

LIVINGARTS HAMILTON RESOURCES GUIDE FOR DANCE ARTISTS

Artists Live In Hamilton

This list of professional development resources was created based on the [LivingArts Hamilton](#) Community Consultations and Interviews for Arts Education in 2015. These online resources address the needs of dance artists living and practicing in the Hamilton region.

This is a “living document”; it is by no means exhaustive and we welcome you to contact the Hamilton Arts Council with any other additional resources that may be useful to the professional development of artists and arts workers in the field of Dance.

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ARTS FUNDING FOR DANCE ARTISTS

[Canada Council for the Arts - Dance](#): The Canada Council for the Arts provides grants and awards to dance professionals including:

- [Grants to Dance Professionals](#)
- [Grants to Aboriginal Dance Professionals](#)
- [Travel Grants to Dance Professionals](#)
- [Dance Touring Grants - National](#)
- [Dance Touring Grants - International](#)
- [Production Project Grants in Dance](#)

- [Dance on Screen Production Projects](#)
- [Dance Presentation Program: Support to Presenters](#)
- [Artists and Community Collaboration Program in Dance](#)
- [Artists and Community Collaboration Program \(ACCP\)](#)

[Ontario Arts Council - Dance](#): The OAC provides grants and awards to theatre arts professionals including:

- [Dance Initiatives](#) offers grants for research and development, production and presentation of professional dance, as well as funding for dance series and festivals and community initiatives across the province.
- [Dance Organizations](#) provides operating funding to not-for-profit professional dance organizations, including dance companies, dance presenters and dance training schools that have presented at least two years of regular programming.
- [Aboriginal and Culturally Diverse Dance Training](#) offers grants to dance schools and professional dance companies whose mandate is to foster Aboriginal and culturally diverse expressions in dance for training dance students and professional dance artists.
- [Ontario Dances](#) supports performing arts presenters outside of the city of Toronto to engage their audiences to dance made by Ontario dance companies.
- [Ontario Dances Artist Portal](#) is an access point for Ontario's professional dance artists to share information directly with nine multidisciplinary Ontario-based presenters funded through OAC's Ontario Dances program.

[Ontario Arts Council - Skills and Careers](#)

- OAC supports training and mentorship opportunities that advance the work and careers of individual artists and arts professionals.

[City of Hamilton: City Enrichment Fund](#)

- The Arts Program of the City Enrichment Fund provides opportunities for all the people of Hamilton to enjoy and actively participate in the arts while enhancing social, economic and cultural prosperity and building strength in the arts sector. As of October 2015, the following programs were open for applications:
 - [Arts Organizations](#) provide not-for-profit arts organizations with a stable funding base to enable them to further their mission.
 - [Arts Festivals](#) enhance the ability of organizations to produce and present arts festivals that have high merit, strong impact and solid viability.
 - [Capacity Building for Arts Organizations](#) aims to strengthen the relevance, responsiveness, effectiveness and resilience of organizations.

- [Creation and Presentation Grants for Arts Professionals](#) provide the opportunity for artists to create and to present a body of work that will build and/or strengthen their careers and/or enhance the creative profile of the City of Hamilton.

[Hamilton Community Foundation](#)

- Supporting all aspects of community life through grants and financing to a wide range of charitable organizations and initiatives including the [Creative Arts Fund](#).

[Incite Foundation for the Arts](#)

- A Hamilton area charitable foundation that supports program excellence and creativity in visual and performing arts organizations in the Hamilton Area

[Ontario Trillium Foundation](#)

- Supports eligible organizations through investments in community-based initiatives in various areas including arts and culture.

GET CONNECTED TO DANCE COMMUNITIES

[Canadian Alliance of Dance Artists - Ontario Chapter \(CADA-ON\)](#)

- Focuses on supporting the local dance community with interest in the status of the independent dance artist.

[Dance Ontario](#)

- Promotes and supports the advancement of all forms of dance in Canada, particularly in Ontario.

[Dance Umbrella](#)

- Provides independent dance artists and dance companies with knowledge and advice in order for their artistic vision to be reached. Has staff dedicated to administrative support at an affordable rate.

HOW TO FIND STUDIO & REHEARSAL SPACES

[Hamilton Arts Council: Studio & Rehearsal Spaces](#)

- HAC provides a list of studios and rehearsal spaces currently available for performers and artists to use.

[SpaceFinder Hamilton](#)

- Venues can market unbooked rental space by creating a listing and uploading a digital calendar, while creatives can discover space based on location, price, amenities, and up-to-date availability.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN DANCE & THE ARTS

[Hamilton Arts Council: Calls for Entry & Opportunities](#)

- Provides artists with information about current opportunities they can apply for both within Hamilton and further afield.

[Dance Ontario](#)

- Promotes and supports dancers and provides current job opportunities available

[Culture Works](#)

- A resource for cultural workers and employers. Most if not all of the jobs are within the arts sector

[Work In Culture](#)

- An organization that offers a range of training and tools that help arts and culture professionals develop the business skills to match their creative talents including:
 - [Learning Programs](#)
 - [Publication Resources](#)
 - [The Job Board](#)

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WHAT DO ARTISTS NEED?

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