

# ‘Moonlight at the Mill’ fundraiser for the Elora Centre for the Arts glows with community support

There has been a buzz in the arts community this season, with the announcement that the **Elora Mill Hotel & Spa** would be hosting and presenting ‘Moonlight at the Mill’, a fundraising gala in support of the Elora Centre for the Arts.

“We are delighted to partner with the Elora Centre for the Arts as host and sponsor for this key fundraiser” said Jocelyn Maurice, Managing Partner at the Elora Mill Hotel & Spa, at the sold out event on April 13th. “For the past 4 years we have partnered with the Art Centre to curate much of the original work by local artists on display throughout the Mill. We value the arts and want to support the work the Art Centre is doing to uplift and nurture artists, and the ways in which they strengthen

our community through their outreach programs” said Maurice.

Over 170 guests attended the event in the Granary event space at the Elora Mill to support the Art Centre. The event included a 3-course meal, live music, silent auction and raffle draws. At the time of printing, totals for the fundraiser were not yet available.

Local businesses joined in to sponsor the fundraising event for the Arts Centre, including the team at **Mochrie & Voisin Real Estate Group** as the lead Dinner Sponsor. Gold sponsor support came from Kyle Dietrich and the BMO team of **EDK Wealth Advisory Group** in Elora. “Corporate sponsorship is vital to a charitable fundraiser” said Lianne

Carter, Executive Director at the Elora Centre for the Arts (ECFTA). “These folks are leaders in our community, and they place value on giving back and supporting charitable work right here where we live and work. We are so grateful for their support and partnership” Carter said in her remarks at the gala. Bronze sponsorship was supported by **Elora Home Hardware** and the **Wellington Advertiser**.

“Dozens of local businesses donated items for the silent auction and raffle prizes as well” said Carter.

Proceeds from the ‘Moonlight at the Mill’ gala will help support the Elora Centre for the Arts and its outreach programs for low-income families, adults and youth with (dis)abilities, teens recovering from addiction and tweens seeking connection. “Our role is to identify how the arts can serve our community, and find funding to make it happen so that we remove financial barriers to participation” said Molly Kleiker, Development Director at ECFTA.

The Elora Centre for the Arts is a not-for-profit charity. Their programs are developed from the shared belief that individual and community wellness are grounded in curiosity, creativity, and artistic expression. As a creative hub, they teach and nourish the skills that help all participants discover their inner artist and the important life skills that can be practiced in the process. “Artistic expression provides an opportunity for us to gather, to broaden our understanding of the world around us, to be uplifted and feel connected” says Carter.

For information about adult and youth programming, community outreach programs, exhibitions and events please visit [eloracentreforthearts.ca](http://eloracentreforthearts.ca) To donate and support outreach programs at the Art Centre, please visit their website and click “donate” in the top right corner of the page.



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