#### **NEWSLETTER: February 2022**



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#### **Feasibility Study Update**

The Feasibility Study is progressing: The first phase was all about Community Assessment. Stakeholder interviews were done to gather in depth feedback on the idea of a new arts centre in the Haliburton Highlands. Local concert promoters, performers, music teachers and community groups provided usage numbers to help determine scope. The team from Janis A. Barlow & Associates visited the county to perform interviews, to get familiar with the region and tour prospective sites. Finally, a public survey garnered over 300 submissions.

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Support for a new arts centre is strong and comments delivered a clear message for what is important to the Haliburton Highlands. Phase 2 of the study is now underway. Numbers from the community assessment are translating into a functional program for an arts centre: Prospective sizes of performance and rehearsal spaces are driving the sizes of other parts of the building: lobby; intermission space; green room; washrooms; and more. Looking toward revenue generation, other public spaces are being considered: retail, cafe, arts-related tenants. Through strategic planning sessions with the board of directors, the consulting team is bringing the Foundation's mission, vision and values into focus. This phase will wrap up with the draft presentation of project priorities, design principles and building components. The board is looking forward to this as it will be the first visual glimpse that the Foundation will get to a potential arts centre.

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## Canada

Federal Funding from the Department of Canadian Heritage

The HHACF is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a contribution of \$44,900 from the Department of Canadian Heritage via their Canadian Cultural Spaces Fund. This generous grant was the final step in assuring that the Foundation's Feasibility Study is fully funded.





### Ontario



## Funding from Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization and the Province of Ontario

The HHACF is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a contribution of \$15,000 from OHTO's Tourism Recovery and Initiative Program, funded by the Province of Ontario. This news meant our Feasibility Study could move into Phase 2 without delay.

#### **Home Hardware Becomes a Founding Corporate Sponsor**

The Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation (HHACF) is very excited to announce a Corporate Sponsorship with Home Hardware Building Centre (Haliburton and Minden)! Dan & Emily Moulton, Dealer-Owners, Home Hardware Building Centre, have committed their company to become our first Founding Sponsor, with a donation of \$25,000 in 2022!



#### Meet Our New Board Members



**Dorothy Stavrinos, Secretary:** Dorothy is proud to join the HHACF, an inspired initiative to foster the Arts in Haliburton County.

Following her studies at the University of Toronto, Dorothy has been an active piano teacher throughout the city. Over the course of her teaching career, Dorothy has maintained close ties with the Royal Conservatory of Music, arranging a teaching studio in central locations in Toronto and creating an innovative housing model where Glenn Gould School students had the opportunity to teach and live 'under one roof'. She is currently involved with managing the RCM practical and theoretical sessional exams in central Toronto.

A prolific fundraiser for the Arts, from the Toronto Children's Choirs and Royal Conservatory Children's Orchestras, to pioneering the Learning Thru the Arts program into TDSB and investing and coaching artists to strive for better business practices, Dorothy remains dedicated to enriching young minds while enticing new audiences to music and art.

Dorothy, along with her husband David Lavkulik, has been cottaging on Kennisis Lake for close to 20 years. Now, with two adult children and a new son-in-law, she looks forward to helping grow and excite new audiences at Haliburton's new home for the Arts.



Justin van Lieshout, Director: Growing up in Haliburton County, Justin van Lieshout has been involved in the arts from a young age. Having first appeared as a performer in the Highlands Summer Festival's Sound of Music, Justin developed his passion at a young age being involved in various performances of The Nutcracker, Highland's Little Theatre productions, and other theatrical productions through Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. At 10 years old, Justin won a TIFF youth award for his film The Beginning originally submitted to Tammy Rea's 48 create, and later earned recognition for vocal performance through the Royal Conservatory of Music.

At 16, Justin left Haliburton to attend a specialized performing arts high school in Toronto's west end. Working as a backup performer for many notable concerts, it was here that he eventually fell into producing film and television content on both broadcast and digital platforms. To date, he's worked on many series and films, most notably his involvement in home renovation TV series appearing on HGTV, YouTube Original Series, and a feature documentary on American education reform that recently screened at COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland.

Justin continues to hone his craft and works remotely from Haliburton when possible. This jack-of-all trades brings his flexibility and passion to the Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation as he works to create more opportunities for youth engagement in the arts in Haliburton County.



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