

DRAG ACADEMY ARTIST COLLECTIVE

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THE MISSION

Drag Academy Artist Collective advances public appreciation of LGBTQ2S+ arts by producing vibrant exhibitions, presentations, and performance events that celebrate and elevate LGBTQ2S+ artists. We provide an inclusive forum for qualified artists to exhibit, present, and perform their work, enriching Canada's cultural landscape while fostering understanding, visibility, and belonging through the power of the arts.



VISION

We envision a liberated future where LGBTQ2S+ artists shape culture boldly and unapologetically, and where drag and queer art ignite joy, resistance, and belonging.

OUR PURPOSE

To advance the public's appreciation of the arts by producing public art exhibitions, presentations, and performance art events that celebrate and showcase the work of 2SLGBTQ+ artists.

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WHY NOW?

- LGBTQ2S+ artists remain underrepresented in major cultural institutions and funding bodies.
- Public dialogue is shifting, and there is growing hunger for authentic, diverse voices.
- Representation saves lives , visibility and community in the arts reduce isolation and foster belonging.
- Cultural equity is not only a moral imperative, it's an opportunity to lead systemic change.

OUR PILLARS

Creation: Support 2SLGBTQ+ artists with grants, mentorship, and residencies.

Connection: Build platforms that bring artists and communities together through performance, exhibitions, and public art.

Celebration: Showcase queer artistry in all its forms, amplifying voices and stories that transform culture.

Continuity: Invest in sustainability, capacity building, and leadership to ensure long-term impact.

SAMPLE PROGRAMS

- Queer Arts Festival — an annual multi-day festival featuring queer visual art, drag, theatre, music, and film.
- Queer Performance Series — Quarterly live shows spotlighting drag, spoken word, music, or multidisciplinary performances.
- Pop-Up Exhibitions — temporary installations in public spaces (parks, libraries, storefronts) highlighting local queer artists.
- Artist-in-Residence Program — provide mentorship, studio space, and small grants to emerging 2SLGBTQ+ artists.
- Creative Incubator Workshops — skill-building sessions in grant writing, portfolio building, marketing, and digital storytelling.
- Collaborative Creation Labs — bring together artists from different disciplines to co-create new works reflecting queer narratives.

WHY JOIN THE BOARD

Shape the organization's vision, strategy, and governance from inception.

Champion 2SLGBTQ+ inclusion in the arts through advocacy and connections.

Act as an ambassador and leverage your networks to support partnerships, fundraising, and visibility.

IDEAL COMPOSITION

- Artists and cultural workers
- Community leaders
- Legal and financial professionals
- Marketing, communications, and fundraising specialists
- Allies with a passion for equity and representation

TIME COMMITMENT

- Term: 2 years (renewable)
- Meetings: 6 per year (virtual and/or in-person)
- Committees: Participation in at least one committee (Programming, Fundraising, Governance)
- Ambassadorship: Attend at least one event per year

This is a volunteer board, with the satisfaction of building something transformative from the ground up.

NEXT STEPS

If you share our belief that queer art can change the world, we invite you to join us as a Founding Board Member.

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