

2019 Markham Arts Council Annual Report

15 **Number of Years**
 Markham Arts Council celebrated its 15th year anniversary in 2019. A commemorative plaque was presented to the organization by Mayor Frank Scarpitti at the Gala.

Mission & Vision

01 Collaboration
 Providing space for artists from varying disciplines and cultural backgrounds to work together on collaborative projects and initiatives.

02 Creativity
 Fostering and nurturing creativity by providing emerging and established artists with opportunities to grow and learn. Providing the support, advice and encouragement artists need to pursue their passions

03 Community
 Building a stronger, more unified arts community that encompasses literature, experimental art, visual arts, new media, music, dance, performance and dramatic arts. Advocating for the arts in the City of Markham.

Grants, Partnership

01 Senior Program Grant
 Received the Federal New Horizon's Seniors Program Grant

02 Senior Community Grant
 Received the Ontario Seniors Community Grant

03 Celebrate Markham Grant
 Received the City of Markham Celebrate Markham Grant

04 Key partners
 Key partners include Markham Group of Artists (MGA), Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA), Greensborough Tamil Seniors Wellness Club and Aaniin Community Centre's Middlefield Seniors Wellness Club.

05 New partnerships
 New partnerships were formed with York University and 360° Kids

01 Governance Session
 We took our first steps towards Board Development and hosted a Governance Session

02 First Public Mural
 We commissioned our very first public mural - Woodland Wings - for the Aaniin Community Centre. It was completed by local artist Ruth Toy.

03 Community Art Wall
 Worked on creating an ongoing Community Art Wall at the Aaniin Community Centre

04 Flato Markham Award
 Our satellite committee Markham At the Movies was the winner of the Flato Markham Award for the Community Group of the Year.

31 Programs, Events, Festivals
 Total Number of Programs, Events and Festival that we ran last year.

Programs
 In 2019, Markham Arts Council hosted a number of performing and visual arts programs. Popular ones included Art for Seniors - Golden Strokes and Golden Steps, Walk with Art, and Spring and Fall Art Shows and the inauguration of an ongoing Community Art Wall at the Aaniin Community Centre. We also hosted a Photo Contest and Exhibition.

Fundraising
 Markham Arts Council hosted its third annual fundraiser - An Affair With the Arts. The fundraiser was attended by notable people from the community as well as local MPs, MPPs, and Councillors. The goal was to raise funds to continue to offer meaningful arts programming benefitting the local community within the City of Markham.

Festivals
 We hosted our second annual Arts and Cultural Heritage Festival that featured local emerging visual, literary and performing artists. The festival was attended by at least 50,000 people from the community over the course of the day. Markham Arts Council also participated in the Unionville Festival and the Markham Village Music Festival.

Info Session and Webinars
 As part of its goal to continue offering meaningful educational development tools to local artists, Markham Arts Council hosted Info Sessions and webinars to promote, support, and educate artists and the Markham arts community. The Info Sessions were hosted in partnership with the Canada Council of Arts and Ontario Arts Council

102 **Number of Artists**
 Number of Artists who benefited through exposure and outreach

82 **Volunteers**

32520 **Hours**

61824 **Number of community members who benefited**