

From: **"Mochrie, Paul"**

To: **"Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"**

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Subject: Upcoming news release: 2024 Arts and Culture Grants (April 9, 2024)

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below news release regarding the 2024 Arts and Culture Grant awards, which were approved today by Council. Please keep this news release embargoed until it goes live from the City media email account.

Maria will reply to this email with the relevant Vancouver.ca link and social media links, once these are live.

Best,

Paul

Paul Mochrie (he/him)

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City of Vancouver



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Vancouver City Council approves more than \$4.2 Million in cultural grants

Today, Vancouver City Council approved \$4,244,795 in grants to 75 cultural organizations. The grants will enable the cultural sector to provide critical programs and services to artists, the cultural community, and the public.

The City of Vancouver recognizes the cultural sector's pivotal role in Vancouver's social and economic vibrancy. Arts and cultural organizations help shape our city's identity, contribute to our outstanding quality of life, and support industries including tourism and hospitality.

"City Council was proud to be able to support the cultural sector today through our 2024 grant program," said Mayor Ken Sim. "These grants ensure that local audiences, visitors, and artists can come together to delight in home-grown, signature cultural experiences, in unique cultural spaces that define what Vancouver is. We also take this opportunity to applaud the work of our city's artists and cultural workers –you help make Vancouver the vibrant, exciting and distinctive city we are all proud to live in."

Funding highlights:

- [221A Artist Run Centre Society](#) – \$50,000 was granted for programs and operations to support IBPOC artists and designers in their research and cultural projects, as well as providing affordable cultural space for artists, cultural organizations, and the community.
- [UNIT/PITT Society for Art and Critical Awareness](#) – \$30,000 was granted to this artist-run centre for exhibitions, programs and services to support emerging artists and communities in engaging in experimental creative work that advances a more expansive, inclusive reality for art and cultural production.
- [Theatre Replacement Society](#) – \$30,000 was granted to support the creation of signature performances, for a diverse public, led by artistic director Maiko Yamamoto in collaboration with resident and associate artists. The grant will also support mentorship, residency, and professional development programs for artists.
- [Realwheels Theatre Society](#) – \$30,000 was granted to support programs and operations for this theatre company that creates and produces performances that deepen audiences' understanding of the disability experience.
- [Vancouver Youth Choir](#) – \$27,500 was granted for programs and operations to create a space of true belonging for young people to discover their voice and bond through a love of song.

These financial commitments were awarded in accordance with the City of Vancouver's [2024 Arts and Culture Grants Program Framework](#) and align with key strategic directions, including:

- [Culture|Shift - the City's 10-year arts and culture plan](#);
- [Making Space for Arts and Culture - the City's cultural infrastructure plan](#);
- the [Vancouver Music Strategy](#);
- the City's [Reconciliation Framework](#), and [UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People \(UNDRIP\) Strategy](#);
- and the City's [Equity Framework](#), and [Accessibility Strategy](#).

For full details – including the list of all grant recipients - read the [2024 Cultural Grants City Council report](#).

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