



MUSKOKA  
CHAUTAUQUA

2018 Annual Report



# Greetings from Muskoka Chautauqua

## Growing Our Community of Cultural Creativity

Muskoka Chautauqua embraced 2018 as a year filled with arts, fun, education and growth.

A new partnership with Dot the T Productions has brought a wonderful theatre branch addition to Muskoka Chautauqua's programming, bringing multiple dinner theatres and script readings to Muskoka. "Billy Bishop Goes to War" was offered as a dinner Theatre at The 'New' Baldwin's resort in Windermere, "On A First Name Basis" quickly became the Theatre Thursday highlight at the Peninsula Recreation Centre in Minett, and an incredible on-script stage reading of 'ART' by Yasmina Reza was held at the Muskoka Place Gallery.



2018 Board Chair Glad Bryce; Founders Gary Froude and Gayle Dempsey

Muskoka Chautauqua's Artist-in-Resident program was again offered this year at Cleveland's House Resort along with a thrilling expansion of the program to The 'New' Baldwin's Resort in Windermere. Muskoka Chautauqua was also included in Summer Water Sports (SWS) Kids day at the marina where artists Brittany Johnston and Sabina Rock held watercolour workshops for participants.

### Chair's Message

*Our 2018 year has been filled with successes in delivering the arts to visitors and residents of Muskoka. It has been a thrill to see the Board's detailed planning come to fruition with a large number of people benefitting from a variety of art activities.*

*Artists from many disciplines shared their talents, creativity and knowledge in hands-on workshops, seminars and group study. When conducted in the unique geography and heritage of Muskoka, these experiences were enhanced.*

*As our programmes expand during 2019, we anticipate another exciting year of delivering unique art-based opportunities for enhancing spiritual enrichment and enjoyment of all arts. I look forward to meeting you at such functions.*  
-Glad Bryce

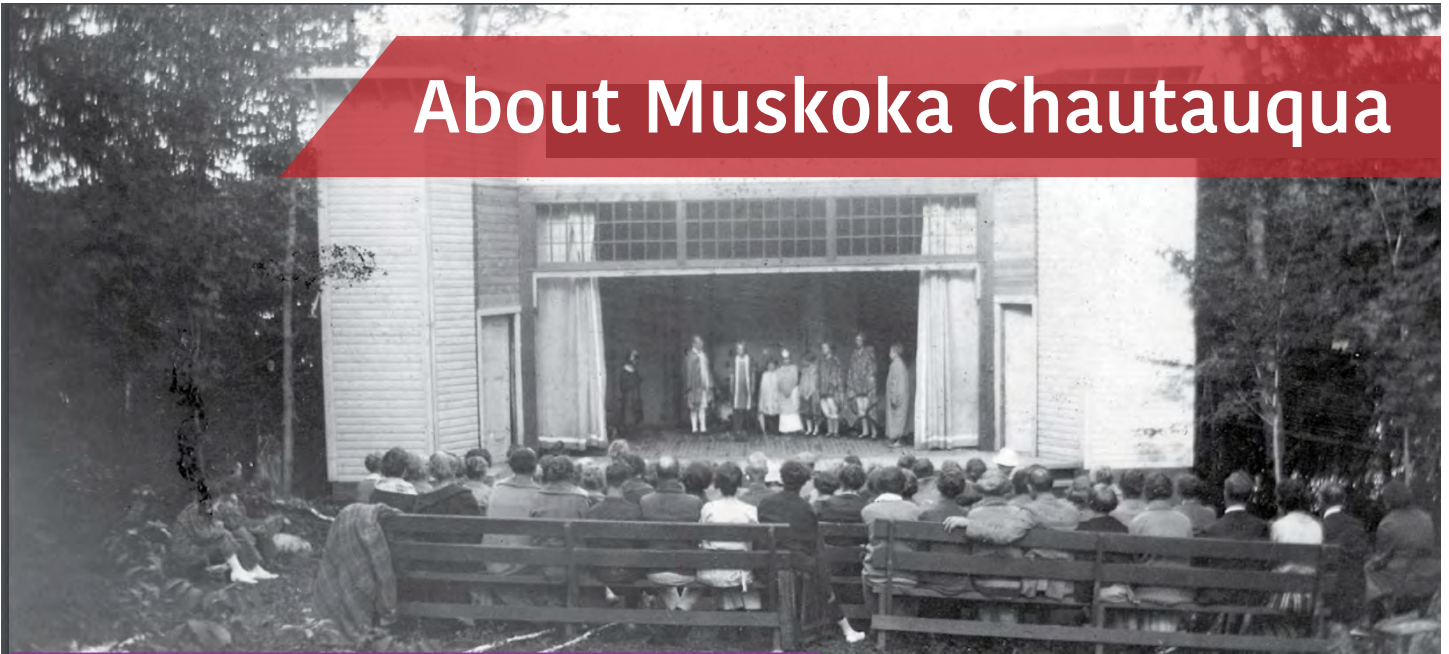
The Toronto All Star Big Band came back to Muskoka this year with their sold out performance at the Peninsula Recreation Center in Minett. The event was a success and included a dance floor and cash bar.

The OperaMuskoka Festival brought classical music to the forefront this summer from August 21-24. A modern adaptation of Mozart's Cosi Fan Tutte followed by the annual Stars of Tomorrow Concert truly gave the audience a feel of the powerful talent Muskoka has to offer. Guest artists Jennifer Tung and Moshe Hammer stole audiences away with their top tier talents.

The coffee house concerts with Brandy Creek Music and Publications at the Muskoka Place Gallery continue to capture audiences in the off season with a sold out venue on multiple occasions - reminding Muskoka Chautauqua members that quality performances can be found in intimate halls.

**7,516** Number of participants  
in our 2018 programs

# About Muskoka Chautauqua



## Continuing A Renaissance Of Education And Culture

### **Vision**

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

### **Mission**

*To coordinate and support innovative multi-disciplinary and arts-based programs and organizations to inspire lifelong learning, personal growth, enrichment and renewal by celebrating creativity, the human spirit and Muskoka's unique heritage and natural environment.*

“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 automobile, radio, and access to education.

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

Our Muskoka Chautauqua in Port Carling, Ontario is the only Chautauqua in Canada. In the 1920s Muskoka was considered Canada's 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. Gary Froude and Gayle Dempsey revived the idea of Chautauqua in the late 1990s and the Muskoka lakes Music Festival was officially transformed into Muskoka Chautauqua in 2004.

# \$1,098,805

Estimated economic impact  
of our 2018 programs

# The Chautauqua Trail



## Topping The International Trail

*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*

The Chautauqua Trail is a group of organizations and individuals committed to the communication and implementation of the Chautauqua concept of building community and 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 growth and development.

Each year, one of the destinations on the trail holds the annual meeting to which all Chautauqua members are invited. Muskoka Chautauqua was chosen to host the Annual meeting in the fall of 2017, and members of the Chautauqua trail experienced Muskoka in its full autumn glory.

**2019** The Trail leads to  
Colorado!

# 2018 in Review

This year's annual Flavours of Muskoka Chautauqua fundraiser promoted the theme of the Canadian Canoe Culture and raised funds for our creative programs that help strengthen personal, social, and emotional wellbeing for children and youth in Muskoka.



Muskoka Chautauqua and Dot the T Productions partnered to bring professional theatre to Muskoka at the newly renovated Peninsula Recreation Centre in Minett, and The 'New' Baldwin's Resort in Windermere.

The Toronto All Star Big Band was a SOLD OUT hit in August! Performing at the Peninsula Recreation Centre in Minett, the rhythm of the big band got people on their feet dancing the night away.



We closed off our summer programming with our partner, OperaMuskoka. The week of festivities included Art exhibitions, Operas, showcasing local and upcoming talents, Master classes and breathtaking concerts.

# 2018 in Review



## Coffee House

Each month our coffee houses were packed and we look forward to continuing this tradition in 2019. Special thanks to Beverlie and Charlie Robertson of Brandy Creek Music and Publications!

### **October 23, 2017:**

Lorne Browne, Judith Cohen & Marylyn Peringer charmed the house with their riveting songs and stories from their Canadian & multicultural backgrounds.

### **November 25, 2017:**

Bourée à Trois sang and played dance tunes to help us bring good cheer in to the winter months!



### **February 24, 2018:**

Julian Fauth with special guest Ken Yoshioka wowed the audience with their blues and boogie-woogie!

### **March 31, 2018:**

With his silky smooth vocals, Zachary Lucky awed a full house with an intimate evening of music.

### **April 28, 2018:**

#### **Blues in Muskoka**

Julian Fauth & Ken Yoshioka, Beverlie Robertson and Po Cholly blew the

house away with some fantastic Blues music.



### **September 29, 2018:**

Joe Charron joined us at the Gallery to play up a storm for the audience.

### **October 27, 2018:**

The Juno nominee, Debbie Fleming brought her love of music to the Gallery as she sang to a full house in October.



# 2018 in Review

## Artists in Residence

Muskoka Chautauqua was thrilled to expand our Artist-in-Residence program to include both Cleveland's House Resort in Minett and The 'New' Baldwin's Resort in Windermere for the 2018 season.

The program ran from **July 2- August 31**. Artists were featured from Monday – Friday from 1pm-3pm as well as a weekly art party on Wednesdays at Cleveland's House from 4pm-6pm and Fridays at The 'New' Baldwin's from 4pm-6pm.

This year, Muskoka Chautauqua included a free student day for local students every Thursday for art workshops.



## Cleveland's House Artists



Brittany Johnston,  
*Water Colour  
Painting*

Larry Brown, Author,  
*Memoir Writing*

Sabrina Rock,  
*Painting and t-shirt  
design*

Jennifer Murphy, *Creative Fun*

Sean William Dawson, *Print Making*

Sue & Greg Hindle, *Plein Air Painting*

Peter Jarvis & Kevin Hunt, *Painting in  
Nature*

Peter Jarvis & Steve Houston, *Nature  
Personified*

## The "New" Baldwin's Resort Artists

Barbara Klunder, *Drawing*

Peter Jarvis & Steve Houston,  
*Painting Clouds and Nature*

Diane Sonnenberg, *Mosaics*

Sean William Dawson, *Print Making*

Sue & Greg Hindle, *Plein Air Painting*

Sarah Lock, *Visual Arts and Dance*

Debora Hui & Aheli Pimienta, *Piano  
and Flute*



# Thanking Our Supporters

Muskoka Chautauqua greatly appreciates the support of both government granting agencies and individual donors helping us bring arts and education to our region.



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# Meet Our People

## Board of Directors

Our board of directors plays a key roll in shaping the direction and strategy of Muskoka Chautauqua. All directors are deeply committed to the value of arts education in Muskoka. We are grateful for their unwavering support and oversight.

Glad Bryce, *Chair*

Beverlie Robertson, *Secretary*

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Diane Adamson

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## Administration

### Founders

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Gayle Dempsey, *Director of Development*

### Marketing and Communications

Alyssa Buttineau

### Summer Students

Kali Le Brun

Sabina Roch

## Volunteers

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.

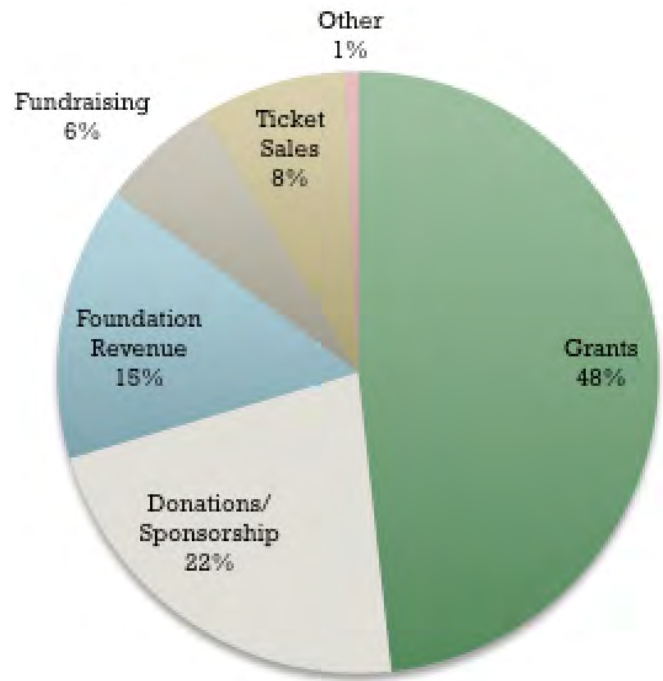
Port Carling Scotiabank  
donation to the 2018  
Flavours of Muskoka  
Chautauqua



# 2018 Financial Summary

## Revenues

Grants	\$78,372
Donations/Sponsorship	\$36,003
Foundation Revenue	\$24,000
Fundraising	\$10,196
Ticket Sales	\$12,770
Other	\$1,160
Total	\$162,501



## Expenses

Production	\$63,793
Compensation	\$81,502
Marketing	\$21,573
General Administration	\$12,240
Office Administration	\$13,369
Total	\$192,477

