

NEWS RELEASE

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ARTicipate Grants Bring the Arts to Life at the Shenkman Arts Centre

2018-19 Season of ARTicipate Project Grants Announced

Ottawa (Ontario) – Fifteen Ottawa area artists have been chosen by a peer assessment jury to exhibit and perform at the Shenkman Arts Centre as part of the ARTicipate 2018-2019 Season, thanks to the ARTicipate Endowment Fund, a grant program stewarded by Arts Network Ottawa.

This year the ARTicipate Endowment Fund provided a total of \$26,250 in grant money to 15 local artists and arts groups through ARTicipate Program Grants. The season will make full use of the Shenkman Arts Centre's professional and unique spaces, including the Harold Shenkman Hall, Richcraft Theatre, Ottawa Citizen Dance Studio, LaLande + Doyle Exhibition Space and the Trinity Art Gallery.

For the ARTicipate 2018-2019 Season, performers and exhibitors will cover everything from dance to film to visual and media art.

First time ARTicipate grant recipient, Second Step, will present *Light(less)*, an original play without words which will use comedic physical theatre, live music, and shadow puppetry to create a captivating performance for all ages.

“ARTicipate will allow for Second Step to further invest in *Light(less)* by expanding our team to include designers and an assistant stage manager, says Nicholas Leno, co-creator and director. These additions will be an asset to elevating the overall quality of the project. Additionally it will provide an opportunity for us to present our work to a new community.”

Arts Network Ottawa recognizes the difficulty that many in the arts encounter when searching for project funding; for this reason, the Arts Network created the ARTicipate Endowment Fund eleven years ago. The Fund financially supports Ottawa artists and arts groups to showcase their work with the community at Shenkman Arts Centre. Since 2010 this annual grant has contributed positively towards new works and collaboration at the Shenkman Arts Centre.

ABOUT THE ARTICIPATE ENDOWMENT FUND

The ARTicipate Endowment Fund was created with the generous support of donors and the Province of Ontario. Since 2010, the Fund has awarded 153 grants totaling over \$582,867.80** to local artists and arts groups as well as the Shenkman Arts Centre's five Resident Arts Partners (Arts Network Ottawa, Ottawa School of Art - Orléans Campus, Gloucester Pottery School, Mouvement d'implication francophone d'Orléans, Ottawa School of Theatre).

Additional donations to the ARTicipate Fund are strongly encouraged. In 2018, the Shenkman Family Foundation will match dollar-for-dollar all contributions made to the Fund from now until December 31. To find out more: www.articipate.ca

ARTICIPATE FUNDED PROJECTS 2018—2019 SEASON

RECIPIENT	PROJECT
<p>Alicia Mercedes Benz \$1,000</p> <p>November 22, 2018 to January 8, 2019 Trinity Art Gallery, Salon B</p>	<p>Achromatically Inclined</p> <p><i>Achromatically Inclined</i> is an exploration into the elegant simplicity of a limited palette, materials are placed to catch light while accentuating the design in order to create an engaging piece.</p> <p>Visual Art</p>
<p>Aroha Fine Arts \$2,225</p> <p>September 21 and 22, 2018 Richcraft Theatre and Upper Lobby</p>	<p>ArohaFest 2018</p> <p>2nd edition of <i>ArohaFest</i>, an inclusive two-day South Asian Arts Festival that celebrates both Canada and the diversity that has become so synonymous with our community.</p> <p>Dance, Music, Theatre, Visual Arts</p>
<p>Brenda Dunn \$1,000</p> <p>February 5 to 21, 2019 LaLande + Doyle Exhibition Space</p>	<p>The Living Colouring Book</p> <p>So often, in gallery settings, we are told not to touch the artworks. To challenge this taboo, Brenda will create a giant colouring book for the audience to colour in built from their suggestions.</p> <p>Mixed Media, Community Engaged Arts</p>
<p>Coro Vivo Ottawa Inc. \$2,225</p> <p>April 26, 2019 Harold Shenkman Hall</p>	<p>Haydn's Mass in D Minor "Nelson Mass"</p> <p>Coro Vivo Ottawa, joined by the Choral ensemble of the Conservatoire de musique, will perform <i>Haydn's Mass in D Minor "Nelson Mass"</i> with classical orchestra and soloists April 26, 2019.</p> <p>Music</p>
<p>Diane Laundry \$1,000</p> <p>August 23 to September 18, 2018 Trinity Art Gallery Salon A</p>	<p>Kaleidos</p> <p>This exhibition takes the viewer beyond the original photographic image to delve into the intricate details, patterns and textures of natural and architectural subjects.</p> <p>Visual Art</p>
<p>MDA Productions \$2,225</p> <p>February 9, 2019 Richcraft Theatre</p>	<p>Cabaret Caribe</p> <p><i>Cabaret Caribe</i> is a multi-disciplinary show presented exclusively in a Cabaret setting. A unique creation of Caribbean songs and vibrant dances.</p> <p>Dance, Music</p>
<p>Pontiac Artists' Association \$2,225</p> <p>January 4 to 23, 2019 LaLande + Doyle Exhibition Space</p>	<p>Metamorphosis - Traveling show</p> <p>Seven artists from the Pontiac are challenged to stretch their creativity by adding new dimensions to their work.</p> <p>Visual Arts</p>

<p>Rag & Bone Puppet Theatre \$2,225</p> <p>March 13, 2019 Ottawa Citizen Dance Studio</p>	<p>The Cow Show</p> <p>A revival of The Cow Show presented in two performances during March Break, 2019.</p> <p>Theatre</p>
<p>Ralitsa Tcholakova \$1,250</p> <p>Exhibit: October 2 to 21, 2018 LaLande + Doyle Exhibition Space Concert: October 19, 2019 Richcraft Theatre</p>	<p>Exhibit: The Power of Free Spirit - The fate of the Jews in Bulgaria & Concert: Hebrew Melody</p> <p>The exhibit and the concert are promoting peace and dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the saving of the Bulgarian Jewish people (close to 50,000) during the WWII.</p> <p>Music, Visual Art</p>
<p>Ralph Nevins \$1,000</p> <p>January 10 to February 12, 2019 Trinity Art Gallery Salon B</p>	<p>Cirrus'ly</p> <p>An interactive cloudy exhibit presenting elements of Conway's Game of Life and new media art; completely artificial in nature.</p> <p>Visual Art</p>
<p>Sarah Lacy \$1,000</p> <p>February 5 to 21, 2019 LaLande + Doyle Exhibition Space</p>	<p>Un(fashion)able</p> <p><i>Un(fashion)able</i> is a show about self-possessed women that the viewer cannot fashion into whoever they want. They are painted unfashionably, eschewing a contemporary aesthetic for an 18th century one.</p> <p>Visual Art</p>
<p>Second Step \$2,200</p> <p>April 14 to 16, 2018 Richcraft Theatre</p>	<p>Light(less)</p> <p><i>Light(less)</i> is an original play without words which uses comedic physical theatre, live music, and shadow puppetry to create a captivating performance for all ages.</p> <p>Dance, Music, Theatre</p>
<p>Sonia St Michel Anjali Patil Dance Collective \$2,225</p> <p>March 20, 2019 Richcraft Theatre</p>	<p>Mystique</p> <p>Create, produce and present a 60-minute contemporary work - an exploration of the mystical journey of one's self. The work will be based on based on Kathak and Odissi dance forms.</p> <p>Dance</p>
<p>Tara Luz Danse \$2,225</p> <p>September 29, 2018 and February 16, 2019 Ottawa Citizen Dance Studio</p>	<p>Step into the Studio: Saison 2018/2019</p> <p>Tara Luz Danse will present 'Step into the Studio' a simple and accessible introduction to the world of contemporary dance through playful movement games.</p> <p>Dance</p>
<p>Théâtre du village Orléans inc. \$2,225</p> <p>November 12 to 18, 2018 Richcraft Theatre</p>	<p>COMÉDIE DANS LE NOIR (Play)</p> <p>A witty comedy by Peter Shaffer. A power failure forces the characters to move around in the dark, causing a thousand disasters. The public, who can see everything, delights in their misadventures!</p> <p>Theatre</p>

ABOUT THE ARTICIPATE ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT PROGRAM

The ARTicipate Endowment Fund was established in 2007 by Arts Network Ottawa with the generous support of many donors and the Province of Ontario to enable artistic programming in professional spaces at [Shenkman Arts Centre](#). This support is provided through grants awarded to local artists and arts groups that will present or exhibit their work at the Centre.

Since its inception, a total of \$582,867.80** has been distributed in grants to support high quality artistic activities of all disciplines. For more information about the Fund, the ARTicipate Grant Program or to make a donation, visit [articipate.ca](#).

**As reported in the 2017 ARTicipate Endowment Fund Annual Report plus 2018 grants.

ABOUT ARTS NETWORK OTTAWA

Arts Network Ottawa knows how the Arts build strong communities. For more than 30 years, we have collaborated with communities to promote the creative, social and economic benefits of local Arts and will continue to do so. We provide an informed voice for a bilingual network, across the Ottawa region, of over 400 artists, cultural workers and arts organizations. As an arts service organization, we are an essential connection to opportunities, resources, programs and partnerships that advance careers and the sustainability of Ottawa's arts community.

Arts Network Ottawa recognizes that the City of Ottawa was built on unceded Algonquin Anishinaabe Territory, the diversity of Ottawa's artists and residents and both official languages.

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