

Community Arts & Theatre

Arts Advisory Committee

December 2022

Art Services & Anvil Theatre – Looking Back

Operational Recovery

Re-established baseline registered art programs in Anvil Cultural Studios (post-COVID).

Re-engaged programming partners and audiences in Anvil Theatre (post-COVID).

Jazz at the Anvil

Partnered with Piva Modern Italian to present a jazz performing arts series at Anvil Theatre.

Winter Celebration

Re-launching the full Winter Celebration Program (post-COVID).



Kitka Dancers,
Winter Celebration, Anvil Centre



Jazz at the Anvil, Anvil Theatre

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Community Art Gallery at Anvil

Presented 7 exhibitions featuring 40 artists.

Developed an MOU to establish a 3-year curatorial and programming partnership with the Arts Council of New Westminster.

Heritage Canada Grant for Anvil Theatre

Received a grant of 126K to fund a performance series at Anvil Theatre and accompanying downtown outdoor social activations – to take place in 2023.

Poet Laureate – Poetry Month Billboard Project

Launched a successful poetry month project which featured a rotation of one-line poems on the City's electronic message boards.



Community Art Gallery Exhibition
Artist Paul Gravett
Anvil Centre



Poetry Month Billboard Project
Poet Laureate Elliott Slinn

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Outside/In Performing Arts Series at Anvil

Performance series to be launched in January at Anvil Theatre featuring national touring artists presented alongside downtown outdoor social activations. Funded through Heritage Canada.

Anvil Theatre Granting Strategy

Explore additional granting opportunities to expand theatre programming.

Arts Communications Plan

Work towards developing an arts communications plan, in collaboration with the Downtown BIA, Tourism, ACNW, MTS and other partners.



Dancers of Damelahamid, Coastal Dance Festival, Anvil Theatre

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Public Art Plan

Finalize a 10-year Public Art Plan to guide the Public Art Program.

Artist Residency

Implement a new Artist Residency in collaboration with Museum & Heritage Services.

Bernie Legge Theatre

Develop a new lease and working agreement with the Vagabond Players that aligns with and supports the advancement of the goals of the Theatre Strategy.



Future Ancestors, Public Art Banner Installation, artist Michelle Sound

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Anvil Activation Strategies

Work with the Arts Council to implement the Community Art Gallery Pilot Project and support the 20th Anniversary of the New West Culture Crawl;

Identify and advance opportunities to partner externally and cross-departmentally to animate Anvil Centre in new ways;

Re-establish Drop-In Art Making Workshops at Anvil (post-COVID).

Massey Theatre & Complex

Liaise with our operating partner, Massey Theatre Society.

Participate in the planning and coordination of the City's phased renovation project.



Art Making Workshop, Anvil Centre

