



Staff Report for Council Meeting

Date of Meeting: October 13, 2021

Report Number: SRCS.21.15

Department: Community Services
Division: Recreation and Culture Services

Subject: 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 to request funding for the 2022/2023, 2023/2024 and the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 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 \$225,000.00 to be used towards presenting the 2022/2023, 2023/2024 and the 2024/2025, 2025/2026 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 2022/2023, 2023/2024 and the 2024/2025, 2025/2026 application process; and
- c) That the theatre manager be authorized to sign all contracts and reports pertaining to the Canada Arts Presentation Fund grant for the 2022/2023, 2023/2024 and the 2024/2025, 2025/2026 seasons.

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Report Approval:

Submitted by: Darlene Joslin, Commissioner of Community Services

Approved by: Mary-Anne Dempster, City Manager

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Background:

The Canada Arts Presentation Fund is a program funded by the 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 the theatre opened in 2009. Generally, one application is submitted for the next programming season; however, the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts has been invited to submit a four season application, for the first time. In recent years, the Centre was successful in receiving multi-year funding for the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 seasons.

In order to complete the application process, the Canada Arts Presentation Fund 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 four years totaling \$225,000.00, towards the cost of presenting the 2022/2023, 2023/2024 and the 2024/2025, 2025/2026 seasons of professional entertainment at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts.

Relationship to Council's Strategic Priorities 2020-2022:

The recommendations contained in this staff report are in keeping with the Corporate Strategic Plan specifically by "Demonstrating innovative and responsible municipal management".

Climate Change Considerations:

Climate change considerations are not applicable to this staff report.

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 opportunities to present four annual seasons that celebrates the many cultures of Richmond Hill.

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