



Call for Board Members: Common Ground Arts Society

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We're recruiting new board members!

To apply, please e-mail board@commongroundarts.ca.

Deadline to apply: February 28, 2021, or until all positions are filled.

No matter who you are, what you look like, how or who you love, where you're from, how you got here, how you identify, how or if you honour whatever higher power, or how you move through this world, you belong here.

We believe in creating safe(r) spaces that allow for creative risk. We commit to sustaining a safe(r) space by respecting, and even boldly loving, everyone who contributes to it. We acknowledge that in order to truly fulfill that commitment, we must work *with* community and *for* community.

If you're interested in working hard, playing hard, serving community, supporting great art, and developing a healthy forward-thinking board that reflects and supports Edmonton's diverse arts communities, please reach out. We want to hear from you.

We're whole-heartedly committed to creating a diverse, inclusive, accessible board with directors varying in age, ability, experience, identity, and gender.

Common Ground Arts Society (CGAS) is a registered charitable organization. We radically invite artists of all disciplines at all stages of their career to wildly experiment with process and craft. We believe in people and process over product: come as you are; create from where you're at; learn, fail, try again, fail better; tend to your whole self; share art, share kindness, share in community. Mentorship and learning is at the core of everything we do: we're still learning, we'll never stop learning, and we want to share in those lessons with you. As the producers of Found Festival, Edmonton's only found space arts festival, CGAS brings art out of galleries, theatres, and concert halls and directly into the community. We curate creative collisions between audiences and artists. We instigate curious happenings. We foster dialogue about space, place, and all the meaningful moments between.

Active Development of our Board of Directors

We are developing an inclusive board that represents our local community. By 2025, we aim to shift our board makeup to welcome 35% or more members who are Indigenous, Black or People of Colour, and 50% or more members who are women and non-binary people. We welcome individuals who live with disability, people in different age groups, folks who are queer as all heck, and those with an array of lived experiences.

CGAS's Board of Directors is a vibrant team who work in tandem with contract staff in a variety of areas including but not limited to fundraising, governance, policy, sponsorship and community building. Directors are elected by CGAS membership at the Annual General Meeting each year. We aim to create a Board of Directors to help CGAS dream big, make waves, and smash goals.

Expectations

Board Members:

- Should have a passion for art;
- Will attend monthly Board meetings;
- Serve a two-year term;
- Are volunteers and therefore do not receive compensation, but may be reimbursed for reasonable and authorized expenses while undertaking duties of CGAS;
- Will volunteer for Found Festival;
- Will support all other CGAS events including but not limited to shows, workshops, fundraising events, and silent auctions; and
- Will work with at least one (or more!) Committee(s).

Skills

All skills are welcome. Previous board experience is an asset but not necessary. We are currently looking for individuals with skills beyond the arts, including but not limited to:

- Interest in cultivating community and connection;
- Legal skills;
- Business, accounting, or savvy financial skills;
- Fundraising or a keen interest in fundraising;
- Social media influencing;
- Hospitality, small business, and
- Technology/web/vr/gaming.

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