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Arts Network Ottawa is pleased to launch the **Cultural Venue Recovery Project** with funding from the City of Ottawa. This vital Project will focus on building community capacity in non-City owned spaces by offering access to interior air quality expertise for community arts and culture venues in need of COVID-19 technical assistance to re-open and recover.

"We all want to see people back safely in our cultural spaces, participating and experiencing art. This project will provide guidelines for venues and spaces to implement basic changes to their HVAC systems and physical infrastructure that will allow further protection to artists, audiences, and workers," states Cassandra Olsthoorn, Arts Network's executive director.

Maxime Brunet has joined the team at Arts Network as Special Project Coordinator and will lead this initiative. Maxime has worked in the music industry as a live sound engineer and tour manager for 10 years and has worked extensively in venues in both Ottawa and Toronto as well as touring internationally with a variety of artists.

The project will also use the service of technical-engineering specialists in indoor air quality (IAQ) and ventilation. Cultural venues and sites to be accessed will be approved by an Advisory Committee. To support the cultural sector City-wide a public report and list of recommendations will be available that can be applied across a variety of spaces, looking at a variety of sizes, capacities, and operating models.

Geographically, this project will consider cultural venues within the territorial limits of the amalgamated City of Ottawa, and that the primary beneficiaries of the services and programmes will be the residents of the City of Ottawa, members of the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation, and members of Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg. Final research and recommendations will be released once the project has wrapped up by June 2021.

By providing support for the improvement and well-being of community cultural spaces and facilities, Arts Network aims to get artists, musicians, and technicians working and venues welcoming audiences back again.

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about Arts Network Ottawa

Since 1987, Arts Network Ottawa has been building a healthy and sustainable arts sector by creating professional development and mentorship opportunities for artists; providing resources to advance the careers of artists and cultural workers; and collaborating through partnerships to advocate the creative, social, and economic benefits the arts play in a flourishing community. As of March 2020, our strategic focus is to support the community through COVID-19 resources and programs.

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program considerations

- Province of Ontario and the City of Ottawa re-opening safety measures
- World Health Organization (WHO), the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC in the USA) and Canadian federal and Ontario provincial legislation
- Limited to non-City owned or operated venues within the territorial limits of the amalgamated City of Ottawa

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