

# Edmonton Art Club Organizational Resume



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### Organizational Background

Founded in 1921, the Edmonton Art Club is proud to be Alberta's oldest continuing art organization. For over a century, we have championed artistic growth, cultural enrichment, and community connection through exhibitions, education, and collaboration. Our membership includes over 45 active artists—emerging and established—working across diverse styles and mediums. We are a volunteer-led, not-for-profit society committed to fostering creativity and accessibility in the visual arts.

### Mission Statement

To promote the visual arts by supporting artists, engaging the public, and creating opportunities for meaningful artistic expression. We believe in the power of art to uplift, connect, and inspire—values that align deeply with the healing and humanizing role of art in public and healthcare spaces.

### Relevance to Grant Objectives

The Edmonton Art Club's programming directly supports community well-being, lifelong learning, and cultural inclusion. Our exhibitions and outreach initiatives bring art into everyday spaces—hospitals, schools, seniors' residences—making creativity accessible and impactful. We are seeking funding to expand these efforts, enhance artist support, and deepen our engagement with underserved communities.

### Exhibition History & Impact

We have a long-standing history of exhibiting in public, cultural, and healthcare venues throughout Edmonton. Two of our most valued partnerships include:

- **Misericordia Hospital** - A decades-long collaboration that brings rotating exhibitions into patient and visitor spaces, contributing to a healing environment through visual storytelling.
- **NOA (Night of Artists) Gallery** - A professional showcase that highlights the breadth and quality of our members' work in a public-facing arts venue.

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Our exhibitions span a wide range of styles—from abstract and impressionist to realist and mixed media—offering viewers moments of reflection, connection, and inspiration.

## Community Engagement & Education

We are deeply committed to fostering artistic dialogue and mentorship through:





- Monthly critique nights and skill-building workshops
- Outreach to schools, seniors' residences, and cultural organizations
- Annual scholarships recognizing volunteerism and artistic merit
- Collaborative projects that celebrate Edmonton's artistic heritage and diversity

These initiatives cultivate intergenerational learning, social inclusion, and a vibrant local arts ecosystem.

## Membership & Governance

Our 45+ members represent a broad spectrum of artistic disciplines, cultural backgrounds, and lived experiences. We value inclusivity, mentorship, and lifelong learning. The club is governed by an elected volunteer executive and sustained by the active participation of its members.

## Contact & Leadership

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