

artstarts

**Annual  
Report  
2021**



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# Welcome to Our 2021 Annual Report

## A Message From the Co-Director, Programs and Board Representatives:

2021 was an opportunity for ArtStarts to deepen and expand its learning and practices while navigating an ever-changing pandemic reality. New and existing team members came together to discover how we could continue to serve young people, artists, schools, and communities through virtual and physical space in ways which were considered, engaging, and meaningful.

This past year laid significant ground work for implementing and operationalizing exciting new practices at ArtStarts. We had the opportunity to plan for an organizational restructure, which sees the organization move away from a single Executive Director to a shared leadership model of three Co-Directors; we spent hours consulting and engaging with networks in our community to uncover how we can better implement our vision for arts integration in education for social justice, which inspired new programming; and we continued to refine our technical systems to better serve the artists and educators who use our services. We hope these changes will make arts experiences more accessible for young people across this province.

As we face challenges well beyond our control as individuals and as an organization, we are motivated to consider all of our community. How, in times of challenge, can we centre the experiences of marginalized peoples, and better focus our efforts to embed accessibility and equitability in our practices to deepen our commitment to anti-oppression? This is learning and work which will be ongoing, complex, and will demand the most of us. It is our responsibility to do our best, move in humility, challenge ourselves to address with sincerity, and commit to doing better.

On behalf of the entire ArtStarts team, a deep and heartfelt thank you to our communities! That includes families, young people, educators, artists, sponsors, donors, and collaborators. Thank you all for your ongoing support, inspiration, and leadership. We hope to stay in community with you all in the best of ways, to bring meaningful arts education to young people.

Warmly,



Paneet Singh  
Co-Director, Programs



Mumtaz Chaudhary  
Board Director

# About ArtStarts

ArtStarts in Schools is a charitable organization that expands the role of art in education to activate learning and nurture creativity in British Columbia's young people.

We focus on creating meaningful change where young people benefit most equitably and directly—in their schools and classrooms.

By providing young people with access to arts-based learning experiences, we develop a generation that values the creative, collaborative and innovative skills necessary to thrive in learning and in life.

## **MISSION (what we do)**

ArtStarts in Schools provides innovative arts programs for young people, practical resources for teachers and artists, and leadership in advocacy for arts in education.

## **VISION (why we do it)**

ArtStarts envisions a society where the arts are regarded as an essential part of educating young people and a catalyst for creating innovative, engaged, and contributing members of society.

ArtStarts respectfully acknowledges that we carry out our work on the lands of Indigenous nations throughout colonial British Columbia.

Our office and ArtStarts Gallery are located on the unceded, ancestral, and traditional territory of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and sə'íl-wətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples.

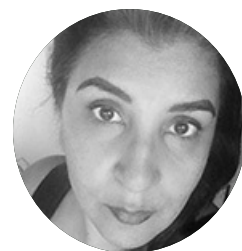
# Systems Change and Anti-Oppression

In alignment with our Strategic Plan, In 2021 ArtStarts had an opportunity to start delving more deeply into systems change work made possible by funding from the Vancouver Foundation. Throughout the year, we had the opportunity to hold community engagement sessions to interrogate the question of which barriers are stopping us from more effectively integrating arts in education for social justice.

This series of sessions hosted several different subsections of our community including teaching artists, educators, school administrators, district workers, education sector advocates, and most importantly - youth. Each session brought together community members in a way which offered us a chance to learn from rich, facilitated, honest conversations.

This work continues into 2022 as we look inward as an organization to learn about our own positionality in relation to systems change work, and apply the learnings of our 2021 sessions to develop and inform our programming and practices.

# Our Team



**Staff members in 2021 (L to R)**  
Row 1: Winnie Tam, Emily Beam, and Elysse Cloma.  
Row 2: Pavan Thind, Hannah Jarvis, and Doaa Magdy.  
Row 3: Paneet Singh, Darcie Dyer, Noal Amir, and Alyssa Martens.

**Board members who served in 2021 (L to R)**  
Row 1: Gary Wang, Thara Vayali, and Kevin Ly.  
Row 2: Frances Yip, Mumtaz Chaudhary, and Amal Rana.

# ArtStarts' Impact in 2021

**93**

**schools received  
Artists in the  
Classroom grants**

**20**

**artists supported  
through the  
Creative Spark  
Vancouver grant**

**13,148**

**students  
participated in  
Artists in the  
Classroom projects**

**237**

**artists participated  
in the Artists in the  
Classroom grant**



# Financial Summary

Financial Summary and Comparison		
	2021	2020
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$2,404,994</b>	<b>\$2,156,064</b>
School Performances	\$151,025	\$390,934
Earned Income	\$158,379	\$179,402
Public Funding	\$846,643	\$610,073
Private Funding	\$90,161	\$101,887
Granting Programs	\$1,146,729	\$862,408
Investment Income	\$12,057	\$11,360
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,195,340</b>	<b>\$2,103,302</b>
School Performances	\$149,713	\$392,012
Programs and Events	\$89,792	\$64,467
Services and Support	\$727,473	\$672,685
Marketing and Outreach	\$5,324	\$6,069
Facility Expenses	\$28,033	\$26,873
Consultants	\$85,438	\$90,771
Grant Disbursements	\$1,109,567	\$850,425
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses</b>	<b>\$209,654</b>	<b>\$52,762</b>

# Our Community of Supporters

We gratefully acknowledge our community of supporters, including individuals, corporate sponsors, foundations and government funders who help to ensure that art is an essential part of educating our young people. #artisessential

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## Program and Operating Support in 2021

### Government Supporters:

BC Community Gaming Grants  
 British Columbia Arts Council  
 Canada Council for the Arts  
 City of Vancouver  
 Department of Canadian Heritage  
 Government of British Columbia  
 Government of Canada

### Sponsors, Foundations, & Institutions:

BC Social Venture Partners Foundation  
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 Sharon Jeroski  
 Kung Jaadee  
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 Bronia Kingsbury  
 Gina Lam  
 Alan Litke  
 Mia Lok  
 Kevin Ly  
 Tejas Madhur  
 Colleen McKenna  
 Valerie Neilson  
 Amelie Thuy Nguyen  
 Robert Oldfield  
 Jamie Oliviero

Lucille Pacey  
 Tina Parbhakar  
 Josh Paterson  
 Rekha Pavanantharajah  
 Leighann Rodger  
 Evelyn Schofield  
 Leslie Shieh  
 Faina Sichon  
 Mala Srivatsa  
 Winnie Tam  
 Richard Tam  
 Jacqueline Tavares  
 David van Berckel  
 Kiki van der Heiden  
 Thara Vayali  
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