

September 30, 2021

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this letter of support for the Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation on behalf of Rural Rogues Theatre Productions, located in Haliburton County.



The County of Haliburton has long been a home of the arts, beginning with the Haliburton Guild of the Arts in 1967. Since then, the region has attracted a number of full-time and part-time residents active in all disciplines of the arts – theatre, instrumental music, vocal music, dance, media arts (film/video), painting, sculpture, pottery, and jewelry - just to name a few. Haliburton is the home of the Haliburton School of Art and Design, The Haliburton Sculpture Forest, The Highlands Summer Festival (theatre), two film festivals, the Highland Festival Singers and the Highlands Opera Studio. Complimenting this are numerous smaller groups of actors, musicians and dancers.

The board of directors of Rural Rogues support the creation of a state-of-the-art performing arts centre in Haliburton County. It is evident that arts and culture play a large part in the economic well-being and quality of life in the county. It is clear that the artistic community of Haliburton County has outgrown the Northern Lights Pavilion in the secondary school. While being a wonderful, if small, space created by the community, the restrictions of being part of a school and the limitations of size and space necessitates a new vibrant Performing Arts Centre that is flexible, dynamic, central, accessible and multi-use. The feasibility study will go a long way in helping the community move this project forward.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Rieger
Chair, Rural Rogues Theatre Productions.