



Muskoka Chautauqua

2022 Annual Report



Greetings from Muskoka Chautauqua



We have been so inspired and honoured as we continue to establish an outdoor Festival in the charming village of Windermere, with our Theatre in the Woods, Gallery in the Woods, and new pop-up Book Shop in the historical Village Hall. The freight shed at the waterfront and Christ Church Windermere are also special venues which have connected us with the rich history and sense of place this Village holds. Highlights included concerts at the wharf and Shakespeare in the church and the Toronto All-Star Big Band performance for the 24th consecutive year.

The heart of the festival took place on a beautiful, private cottage property, for which we are so grateful, where most of the performances, author's talks, lectures and the Hot Docs films were presented at the "Theatre in the Woods" and where the "Gallery in the Woods" served not only as an exhibition space but a place to meet for workshops and gatherings. The new pop-up Book Shop hosted authors from near and far and offered a wide selection of literary works as well as an exhibition of the award-winning books from the Canadian Alcuin Society. It also featured a virtual presentation by Patrick Boyer and the Windermere History Project reminding us that Muskoka Chautauqua was known as Canada's Literary Summer Capital over 100 years ago.

With more than fifty activities and experiences, from our Opening Circle, which was inspired by our Ojibway friends, to our closing Family Fun Art Party, which was inspired by a long-standing community group, the Festival is settling in to the important role it plays in animating the Village. It has been such a pleasure to work together with the local community groups and businesses, local and seasonal residents, volunteers, staff, artists, authors and performers in manifesting such an amazing vision. We are also grateful to our funders for helping to make all of this possible. Thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for supporting the festival's digital initiatives this year and shift to outdoor programming, and the Township of Muskoka Lakes and Canadian Heritage for helping to fund local artists as well as allow the festival to offer "pay what you wish" tickets and Reconnect Ontario and the Ontario Cultural Attraction Fund for helping us attract visitors to the Festival and the area.

Muskoka Chautauqua's Festival is a chance for visitors to take part in some amazing cultural tourism, to create and to celebrate creators, to share this glorious place with others, and to capture the terroir of Muskoka.



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The programming for our 2022 Festival included a broad range of educational, cultural and artistic opportunities all located in the charming and historic village of Windermere.

As Chair of Muskoka Chautauqua, I am thrilled to let you know that our 2023 programming will once again include leading artists, performers and workshops. I look forward to meeting and greeting you during the coming months as you attend one of our many events.

Glad Bryce
Chair, Muskoka Chautauqua

About Muskoka Chautauqua



Muskoka Chautauqua is a not-for-profit organization fostering arts and culture, culminating in a summer festival in the historic village of Windermere.

Muskoka Chautauqua is a community for the curious and the creative. Springing from a tradition that started 100 years ago, when the village of Windermere attracted North America's leading thinkers to its shores, Muskoka Chautauqua is one of the longest-running and more iconic cultural institutions in the region.

With more than 15 Chautauqua communities across North America, Muskoka Chautauqua is the only remaining Canadian chapter. After going dormant after the Great Depression, Gary Froude and Gayle Dempsey revived the concept in the late 1990's and officially relaunched Muskoka Chautauqua in 2004.

Muskoka Chautauqua continues to grow and evolve, with a goal of providing a breadth of diverse arts and culture programming to the residents and visitors of the Muskoka Lakes region.

Vision

To be recognized as a leader in the provision of inclusive, innovative and creative arts-based programming for enrichment and life-long learning, while contributing to economic and social vitality to enhance 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.

Arts & Culture Festival: August 5-14, 2022



Home in Windermere

In 1921, Chautauqua landed on the shores of Windermere for its inaugural summer season in Muskoka. For the past few years we have been so pleased to again call Windermere Village the home of our summer festival. The Village of Windermere has embraced our festival with open arms, and we have developed and grown wonderful relationships with many community partners.

This year we worked with the Windermere Women's Institute, the Windermere & District Lion's Club, and the Windermere Family Fun Day committee.

The festival concluded with a Family Fun Art Party that included all of our Windermere community partners and local families.



Throughout the Year

In addition to our flagship arts and culture festival in Windermere every August, Muskoka Chautauqua brings arts programming to the region throughout the year.

Back by popular demand, all Fall and Winter Coffee Houses were held at The Muskoka Place Gallery and had great crowds, bringing music to the community!

Muskoka Chautauqua lent our hand bells to the students of Trillium Lakelands District Schoolboard and had such a positive experience that they have decided to buy their own sets to keep for the students.

Finally, we participated again in Culture Days thanks to the innovative and on-line options which featured our self-guided heritage walk in Windermere village.



CULTURE DAYS

Thank You to Our Team

Board of Directors

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

Glad Bryce, Chair
Beverlie Robertson, Secretary
Anne Newberry, Treasurer
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Dr. Bernie Gosevitz
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Founders/Administration

Gary Froude, Executive Director
Gayle Dempsey, Director of Development

Advisors

Marsha Skain
Leah Leslie

Festival Team

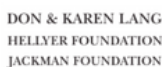
Sean Dempsey, Executive Producer
Joan Bendon, Festival Director
Tori Grant, Onsite Staff
Andrew Nunno, Onsite Staff
Dale McIntosh, Onsite Producer
Mary Ellen Shrimpton, Onsite Producer

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.

Thank You to Our Supporters

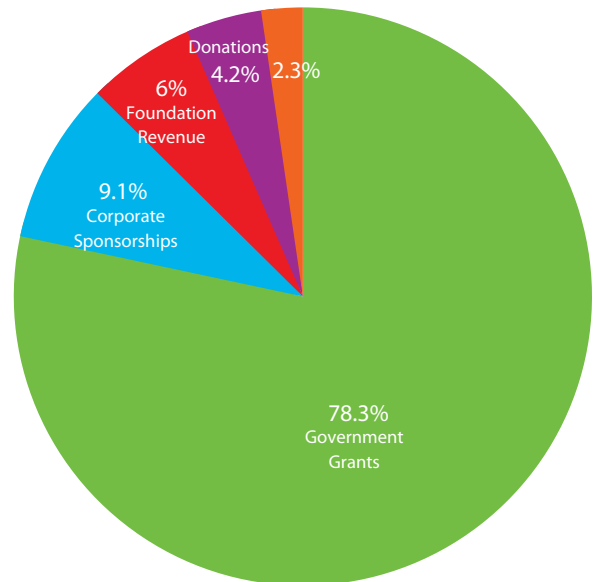
Muskoka Chautauqua is so thankful for the generous support we received to continue arts & culture programming in our community. A very warm thank you to all of our artists, partners and donors.



2022 Financial Summary

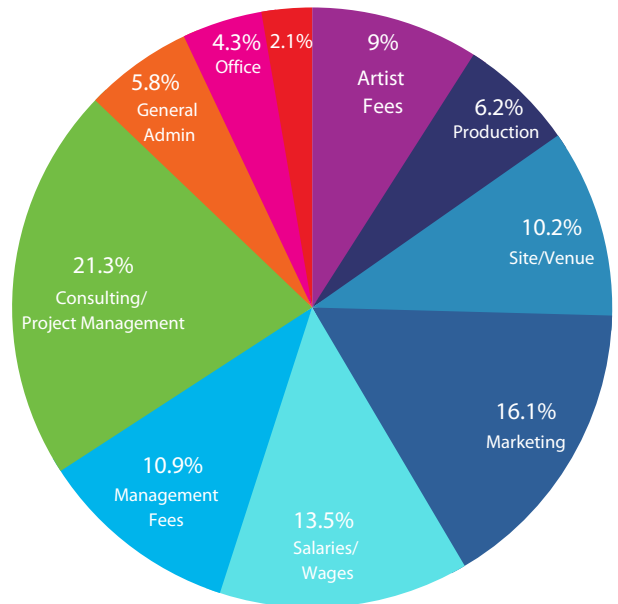
Revenues

Government Grants	\$286,680	78.3%
Corporate Sponsorships	\$ 35,325	9.1%
Foundation Revenue	\$ 22,000	6%
Donations	\$ 15,494	4.2%
Tickets	\$ 8,510	2.3%
Total Revenue	\$368,189	



Expenses

Artist Fees	\$ 31,866	9%
Production	\$ 21,943	6.2%
Site/Venue	\$ 35,826	10.2%
Marketing	\$ 56,380	16.1%
Salaries and Wages	\$ 47,319	13.5%
Management Fees	\$ 38,387	10.9%
Consulting/Project Management	\$ 74,928	21.3%
General Administration	\$ 20,568	5.8%
Office	\$ 15,410	4.3%
Amortization of Capital Assets	\$ 9,675	2.1%
Total Expenses	\$352,302	



Donate

In order to ensure that Muskoka Chautauqua is able to continue providing engaging and enriching arts and culture programming in Muskoka that is accessible to everyone, tickets to some of our events in 2023 will be pay-what-you-can. Arts organizations like ours depend on the generosity of our patrons. Your donations cover the cost of artists and production, and makes programming accessible for all.

This year's festival will proudly employ over 60 artists, staff and production crew. We hope you'll join us in supporting them with your applause and your cheers and, where appropriate, your dollars. Donations of \$25 or more will receive a tax receipt.

[Donate Here](#)

If you are interested in sponsoring the 2023 Muskoka Chautauqua Arts & Culture Festival, please contact us at mci@artsinmuskoka.com.



Maple Leaf Bay

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