partnerships, facility growth, and strong public engagement across all our programs. From a record-breaking Studio Fair to the expansion of our Performing Arts Series, we've seen renewed enthusiasm for the arts in Prince George.

As the Acting Executive Director, I'm grateful for the opportunity to continue building on the remarkable momentum of this past year and to support our dedicated staff and board through this period of transition.

1. Second season of new Performing Arts Series at Knox Performance Centre and The Prince George Playhouse with Trinity United Church

Brought in a range of top professional talent in a variety of musical and presentation genres with our first performances presented at the Playhouse!

2. Working towards the Studio 2880 Redevelopment

We have completed the feasibility study for the redevelopment project and are now working with the City as they prepare for the second stages of the project.

3. Collaborating with the City of Prince George on operating the Prince George Playhouse

We officially opened the Playhouse for community rentals in September 2024 and have had a busy season of supporting our community. This year we hosted our first Great Northern Chili Cook Off at the Venue.

4. Replaced lighting fixtures at the Prince George Playhouse with support from the BC Arts Council

The Playhouse is back as a community-focused performing arts venue, with new LED lamps to increase our capacity to host high-quality arts performances.

5. Maintained our record-breaking Studio Fair, number of attendees and vendors

Over 15,000 visits, over 300 individual vendors, artists and arts groups, and nearly doubled the entry revenue.

Acknowledgements

I would like to extend special thanks to outgoing Executive Director Eli Klasner, whose leadership and vision were instrumental in shaping the success of Studio 2880 and its programs. His work has built a strong foundation for the exciting developments ahead.

THANK YOU TO AN AMAZING BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR ALL YOUR GREAT SUPPORT, IDEAS, INNOVATIONS & GOVERNANCE!

Karen Heathman, Margaret Jones-Bricker, Christine Sullivan, Jeff Elder, Philomena Hughes

And thank you to those board members who moved on this year Diane Levesque, Cliff Mann, Terri McConnachie, Neil Godbout

THANK YOU TO THE CAC STAFF TEAM – ALWAYS STRIVING TO PRODUCE THE BEST!

Lisa Redpath, Seth Phillips, Anna Oh, Rob Hall, Jon Model, KC Westerman

THANK YOU TO SUE JOHANSSON AND CHRISTINA WATTS WHO GAVE SO MUCH (and continue to do so) TO THE CAC!

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THANK YOU TO OUR MANY, MANY VOLUNTEERS – WE CAN'T DO WHAT WE DO WITHOUT YOUR PASSION, TIME, AND ENERGY!