

DRAG ACADEMY ARTIST COLLECTIVE

# BOARD DECK

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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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