



**CITY OF KINGSTON DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (ACA)
DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Respectfully submitted by Kitt Potter, Director of Arts and Cultural Affairs 4.13.23

ARTS AND CULTURE MASTER PLAN (ACMP) IMPLEMENTATION PHASE II

This report is aligned with the short to middle-term priorities established for my Office as described in the Action Plan Detail section of the City of Kingston (CoK) Arts and Culture Master Plan (ACMP), passed by the City of Kingston Common Council 3.1.22.

*Furthering the Role and Expanding the Capacity of the Department of Arts and Cultural Affairs; playing a primary leadership role in the **implementation of the Arts and Culture Master Plan PHASE II:***

PRIORITY B CONNECTIVITY AND COLLABORATION

Strategy 1 – Celebrate and embrace Kingston's identity as an arts city

Assisting city-wide organizations with promoting events and exhibition openings; attended numerous ones this past month to show support and encouragement, and make introductions.

Strategy 2 – Maintaining and sharing information between organizations, businesses, and individuals to ensure better coordination of events throughout the year, assisting creatives in establishing relationships and enhancing communications, maintaining and sharing (among creative leaders for time being until the CoK website is updated and calendar-ready) – a city-wide events and festivals calendar: events the city hosts; events the city funds; events for which CoK permits are required.

Strategy 4: City Hall Exhibition

Assisting the chair and participating organizations of the youth exhibition with organization, coordination, installation, opening reception, and community outreach.

Strategy 5: Art and Local History Education Roundtable – Connecting the community with artists and local history experts to ensure that the arts and local history are being represented in a factual and meaningful way:

UPDATE: October 13-15th - Burning of Kingston - First Ulster Militia, Ulster County, City of Kingston Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs:

Co-leading this effort with CoK Historian Taylor Bruck as a precursor to the statewide commemoration of the Revolutionary War being planned in the CoK in 2025.

- Friday the ACA hosts/supports: Scholarly lectures by Susan Stessin Cohn, author of “In Defiance: Runaways from Slavery in New York's Hudson River Valley, 1735-1831”, and Arthur Cook – Black History Teacher – New Paltz High School, 6pm-8pm, City Hall Council Chambers.
- Saturday: [Person House Exhibition](#); Re-enactment, music of the war period, cooking demos, wool spinners, blacksmith demos, colonial physician accoutrements, more at the Senate House.
- Sunday the ACA hosts/supports: Bard Conservatory of Music Ensemble at Old Dutch Church with a pre-concert talk by Leslie Gerber about how the great classical masters of the period felt about the war: Chevalier de Saint Georges, Mozart, more. 3-5pm Free.

PRIORITY C7- DEIA – ENSURING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE ARTS AND CULTURAL PROGRAMMING

- Free and open to the public and sponsored by the Departments of ACA, Parks and Recreation, and with the generous tech support from [Radio Kingston](#), the **City of Kingston Arts, Culture, and Heritage Series 2023 FINAL:**

- **Saturday, April 8, 2023 at Old Dutch Church**
3pm-4pm Performance: David Gonzalez, storyteller and Frederick Chiu, pianist – symphonic fairy tales for children – “Peter and the Wolf” by Sergei Prokofiev, and Camille Saint-Saëns’ “Carnival of the Animals”.
Weather: 55 degrees and sunny; Attendance: @175 children and families; Response: Raves
- **Saturday, May 27th, 2023, at Academy Green**
7-830pm Performance: Maxwell Kofi Donker – Sankofa Drummers and Dancers
830pm Movie: *Black Panther*
- **Saturday, June 10 (June 11 Rain Date) at TR Gallo Park**
Double Header Latin Concert feat.
530pm-7pm Concert: Alessandra Trio
7pm-830pm Concert: Pablo Shine Trio;
 - Live Performance Art by **Nancy Ostrovsky**, the resulting works of which will be donated to Center for Creative Education**830pm Movie: *Selena* feat J Lo**
- **Wednesday, June 21, 430-630pm with a reception to follow. City Hall**
City of Kingston and Native American Peace Tree Planting/Summer Solstice Ceremony - Paul Tobin, Mayor, Kitt, Kawansante; Ramapough Lenaape, Association of Native Americans of the Hudson Valley, more.
- **Friday, July 21 at TR Gallo**
6-830pm Concert: Bush Brothers
- **Friday, July 28 6pm-10pm at Kingston Point Park**
6pm - Late Night Kayaking Paddle
830pm Movie: *JAWS*
- **Saturday, August 4 at Old Dutch Church**
7-830pm Concert: Juma Sultan Aboriginal Society
- **Saturday, August 19th - Forsyth Park**
7-830pm Concert: Maxmillian Metatin Duet
830pm Movie: *Cinderella* feat. Whitney Houston and Brandy
- **Thursday, December 21 12pm-230pm City Hall**
2nd Annual Wiping of the Tears Ceremony/Winter Solstice Celebration

PRIORITY D1 – POLICY AND FUNDING

Strategy 4: Resources for Individual Artists, Art Organizations, and Art Businesses

Assisting numerous individuals and organizations with strategic planning, collaborations, grants.

Strategy 5: Create a Public Art Policy

Working with the KAC sub-committee on the development of an RFQ for the consultant.

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