

# LIVINGARTS HAMILTON RESOURCES

## GUIDE FOR THEATRE & PERFORMING ARTS

### Artists Live In Hamilton

This list of professional development resources was created based on the [LivingArts Hamilton](#) Community Consultations and Interviews for Theatre & Performing Arts in 2015. These online resources address the needs of theatre 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 fields of Theatre and Performing Arts.

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#### **FUNDING FOR THEATRE & PERFORMING ARTISTS**

##### [Theatre Ontario: Professional Theatre Training Program \(PTTP\)](#)

- Offers financial support for unique and flexible training with a chosen mentor in any theatrical discipline

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

- [Grants to Theatre Artists: Individual Creation, Playwright-in-Residency, Artist-in-Residency and Professional Development](#)

- [Travel Grants to Theatre Artists](#)
- [Theatre Production Project Grants for Emerging Artists](#)
- [Theatre Production Project Grants for Established Artists](#)
- [Developmental Support to Aboriginal Theatre Organizations](#)
- [Travel Grants for Theatre Artistic Directors, Administrators and Presenters](#)
- [Theatre Touring and Special Initiatives Program](#)
- [Theatre International Program](#)
- [Theatre: Project Grants to Service Organizations](#)
- [Artists and Community Collaboration Program in Theatre](#)
- [Artists and Community Collaboration Program \(ACCP\)](#)

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

- [Playwright Residency](#) provides grants so Ontario playwrights may take up residence with professional Ontario theatre companies
- [Theatre Creators' Reserve](#) allows professional theatre companies to recommend OAC grants to individual creators and collectives for new work development
- [Theatre Organizations](#) provides operating funding to not-for-profit professional theatre organizations that have presented at least two years of regular programming
- [Theatre Projects](#) offers grants for creation, production and presentation of professional theatre, as well as funding for festivals and other initiatives

#### [Ontario Arts Council - Touring](#)

- OAC's touring program helps artists and organizations reach new audiences and markets. The program also allows collaborations between touring artists and local artists, organizations and communities. The program also funds professional artists and arts organizations who want to take live acts and performances across Ontario.

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

- The Ontario Arts Council 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.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THEATRE & PERFORMING ARTISTS**

#### [Theatre Ontario: Resources](#)

- Offers a wide range of resources available to theatre artists and practitioners in Ontario including:
  - [Auditions](#): Postings are accepted for acting opportunities in productions across the province, including both professional theatre and community theatre productions
  - [Volunteer and Non-Paying Positions at Ontario Theatres](#): Current volunteer / non-paying position opportunities at Ontario's theatres
  - [Calls for Submission](#): Calls for Submission at Ontario theatres
  - [Counselling](#): Free counselling services are offered to Theatre Ontario members regarding questions affecting individual careers or organizations.
  - [Talent Bank of Theatre Instructors](#): Matches organizations (particularly community theatres and educational organizations) with professional theatre teachers and trainers for workshops, adjudications, and short-term consulting contracts.
  - [ONstage Theatre Listings](#): A searchable listing of theatre productions across Ontario.
  - [Training Resources](#): Adult and youth courses, workshops, and intensives at Ontario's theatres.

- [Non-Union Talent Files](#): A means of connecting emerging and/or non-union theatre professionals (our members) with theatre companies
- [Funding](#): A list of grant programs, upcoming grant deadlines and general information about arts funding.
- [Directory of Theatre Organizations](#): A list of not-for-profit theatre organizations and theatre festivals
- [Health and Safety](#): Offers Health and Safety and Best Practices Guidelines for theatre.
- [Copyright](#): Contains documents surrounding copyright issues such as Play Copyright, Music Use in Theatre and Video Recording Theatre.

## PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR THEATRE & PERFORMING ARTS

### [Ontario Presents / Ontario Performing Arts Presenting Network](#)

- Ontario Presents' primary focus is on the health of its members and their organizations. Ontario Presents operates a number of participatory [programs](#) and [services](#) that help members build capacity, develop leadership and create opportunities to grow and diversify their audiences.

### [PACT \(Professional Association of Canadian Theatres\)](#)

- PACT is the collective voice of professional Canadian theatres, a leader in the national performing arts community, and a devoted advocate for the value of live performance offering programs and services that benefit our community such as the [Human Resources in Canadian Theatre](#), and annual [Professional Development programs](#). Includes a [list of theatres across the country](#).

## NETWORK WITH THEATRE & PERFORMING ARTS COMMUNITIES

### [ACTRA Resources Page](#)

- ACTRA (Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists) is the union of more than 22,000 professional performers working in English-language recorded media in Canada including TV, film, radio and digital media. This list of resources covers many aspects of the industry including professional development opportunities.

### [ACTRA Performers Agents Directory](#)

- ACTRA Toronto's listing of agencies that are members of the Entertainment Industry Coalition (EIC)

### [Canadian Actors Equity](#)

- Canadian Actors' Equity Association represents professional artists including performers (actors, singers, dancers), directors, choreographers, fight directors and stage managers, engaged in theatre, opera and dance in English Canada. The business of Equity is to negotiate and administer collective agreements, provide benefit plans, information and support, and act as an advocate for its membership.

## **GET INVOLVED WITH ONTARIO THEATRE & PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVALS**

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

- This online listing and bi-weekly e-newsletter is regularly updated with opportunities for artists to apply to in order to perform and showcase their work.

### [Hamilton Fringe Festival](#)

- A performance festival in Hamilton that takes places over 11 days every July. An affordable way to connect with the Hamilton theatre community, more than 40 companies involved and over 300 performances in total.

### [Summer Works](#)

- Summer Works is an 11 day performance festival that runs from August 6-16<sup>th</sup> in Toronto every year. It includes theatre, dance, and live art performances.

### [InspiraTO Festival](#)

- From May 28- June 6<sup>th</sup> the InspiraTO Festival focuses on short, site-specific theatre

### [Paprika Festival](#)

- A youth-led theatre festival in which young artists create original performances with the support of the artistic community. The festival takes place every spring from May 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **TRAINING FOR LOCAL THEATRE & PERFORMING ARTISTS**

### [Theatre Aquarius GYM](#)

- Training programs that leads participants through various exercises that will set them on their way towards writing a dynamic play.

### [Mohawk College Performing Arts Certificate](#)

- This continuing education program provides the skills to go forward in the acting industry and to gain a hands-on perspective of the craft. Courses provide the fundamentals to pursue a career in theatre arts and the necessary information and contacts to move forward.

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

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## 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 THE ARTS

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

- Provides artists with knowledge about current opportunities they can apply for within the Hamilton region

### [Akimbo Jobs](#)

- Canada's online source for arts information

### [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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