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Nurturing curiosity and creativity

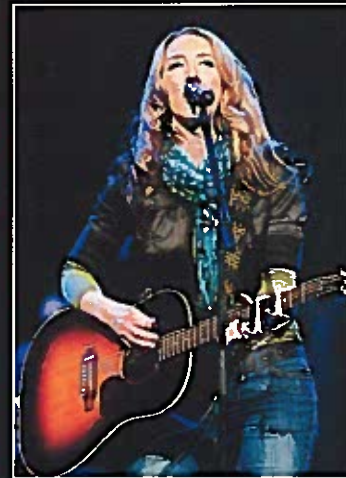
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2017 Annual Report

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Greetings from Muskoka Chautauqua

2017 was a year of celebration for Muskoka Chautauqua!

Flavours of Muskoka Chautauqua was a successful fundraising event with chefs and vendors overflowing the ballroom at the JW Marriot and bringing wonderful reviews from both guests and vendors.

Shortly thereafter, Muskoka Chautauqua joined the township of Muskoka Lakes and other partners to create a celebration of Canada's sesquicentennial year with the arts, music, events and fireworks for the community.

Cleveland's House hosted one of Chautauqua's most inspiring programs drawing artists and participants from Muskoka and around the world into this inclusive, hands-on and creative experience. Artists tied in the Canadian Canoe Culture and Group of Seven initiatives with the theme of their workshops.

After 8 years of anticipation and planning, Muskoka Chautauqua hosted the Annual General Meeting for the Chautauqua Trail for its 10th year and first ever held in Canada. Guests from North American Chautauquas travelled to Muskoka for a weekend in October and gained inspiration here. Participants explored the connection with the land through a Wasan Island retreat, community through the local Cranberry Festival, the arts with musical performances and arts workshops, and spirituality through cultural ceremony. Guests were greeted by an indigenous elder, who welcomed everyone to the traditional land of her people.

We are thrilled to look back on our journey through 2017 and are building on the success as we look toward 2018.

Muskoka Chautauqua: Chair's Message

It is an honour to be involved with an organization that supports and encourages artists from every discipline to express and display their talents in this lovely part of the world called Muskoka. Our unique heritage and geography which includes the Pre-Cambrian Shield, the oldest rock in the world, provides a rich environment for artists to flourish and be inspired by the surroundings. Being part of the planning and the coordinating of programmes that inspire all ages to pursue creativity is humbling. I look forward to meeting you throughout the coming months at one of the events. Glad Bryce



2017 Board Chair Glad Bryce with Founders Gary Froude and Gayle Dempsey



NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
IN OUR 2017 PROGRAMS

11,980

About Muskoka Chautauqua



Combining arts, education and recreation, Chautauqua brings together artists, musicians, authors and lecturers in assemblies across North America.

Continuing a renaissance of education and culture

“Chautauqua” is an educational and cultural movement that built communities and supported individuals in the development of their full potential spiritually, intellectually, culturally and physically. The concept began in the late 19th century and spread throughout rural North America as hundreds of Chautauqua communities were established. By the mid-1920s, however, the movement began to recede due to the rise of the automobile, radio, and access to education.

Today, Chautauqua is experiencing a renaissance. There are more than 15 Chautauqua communities across North America on what's known as the Chautauqua Trail, and the demand for authentic, cultural experiences and continued, lifelong learning opportunities is on the rise.

Until recently our Muskoka Chautauqua in Port Carling, Ontario has been the only Chautauqua in Canada. In 1916 and 1917, Muskoka was considered Canada's summer literary capital with conferences held at Windermere House and Elgin House to provide study, sport and spiritual uplift. Just after World War 1, Canada's first official Chautauqua assembly took root on Tobin Island on Lake Rosseau. The idea of Chautauqua was revived by Gary Froude and Gayle Dempsey in the late 1990s and the Muskoka Lakes Music Festival transformed into Muskoka Chautauqua officially in 2004. This year Chautauqua Atlantic, on Canada's east coast, joined the Chautauqua family.

Vision

To be internationally recognized as a leader in the provision of creative arts-based programming for entertainment and life-long learning that enhances and enriches our communities.

Mission

To design and deliver multi-disciplinary arts-based programs inspiring personal growth, enrichment and renewal by celebrating creativity, the human spirit, and Muskoka's unique heritage and natural environment while contributing to the economic and social vitality of our communities.

\$972,213

Estimated Economic Impact
for our 2017 Programs

The Chautauqua Trail



Topping the International Trail

The Chautauqua Trail is a group of organizations and individuals committed to the communication and implementation of the Chautauqua concept of building community by supporting all persons in the development of their full potential intellectually, spiritually, emotionally and physically. The Chautauqua Trail facilitates interaction and communication among its members to further their preservation, growth and development.

Hosting our Chautauqua Colleagues from all across North America provided us with an opportunity of showcasing the many aspects of Muskoka living that nourish the creative spirit.

GLAD BRYCE
Chair, Muskoka Chautauqua
Board of Directors

Muskoka was honoured to host the 34th Annual General Meeting of the Chautauqua Trail in October of 2017 and the event was a great success with visitors from across North America.

Each year, one of the destinations on the trail holds the annual meeting to which all Chautauqua members are invited. The 36th Chautauqua Trail Annual Meeting will be held July 23-26 in Ocean Park, Maine, and we encourage our local members to attend.

2018 The Trail Leads to
Ocean Park!

17 in Review

October, 2016: Muskoka Chautauqua presented Local Colours. The Bethune House in Gravenhurst was overflowing with tourists during the Local Colours event, which ran from 10am-4pm. Members of the 45th Parallel Painters displayed some of their magnificent artworks, while Beverlie Robertson of Brandy Creek Music and Publications entertained guests playing and singing Canadian Folk songs, as well as several popular Chinese songs. Some Chinese visitors sang along while others were interested in the instruments Beverlie brought with her. Over 600 guests of all ages attended the event, mostly from the Greater Toronto Area.

December, 2016: Muskoka Chautauqua hosted the 7th Annual Christmas Jam at the JW Marriott Resort. Local residents and visitors participated in the festive music.

June 11, 2017: Sing Canada Together: Where Pines and Maples Grow was a unique event hosted by Muskoka Chautauqua along with The Cellar Singers at the Glenwood Chapel in Port Carling. The event began with a free singing workshop and art exhibit, and was followed by a concert at Pinegrove Fellowship Church (Glenwood Chapel) in Port Carling, all surrounded in beautiful paintings and artwork inspired by the music and beauty of the landscape.

July 1, 2017: Canada Day Community Celebrations were hosted by Muskoka Chautauqua, the Township of Muskoka Lakes and other community partners in Minett. Fireworks, musical performances, games, art workshops and demonstrations brought over 6000 guests. A spectacular fireworks and concert featuring one of Muskoka's own singer/songwriters of international fame topped off the day.

July 6, 2017: Flavours, the signature event of Muskoka Chautauqua took place at the JW Marriott resort & Spa in Minett and

was well attended and supported by chefs preparing and presenting Muskoka's finest culinary delights along with local brewers, wineries, and purveyors of unique spirits. The products were enjoyed by all and over \$20,000 was raised for arts programming in Muskoka. Special thanks to Port Carling Scotiabank.



Artists in Residence

Muskoka Chautauqua provided artists to Cleavelands House on beautiful Lake Rosseau from July 3rd – September 1st, 2017. Artists were featured Monday through Friday each week, for nine weeks. Each artist provided his or her own medium, presenting a wide variety of media and styles. Daily workshops were offered for all ages. Each Wednesday, the artists guided the Muskoka Chautauqua Art Party on the veranda.

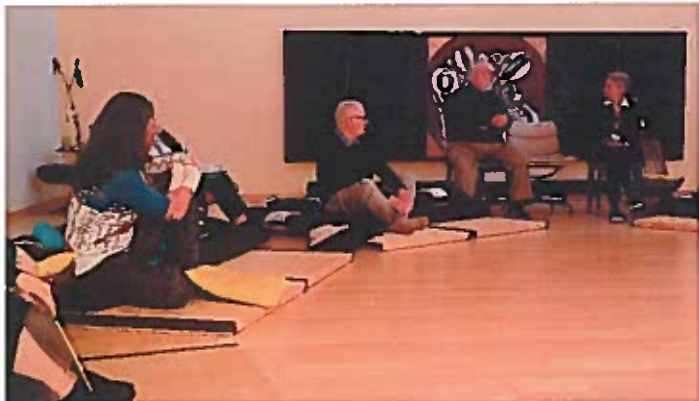
Featured artists included Peter Jarvis, Don Chretien, Sean William Dawson, Sarah Lundi, Greg and Susan Hindle, Kevin Hunt, Audrey Jolley, Sue Reynolds, Jennifer Murphy, and Steve Houston. We plan to expand this program in 2018.



Victoria Banks

2017 in Review

July & August, 2016: Artists in Residence and Pop Up Arts, Cleavelands House, Minett. Muskoka Chautauqua featured hands-on multidisciplinary activities including performing arts, literary and visual arts with a different artist each week.



August 13, 2017: Muskoka Chautauqua is always pleased to support Good Brothers as part of Music on the Barge at Gull Lake Park in Gravenhurst.

August 19, 2017: Muskoka Chautauqua presented the Toronto All-Star Big Band at the Port Carling Community Centre to a sold out audience for dinner and dancing. This was the 19th year for the band and 1st time in partnership with Wing and a Prayer.



August 22-25, 2017: OperaMuskoka Festival included a very successful production of La Boheme, produced by, and featuring, Bracebridge's own Daevyd Pepper. This year Daevyd was invited to join the Calgary Opera Ensemble - an OperaMuskoka, Stars of Tomorrow, supportive success story. The following day, the



2017 Stars of Tomorrow concert fielded some wonderful singers, including a Sean Kelly Award winner, new to our stage

Coffee House

Our Coffee Houses were packed each month and we are continuing this "Company of Good Cheer" in 2018, thanks to Beverlie and Charlie Robertson of Brandy Creek Music and Publications.

November 26, 2016: Tamar Ilana The fire of flamenco & the boisterous music of the Balkans. Tamar Ilana sang and danced at the Gallery.

January 28, 2017: Kenny Munshaw serenaded a full house with his southern charm and piano.

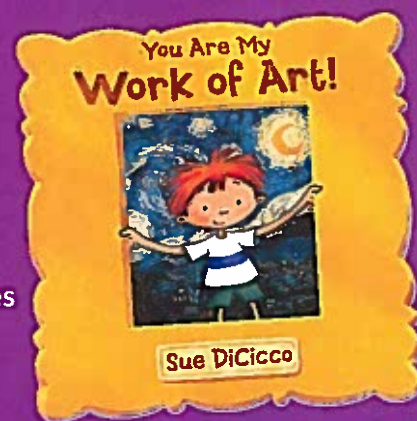


February 25, 2017: Klaas Van Graft the pioneer of the Yorkville Scene brought his glorious voice, spectacular repertoire & great audience rapport to Muskoka

March 25, 2017: Gathering Sparks wowed a packed house with harmonies and stories.

This year's booklist is inspired by books for Children and Youth, and of course, by Muskoka!

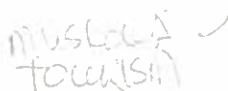
- ABC Muskoka
by Nola McConnan
- Dani
by Shailie Dubois
- The Adventures of the Dwarfgiants
by Steven Jacklin
- Origami Peace Cranes
by Sue DiCicco
- Martha the Mouse
by Karen Lang



this year. Jennifer Tung gave a wonderfully informative Vocal Masterclass, and a marvelous evening concert. The Festival closed with an afternoon Harp Masterclass, and musical evening concert with Michael Moon, Shari Bacon, and a host of other musical talents at the Muskoka Place Gallery.

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Muskoka Chautauqua is proud to have many volunteers and we would like to express our deepest gratitude for their exceptional efforts. We would like to give special thanks to them.

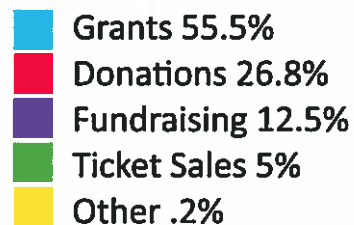
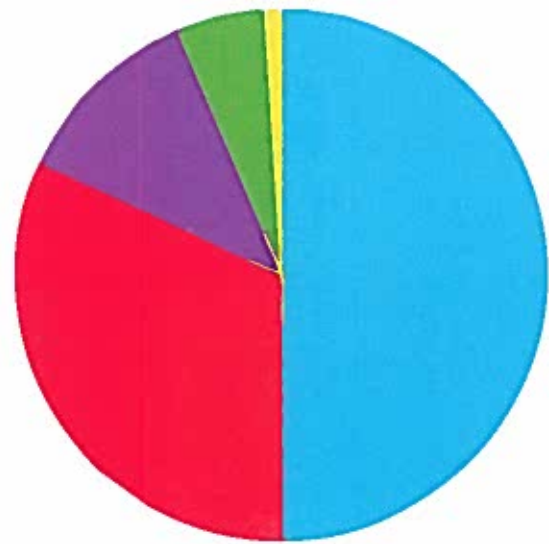


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2017 Financial Summary!!

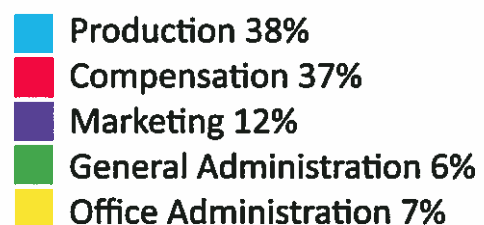
Revenues

Grants	\$119,646
Donations	\$57,521
Fundraising	\$26,883
Ticket Sales	\$11,690
Other	\$566
Total:	\$216,306



Expenses

Production	\$66,338
Compensation	\$64,734
Marketing	\$20,522
General Administration	\$11,747
Office Administration	\$12,157
Total Expenses	\$175,498





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