



MUSKOKA  
CHAUTAUQUA

2019 Annual Report



# Greetings from Muskoka Chautauqua

## Growing Our Community of Cultural Creativity

2019 was a summer of firsts. We started with Brandy Creek Music and Publications' Company of Good Cheer coffee houses and ended with Chautauqua's Thank You BBQ in appreciation of all the wonderful support from the community. We expanded our offerings with a full summer of programming in both Minett and the Village of Windermere.



2019 Board Chair Glad Bryce; Founders Gary Froude and Gayle Dempsey

The Mayor invited us to participate in the Mayor's Fun Day on the shores of Lake Rosseau and we were pleased to partner with the Township, the JW Marriott and Clevelands House to present a fantastic fireworks display on Canada Day. The Artist-in-Residence program, which started in Minett over a decade ago, was again very well-received by guests and residents of the area, with free Thursdays for local students.

The cottagers, permanent residents, and community groups welcomed us in the Village of Windermere and with tremendous support we were able to animate the Village with a full summer of arts experiences including visual artists, composers and lyricists who were able to work on new material. With the help of the Lions Club and Beaver Creek Community Work Group, we erected a tent and presented our first collaboration with the Mississauga Symphony

at the New Baldwins Resort. And we were fortunate to be able to present our first collaboration with the Toronto City Opera Company and their presentation of LaTraviata at the Rene Caisse Theatre.

Our partnership with the Trillium Lakeland District School Board continues to be strong and we will continue to provide programming that helps strengthen social and emotional well-being for Muskoka students.

All and all it was a tremendous year and planning for next year is well under way with our sights on 2021, the 100th year anniversary of when Chautauqua was officially incorporated in Muskoka/Canada.

### 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 as you attend one of our many events.*

-Glad Bryce

**6960** Number of participants in our 2019 programs

# About Muskoka Chautauqua



## 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 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.

### 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.*

**\$1,933,353**

Estimated economic impact of our 2019 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 travelled to Colorado to attend the Annual meeting in the summer of 2019, and shared so much with fellow members of the Chautauqua trail.

**2020** The Trail leads to  
New York!

# 2019 in Review

This year's annual Flavours of Muskoka Chautauqua fundraiser promoted the theme of "Healthy People, Healthy Planet" 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 continued to bring professional theatre to Muskoka all summer long in Minett and Windermere.

The Toronto All Star Big Band was a hit on Canada Day! Performing at the Port Carling Community Centre, the rhythm of the big band got people on their feet dancing the night away.



We closed off our summer programming with OperaMuskoka and the first annual Windermere Village Festival of the Arts. The week of festivities included art exhibitions, Operas, and breathtaking concerts, showcasing local and upcoming talents.

## 2019 in Review



### Coffee House

Each month our coffee houses were packed and we look forward to continuing this tradition in 2020. Special thanks to Beverlie and Charlie Robertson of Brandy Creek Music and Publications!

#### November 24, 2018:

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



#### January 26, 2019:

Alfie Smith wowed the audience with his modern blues tunes to help us bring good cheer in to the winter months!

#### February 23, 2019:

Juno Nominee Michelle Rumball and her powerful voice brought warmth to the house and audience.

#### March 30, 2019:

Spirited dancer Tamar Ilana and guitarist Matt Sellick delivered Spanish music, song, and dance to Muskoka.

#### April 27, 2019:

Julian Fauth & Ken Yoshioka, Beverlie Robertson and Po Cholly blew the house away with some fantastic Blues music.



#### May 18, 2019:

Judith Cohen, Alana Cline, & Leigh Cline joined us at the Gallery for a bonus coffee house May long weekend to play up a storm of celtic music with the soul of old world songs.

#### September 21, 2019:

Po Cholly, Mike Phillips, & Beverlie Robertson started the season with an early coffee house in honour of the long awaited Po Cholly CD release.

#### October 26, 2019:

Christina Hutt brought her unique blend of country, soul, and folk music to the Gallery in October.



## 2019 in Review

### Artists in Residence

Muskoka Chautauqua was thrilled to continue our Artist-in-Residence program at both Clevelands House Resort in Minett and The 'New' Baldwins Resort in Windermere for the 2019 season.

The program ran from **July 1 - August 30**. Artists were featured from Monday - Friday from 1pm-3pm as well as a weekly art party on Wednesdays at Clevelands House from 4pm-6pm and Fridays at The 'New' Baldwin's from 4pm-6pm.

Muskoka Chautauqua continued to provide a free student day for local students every Thursday for art workshops.



### Clevelands House Artists



Brittany Johnston,  
*Water Colour  
Painting*

Sabina Rock,  
*Visual Arts*

Christine Hume,  
*Mosaic Arrows*

Greg & Susan Hindle, *Acrylic Painting*

Sean William Dawson, *Printmaking*

Melanie Siegel, *Fibre Arts*

Dianne Sonnenberg, *Mosaics*

Jennifer Murphy, *Creative Fun*

Sarah Locke, *Painting & Drawing*

### The "New" Baldwin's Resort Artists

Barbara Klunder, *Paper Cuts*

Audrey Mah, *Ceramics*

Sarah Ward, *Visual Arts*

Sean William Dawson, *Printmaking*

Sue & Greg Hindle, *Painting*

Sabina Rock, *Visual & Fibre Arts*



# 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.



## Donors

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Duncan Leslie	Pat Hannaford
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Glad Bryce	Peter Willis
Glenn Zavitz	Sandra Delzatto
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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, <i>Chair</i>	Dr. Bernie Gosevitz
Beverlie Robertson, <i>Secretary</i>	Stan Hunter
Douglas McIntyre, <i>Acting Treasurer</i>	Mathew LaCroix
Diane Adamson-Brdar	

## Advisors

Marsha Skain
Michael Lawley
Leah Leslie

## Administration

<b>Founders</b>
Gary Froude, <i>Executive Director</i>
Gayle Dempsey, <i>Director of Development</i>

## Marketing and Communications

Kelly Hart

## Summer Students

Kali LeBrun  
Sabina Rock

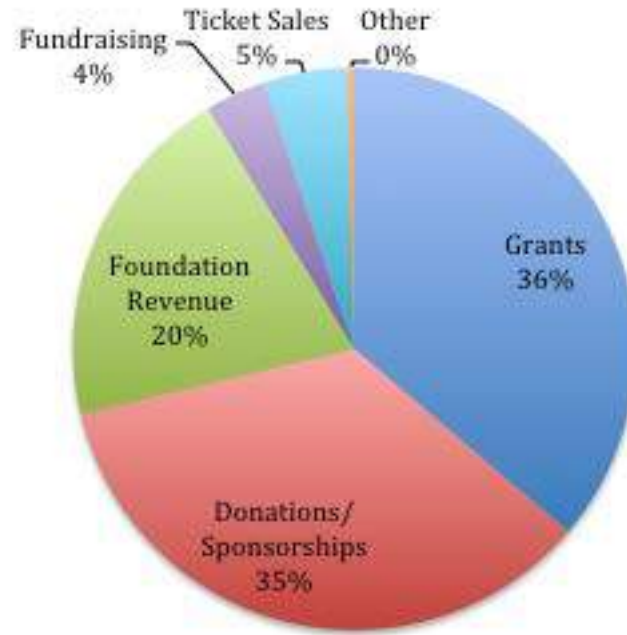
## Volunteers

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.

# 2019 Financial Summary

## Revenues

Grants	\$69,624
Donations/Sponsorship	\$67,223
Foundation Revenue	\$38,470
Fundraising	\$6,591
Ticket Sales	\$9,333
Other	\$753
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$191,994</b>



## Expenses

Production	\$74,076
Marketing	\$21,194
General Administration	\$17,104
Office	\$13,771
Salaries & Wages	\$41,185
Management Fees	\$31,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$198,530</b>



# Indigenous Acknowledgment

Muskoka Chautauqua acknowledges the land that is the traditional homeland of the Ojibway Nation, the Huron Nation and the Wendat Nation.

We seek a new relationship with the Original Peoples of this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather here and we thank all the generations of people who have taken care of this area.

For many years the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinabe peoples, under the One Dish With One Spoon Treaty have sought to walk gently on this land.

In Muskoka, we acknowledge the territory of the Wahta Mohawk/ Chippewa peoples. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place.

We have been given the duty to live in balance and harmony with each other and with all living things. So let us bring our minds and hearts together as we appreciate the arts, culture, and heritage of this place.

Glad Bryce,  
Chair of Muskoka Chautauqua