



Staff Report for Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date of Meeting: October 2, 2019

Report Number: SRCS.19.25

Department: Community Services

Division: Recreation and Culture Services

Subject: **SRCS.19.25 – Canada Arts Presentation Fund**

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to allow the Theatre Manager to submit an application to the Canada Arts Presentation Fund, offered by the Federal Department of Canadian Heritage, to request funding for the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 programming seasons at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts. In addition, this report will seek Council's approval to allow the theatre manager to be the contact person for the application as well as have signing authority for all contracts related to this application.

Recommendation(s):

- a) That the Theatre Manager be authorized to submit an application to the Canada Arts Presentation Fund for a total of \$100,000.00 to be used towards presenting the 2020/2021 and the 2021/2022 seasons at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts;
- b) That the Theatre Manager be authorized to act as the contact person for the Canada Arts Presentation Fund throughout the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 application process;
- c) That the Theatre Manager be authorized to sign all contracts and reports pertaining to the Canada Arts Presentation Fund grant for the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 seasons.

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Report Approval:

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Background:

The Canada Arts Presentation Fund, formerly known as Arts Presentation Canada, is a program funded by the Federal Department of Canadian Heritage, and gives Canadians direct access to a variety of quality artistic experiences through financial assistance to arts presenters or the organizations that support them. The outcome will be that Canadians will have more access to artists' work from all regions of Canada that reflect its rich cultural diversity. Canadian communities of all backgrounds will have the opportunity to participate in and benefit from the broadest possible range of artistic experiences.

The Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts has applied and received annual grants from this program since opening in 2009. Generally, one application is submitted for the next programming season; however, the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts has again been invited to submit a two season application, for the third time. The Centre was successful in receiving multi-year funding since the 2016/2017 season.

The application process requests a motion from Council approving the grant amount and the naming of the theatre manager as the contact person for contracts and correspondence for this multi-year grant application.

Financial/Staffing/Other Implications:

Council approval of this application process could lead to an anticipated grant over two years totaling \$100,000.00, towards the cost of presenting the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 seasons of professional entertainment at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts.

Relationship to the Strategic Plan:

The recommendations contained in this staff report are in keeping with the Strategic Plan specifically by providing opportunity to bring in performers from around the world resulting in better choice for our community as well as a more vibrant Richmond Hill.

Conclusion:

Providing approval to submit the Canada Arts Presentation Fund grant application, and assigning authority to the Theatre Manager, could provide a substantial financial contribution which will afford more performance opportunities for the community to experience as part of the two funded seasons.

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