

## Media Release

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### **EmcArts selects twenty local arts groups for innovative training program**

*Edmonton...* Twenty local arts and culture organizations have been selected to take part in *New Pathways*, a training and immersion program led by arts consulting agency EmcArts. Over the next three years, participating organizations will explore the challenges and opportunities facing the industry, develop leadership and community engagement skills, and learn adaptive and innovative solutions to their challenges via workshops, forums, webinars, an in-depth train the trainer program, and more.

Based on EmcArts' successful work with not-for-profit arts organizations around the United States, *New Pathways* is a carefully crafted local response to the needs of arts organizations as they experience shifts in demographics, technology, social policy and audiences. The program will build on EmcArts' ongoing work in Edmonton with the Art Gallery of Alberta, as well as a number of other Canadian arts organizations including the Saskatchewan Arts Board and Calgary Arts Development.

In alphabetical order, the selected organizations are:

- Alberta Ballet
- Alberta Craft Council
- Arts and Heritage St. Albert
- Brian Webb Dance Company
- CKUA Radio Network
- Edmonton Heritage Council
- Edmonton Opera
- The Film and Video Arts Society of Alberta (FAVA)
- Francis Winspear Centre for Music & Edmonton Symphony Orchestra
- Fringe Theatre Adventures
- Metro Cinema Society
- NeWest Press
- Northern Alberta International Children's Festival
- Pro Coro Society
- Society of Northern Alberta Print Artists (SNAP)
- The Works International Visual Arts Society
- Theatre Alberta
- Ukrainian Shumka Dancers
- Visual Arts Alberta CARFAC
- WECAN (Where Edmonton Community Artist Network/Harcourt House)

New Pathways programming will be provided at no cost to the participating organizations, thanks to funding from the City of Edmonton, the Edmonton Arts Council, the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, and the Edmonton Community Foundation.

For more information about EmcArts and New Pathways, please visit [emcartarts.org](http://emcartarts.org) or [artsfwd.org](http://artsfwd.org). For more information about the Edmonton Arts Council, visit [edmontonarts.ca](http://edmontonarts.ca).

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The Edmonton Arts Council is a not-for-profit organization that supports and promotes the arts community in Edmonton. The Edmonton Arts Council works to increase the profile and involvement of arts and culture in all aspects of our community life.

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