

## Update from the Co-Chairs – May 2024

This is a follow up to update the ECTFA community since our report from the AGM of Nov. 2023. It has been almost 3 years since we took the helm as Co-Chairs for the ECTFA. Needless to say, a lot has happened in the past few years. We are excited to provide an update to our community.

*Deepthi & Kathryn*

### Our Board of Directors

Since our last update a number of our directors reached their maximum 6-year tenure with the ECTFA board of directors so we sadly had to say goodbye to these hard-working folks. We are forever indebted to Brad Henderson and Danielle Marks. Both had to leave their positions due to other demands. We wish them well and thank them for their service to the Arts Centre.

Currently, Ellen Helps continues to be our secretary. Jean Prichard has assumed the role of Treasurer. We thank Lee Bonnell for stepping up as interim treasurer and hope he'll continue to be involved in our future endeavours. These folks are invaluable assets to the future success of the Elora Centre for the Arts.

We have also welcomed other new additions to our Board of Directors since our last report. A warm welcome to Annie Tobias and Eva Lane. We are very confident that this new slate of directors will steer the Centre through the exciting times ahead!



## Working Committees

Our four working committees have volunteered their expertise to do the heavy lifting for the Board.

These are:

- **The Governance Committee** - this committee has been working hard to bring on new board members; provide essential policies and bylaws; HR matters and guidance on other governance issues on the Board.
- **Finance and Audit Committee** - This hard working committee has been diligent in ensuring our financial stability and long term financial goals to support the Arts Centre.
- **Capital Campaign Committee** - This committee would not exist without the stewardship of Sheila Koop who has volunteered countless hours and recruited an excellent Cabinet of community volunteers and staff to help in delivering the Expansion fundraising plans.
- **Building Committee** - This advisory committee of volunteers brings their expertise to the various aspects of the building expansion project.

## Finances

The ECTFA is in a very strong financial position. This is essential to ensure that we continue to support the community with exciting programs and projects in the future. A big thank you to our Executive Director Lianne Carter and our tireless Development Officer, Molly Kleiker. They have sought out, pursued, and secured a number of grants over the past few years to ensure that the ECTFA can move forward with its exciting future plans. Kudos to them both for working diligently to deliver on our current Strategic Plan and to secure our future success.

## **Staff**

An organization is only successful if it has good people running it. We have the most amazing staff members. They all work above and beyond their job descriptions to ensure that programming, art exhibitions and the visitor experience is delivered to the community in a seamless manner.

Please visit our website to get to know the role that is played by each staff member to ensure the success of the ECTFA. <https://eloracentreforthearts.ca/about/staff/>



## **Find out more!**

As we continue to focus on providing an optimal experience for our community at the ECTFA, our goal is to highlight and support artists, develop programs that serve our community, and uplift others who are doing great work. We endeavour to provide spaces and activities where our community feels like they belong, a place of gathering and connection to the arts that is vital to the health and vibrancy of where we live.

## Expansion Project

You might be aware that we are gearing up to expand our space at the Arts Centre, providing accessible washrooms and community use space. Our fundraising efforts have not officially gone public, as we have been busy focusing on funding from government and private lead donors. To date, we have raised almost 80% of our goal, and we are excited to launch the campaign to the public to help us get to the finish line! Stay tuned for details about our upcoming fundraising events that will support the expansion project:

- Community Picnics in the Pavilion: BBQ chicken dinners with live music on July 25 and September 5
- Fundraising Gala at the Elora Mill (on November 7<sup>th</sup>)



**To find out more about the expansion project**, and how you can participate / donate / name a space please visit our website  
<https://eloracentreforthearts.ca/projects/expansion-project/>

*Find yourself at the Centre.*

**Adult & Children's Programming, Exhibitions, Events, Artisan Shop and Outreach Programs:**

Please take the time to click on the links below to learn more about the vast array of workshops for adults & kids, children's camps, outreach programs, events and exhibitions on offer at the Centre.