

# Markham Arts Council

2019  
Annual  
Report





# Mission Vision

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## ***Collaboration:***

Providing space for artists from varying disciplines and cultural backgrounds to work together on collaborative projects and initiatives.

## ***Creativity:***

Fostering and nurturing creativity by providing emerging and established artists with opportunities to grow and learn. Providing

the support, advice and encouragement artists need to pursue their passions.

## ***Community:***

Building a stronger, more unified arts community that encompasses literature, experimental art, visual arts, new media, music, dance, performance and dramatic arts. Advocating for the arts in the City of Markham.



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# A Year in Review

*2019 has been a phenomenal year for Markham Arts Council. We ran a great number of programs and forged unique partnerships to further our mission.*

- Markham Arts Council celebrated its 15th year anniversary in 2019. A commemorative plaque was presented to the organization by Mayor Frank Scarpitti at the Gala.
- Received the Federal New Horizon's Seniors Program Grant, Ontario Seniors Community Grant and Celebrate Markham Grant.
- New partnerships were formed with York University and 360° Kids
- A shift in focus towards Governance and Board Development with our very first session taking place in January 2019
- An Affair with the Arts Gala fundraising event.
- Worked on creating an ongoing Community Art Wall at the Aaniin Community Centre
- Worked with the City of Markham to commission a Public Mural – Woodland Wings at the Aaniin Community Centre
- Our satellite committee Markham At the Movies was the winner of the Flato Markham Award for the Community Group of the Year.
- Continued forming strategic partnerships with other local community groups to ensure maximum program reach. Key partners include Markham Group of Artists (MGA), Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA), Greensborough Tamil Seniors Wellness Club and Aaniin Community Centre's Middlefield Seniors Wellness Club.



# Programs, Events and Festivals

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In 2019, Markham Arts Council's programs focused on providing the local community with enriching experiences for growth and exploration while promoting the rich cultural history and heritage of the City of Markham.

Our flagship programming initiatives included Walk with Art, Art for Seniors, Biz-Art Webinars, Spring and Fall Art Shows, among others.

We are pleased to announce that all our programs in 2019 have been funded generously by the Federal, Provincial and Municipal levels of Government and would like to take this opportunity to thank them.



In 2019, MAC held its very first Governance session in January. The session was held in conjunction with MAS, an organization that provides pro-bono consulting for other not-for-profit organizations.

We hosted our AGM in May, 2019.

Showcased the talent of budding local photographers through a photo exhibition.

We culminated the year with the Volunteer Appreciation Event in December, to thank and recognize all volunteers whose tireless work allows us to continue offer meaningful programming.

We would like to take this opportunity to specially thank our Keynote speaker Sarah Bay-Cheng, Dean of the School of Arts, Media, Performance and Design at York University.





***In 2019, Markham Arts Council hosted various events and festivals:***

- The Annual Arts and Cultural Heritage Celebration, that showcased the rich diversity that has come to form the very fabric of the City of Markham
- An Affair with the Arts Fundraising Gala, to showcase the talent and versatility housed within the City of Markham while raising funds to allow the Council to continue to offer meaningful programming to the community.
- Community Art Wall, filled with art-work created by local artists, at the Aaniin Community Centre. The wall was inaugurated by Mayor Frank Scarpitti as part of Culture Days.
- MAC continued to partner with a number of local organizations including the Unionville Festival hosted by the BIA and Markham Village Music Festival.

# 2019 in Pictures







# Furthering our Mandate

**At Markham Arts Council, we believe  
in going the extra mile.**

Markham Arts Council partnered with York University's Arts, Media, Performance and Design School as part of their Cross-Campus Capstone Classroom. MAC participated in two collaborative projects:

- Creating a Diverse community Dance Program for Seniors in the City of Markham
- Environmentally Sustainable (Mechanical) Public Art Installation.

Markham Arts Council also participated in a collaborative study with York University's Faculty of Health, Department of Psychology.

We also worked closely with the City of Markham on commissioning a public mural – Woodland Wings - at the Aaniin Community Centre.



York University's Cross  
Campus Capstone  
Classroom





Woodlands Wings  
Public Mural at Aaniin  
Community Centre

# Our Satellite Committee

Markham  
At the Movies







Markham Teen  
Arts Council



MTAC WORKSHOP SERIES



**Photography Workshop**  
Details coming soon

GET YOUR SUBMISSIONS IN FOR

**WORDUP!**

**Nov 1**

Submissions are due November 1st  
@11:59pm EST  
Check out our bio for more details!

MARKHAM  
TEEN  
COUNCIL

Presenting

**YOUTH  
NATION  
ALLIANCE**

Connecting You



**MARKHAM X MTAC**

**EARTH DAY EVENT**

VIP Cineplex Building, 169 Enterprise Blvd.  
April 27/10:00-4:00 PM



SEED PLANTING AND  
POT PAINTING

BUTTERFLY CRAFTS FOR BIRD  
COLLISION AWARENESS

VISIT MTAC'S BOOTH WHERE WE WILL HOST  
THE CRAFT ZONE!



# Continued support for MAC members

***MAC continues to support its members through a number of ongoing initiatives:***

- Promotion of members through a number of marketing initiatives including MAC website, social media channels, newsletters, festivals and other such channels.
- Regular updates of ongoing programming through bi-weekly newsletters, social media channels, MAC Website, information booths at local festivals
- Support to our satellite committees – Markham Teen Arts Council, Markham at the Movies, LaVaLab
- Opportunities for Educational and Professional Development.
- Collaborative and Outreach initiatives
- Advocacy and support for local artists and arts causes.



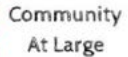
# New Initiatives

- We've almost completed our Vision 2020 Strategic Plan. We're now progressing towards a new strategic plan for the future.
- Continued programming with existing and new community partners.
- Introducing Art Awards for emerging and professional artists
- Marketing and promotions of LaVaLab and other initiatives
- Increasing youth outreach and arts programming by partnering with schools
- Increasing senior outreach and arts programming
- Creating more accessible programming to cater to the needs of the wider demographic.





## THANKS TO OUR FUNDERS, PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS



## OUR SATELLITE COMMITTEES



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