



**City of Kingston  
Report to Council  
Report Number 15-223**

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<b>To:</b>	<b>Mayor and Members of Council</b>
<b>From:</b>	<b>Cynthia Beach, Commissioner, Corporate &amp; Strategic Initiatives</b>
<b>Resource Staff:</b>	<b>Colin Wiginton, Cultural Director</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>March 24, 2015</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Canadian Heritage Contribution Agreement through the Canada Arts Presentation Fund: Grand Theatre Presents</b>

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**Executive Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval to enter into an agreement with Canadian Heritage to receive up to \$60,000 in funding in 2015 and 2016 to defray costs associated with the Grand Theatre Presents series.

Currently, the Cultural Services Department has the delegated approval and signing authority to authorize the Mayor to approve and sign Grant Applications that enable the Department to access funding from higher levels of government. Council approval is still required should these Grant Applications prove to be successful, as in this case.

This report is time sensitive as the City has been asked to sign and return the Contribution Agreement in advance of the Federal Government's fiscal year that begins April 1, 2015.

**Recommendation:**

**That** Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a Contribution Agreement issued by the Minister of Canadian Heritage, satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services, in the amount of up to \$60,000 through the Canada Arts Presentation Fund; and

**That** Council authorize the Commissioner of Corporate & Strategic Initiatives, or the Cultural Director as her delegate, to complete, sign and submit cash flow statements and other reports as required by Canadian Heritage as part of the Contribution Agreement.

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**Authorizing Signatures:**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER**Cynthia Beach, Commissioner,  
Corporate & Strategic Initiatives**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer****Consultation with the following Members of the Corporate Management Team:**

Lanie Hurdle, Community Services	Not required
Denis Leger, Transportation, Facilities & Emergency Services	Not required
Jim Keech, President and CEO, Utilities Kingston	Not required
Desiree Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer	Not required

**Options/Discussion:**

Since 2009, the Cultural Services Department has been able to secure funding through Canadian Heritage on an annual basis to defray costs associated with the Grand Theatre Presents series. This funding, provided through the Canada Arts Presentation Fund, is critical as it makes it possible to present a level of programming that features the highest level of artists and artistry across many disciplines.

The objective of this program as defined by Canadian Heritage is to provide Canadians with access to a variety of professional artistic experiences in their communities. This funding makes it possible for City staff to provide Kingston residents with a varied program through the Grand Theatre that balances community-based presentations with commercial rentals and a mixed program that features contemporary dance, theatre, music and world music from Canada and beyond.

Earlier this year, City staff were notified that the City of Kingston is eligible to receive up to \$60,000 in 2015 and 2016 to defray costs associated with the Grand Theatre Presents series. Council approval is needed to execute the Contribution Agreement that has been provided and City staff are also requesting that the Commissioner of Corporate & Strategic Initiatives, or the Cultural Director as her delegate, be authorized to complete, sign and submit cash flow statements and other reports as required by Canadian heritage as part of the Contribution Agreement.

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**Existing Policy/By-Law:**

Not applicable

**Notice Provisions:**

Not applicable

**Accessibility Considerations:**

Not applicable

**Financial Considerations:**

The 2015 Cultural Services Operating budget as approved by Council includes \$60,000 in revenue to be received from Canadian Heritage through the Canada Arts Presentation Fund. This assumption has been built into the Operating budget each year and is based on the success of past applications. As was expected, the funding approved by Canadian Heritage could total as much as \$60,000 in 2015 and 2016.

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**Exhibits Attached:**

None