



# LIVINGARTS HAMILTON RESOURCES GUIDE FOR VISUAL ARTS

## Artists Live In Hamilton

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

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### ARTS FUNDING FOR VISUAL ARTISTS

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

- [Project Grants to Visual Artists](#)
- [Long-Term Grants to Visual Artists](#)
- [Fine Craft: Grants to Artists and Curators](#)
- [Fine Craft: Long-Term Grants to Artists and Curators](#)
- [Visual Arts: Project Grants for Curators and Critics](#)
- [Travel Grants to Professionals in the Visual Arts](#)

- [Aboriginal/Inuit Traditional Visual Art Forms Program for Individual Artists](#)
- [Grants to Aboriginal Curators for Residencies in the Visual Arts](#)
- [Grants to Culturally Diverse Curators for Residencies in the Visual Arts](#)
- [International Residencies](#)
- [Visual Arts: Artists and Community Collaboration Program](#)
- [Jean A. Chalmers Fund for the Crafts](#)
- [Artists and Community Collaboration Program \(ACCP\)](#)

[Ontario Arts Council](#): The Ontario Arts Council offers more than fifty granting programs to individual artists, collectives, ad hoc groups and organizations including:

- [Aboriginal Curatorial Projects](#)
- [Aboriginal Artists Materials and Supplies Assistance](#)
- [Culturally Diverse Curatorial Projects](#)
- [Exhibition Assistance](#)
- [Public Art Galleries](#)
- [Public Art Galleries Projects](#)
- [Visual Arts: Artist-Run Centres and Organizations](#)
- [Visual Artists: Emerging](#)
- [Visual Artists: Mid-Career](#)
- [Visual Artists: Established](#)
- [Visual Arts Projects](#)

#### [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.

## **CONNECT WITH VISUAL ARTS COMMUNITIES**

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

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

### [Akimbo Call for Submissions](#)

- Up-to-date information about exhibitions, publications, performances, screenings, lectures, launches, calls for submissions, and jobs related and relevant to visual culture in Canada.

### [Instant Coffee](#)

- A service oriented artist collective that creates informative email lists

## **LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ADVICE FOR VISUAL ARTISTS**

### [CARFAC National: Tools for Visual Artists](#)

- As the national voice of Canada's professional visual artists, CARFAC defends artists' economic and legal rights and educates the public on fair dealing with artists.

### [Visual Artists Legal Clinic of Ontario](#)

- The Visual Artists' Legal Clinic of Ontario (VALCO) provides CARFAC members with one free hour of legal advice relating to copyright, commercial contracts, labour law, commercial leases (for studio and gallery spaces), tenants' rights or incorporating as a business.

### [Work In Culture: Resources](#)

- Connect, Create, and Curate training and tools that help arts and culture professionals develop the business skills to match their creative talents

### [Arts and Entertainment Plan](#)

- Benefits for artists and their families: Drug, health, dental, life, travel insurance

### [Hamilton Arts Council - Preparing for an Exhibition: FAQ for Visual Artists](#)

- A downloadable PDF guide for emerging artists covering the essential first steps to securing an exhibition and how to handle logistical issues such as shipping, insurance and contracts

### [Emerging Artist Guide](#)

- Spark Box Studio have gathered and organized all kinds of valuable information that will help you organize and promote yourself as an artist, get your work out there, and understand the business basics of a career in the arts.

## **ARTIST RESIDENCIES**

### [Res Artist - Worldwide Network of Artist Residencies](#)

- An association of over 500 centres, organizations, and individuals in over 70 countries dedicated to offering artists, curators, and creative people a list of residencies and resources.

### [Canada Council for the Arts - International Residencies](#)

- The International Residencies program supports professional individuals and collaborations in the visual arts, which includes fine craft, and independent critics and curators, in furthering their artistic practice and professional development in an international context.

### [The Banff Centre - Arts Residencies](#)

- Programs that provide time and space for artists, curators, and researchers to create, experiment with and develop production techniques, and cultivate new directions in their work during an extended stay.

### [Art Gallery of Ontario - Artist-In-Residence](#)

- Connecting to artists in Toronto's art scene, the residency program allows the AGO to contribute significantly to the evolution of individual artistic endeavours, leading the way for experimentation and growth in the field of contemporary art practice.

### [Klondike Institute of Art & Culture](#)

- Artist in Residence Program, Dawson City, aims to present an inspirational environment and culturally relevant context for art creation and research for professional artists of all levels of experience.

### [Christie/CAFKA - Artist in Residence for Media Artists](#)

- Artists selected to participate in the programme will be exposed to a body of technical knowledge enabling them to explore forms, methods of display, and concepts not possible in their own studios as well as new ways of thinking and working in a unique collaborative environment.

### [Printmaking Residencies Blog](#)

- A list of residences for printmakers in Canada, US and internationally.

### [Open Studios Residencies for Printmakers and Non-printmakers](#)

- Open Studio offers a number of artist residencies of varying lengths and benefits for both printmakers and non-printmakers.

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE ARTS**

### [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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### [Canadian Museums Association](#)

- Provide resources for professional development (programs and courses), and also aid in helping others find careers within the cultural arts.

### [Media Job Search Canada](#)

- Provides an organized list of different jobs in arts sector or other sectors

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WHAT DO ARTISTS NEED?

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