

### The Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts





# **Our Vision**

All people have the right to achieve their highest potential, which includes the right to creative expression. Creativity lies within everyone and can be powerfully expressed through the arts.

The Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts (the Nina) believes in the importance of creation and exhibition of art by those who face barriers to artistic expression.

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# Message from the Nina

It has been a terrific year for the Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts' creative output, so much so that it is hard to share every highlight here. Please take the time to explore this report and see for yourself how strong the connection is between the artists in our collective and outside stakeholders, organizations and people in the community who just love art.

At the Nina, artists support one another through the community they have built in our studios, through the friendships they have formed, and through the family they have created. They engage, show care, and offer fierce encouragement to each other through their art. Over the past year, artists have had more opportunities to expand into the community with creative projects and exhibitions. The Artist Advisory Committee has been a backbone, amplifying the voices of the artists who walk through our doors each day. Their Support Manifesto speaks to their rights and their desire to be treated with respect and recognized as artists.

Access and representation in the arts remain a priority for us. As the world does not stand still, we must keep evolving too. Everything we do is focused on creating and supporting a strong and sustainable future for artists.

Maria Laycock

Maria Laycock Chief Executive Officer

Madison Dinn

Maddi Dewar Studio Manager



The Nina team at our 2023 holiday party

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## 2023-24 Members

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## Leaving in 2024

The Nina team would like to recognize two outgoing board members who have shaped and developed the Nina through their dedication, drive and passion.

Jodi Eyolfson is stepping down as Board Chair and Bruce Kirkland is stepping down as Director, both after many years of service. Their time, energy, kindness and generosity over the years have forever changed the centre. Jodi, we are so grateful for your strategic guidance, compassion and the light that you bring with you everywhere you go. Bruce, your ability to unite community and influence change through your drive and charisma has built the Nina to new levels of success and security.

We extend our profound gratitude and heartfelt thanks to you both.



Jodi Eyolfson, Chair



Bruce Kirkland, Director

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# Thank you

to our incredible volunteers for contributing **600 hours** between April 2023 - March 2024!

# **Financial Report**

The Nina has had an incredible year of growth. The final stage of emerging out of the Covid-19 pandemic has transpired and we have grown into a studio offering effectively fulltime access for our artists. In May 2023, the Nina was able to secure sufficient funding to support programming on Thursday afternoons. The additional time and opportunities for creation within our walls has been incredible to witness.

We could not do this without substantial support from contract services through Alberta Human Services (Disability Services). It truly is an anchor for our revenue. We also receive generous support from a range of grants and sponsorships. Charitable donations such as our Patron Program are an essential part of the Nina. Gifts such as this truly help us sustain our programming.

#### Thank you to our sustaining partners

Arts funding from our sustaining partners makes it possible for the Nina to serve so many incredible artists in the Edmonton cultural sector. We thank these ongoing supporters that provide a measure of security for the important work that happens here. During 2023/2024, the Nina posted a small profit whilst serving 200 members. We are looking ahead to a year with sustainability at the forefront, while offering equal access to opportunities and resources at the Nina and beyond. We send a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their continued support.

> **24%** of our operating revenue was generated through sponsorship, fundraising, and donations.



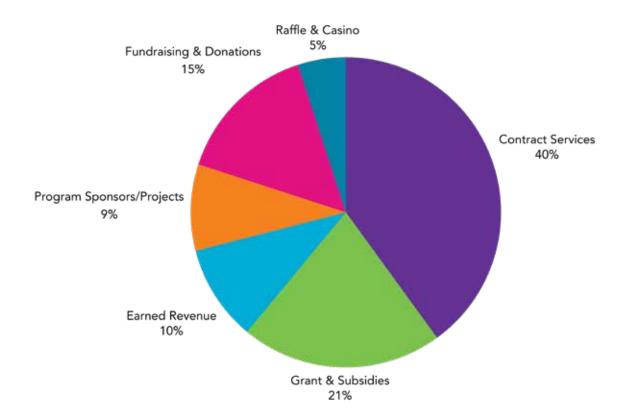








#### Revenue by Source 2023/2024



### **Project & Program Sponsors**

| АТВ                           | RBC                        |
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| CIBC                          | TD                         |
| Edmonton Community Foundation | TELUS                      |
| Grant Thornton                | Universiade '83 Foundation |

# **Capital Campaign**

The Nina has worked diligently to pay off our mortgage. Thanks to the support and generosity of the following contributors, we are excited to announce we have reached our goal! This will allow us to focus funds on reducing the number of artists on our waitlist. Thank you to all of those who made this a possibility. This support ensures we paint a bright and stable future.

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# 2023 Patrons

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#### For information about becoming a patron, contact jenn@thenina.ca

By committing to a \$500 annual donation, our patrons help us keep our membership fee low and waive it for those who find it a barrier to participation. Thank you to all our new and returning patrons in 2023!







# **Exhibitions**

In our Stollery Gallery we feature artists who face barriers to sharing their work. This includes artists in the Nina Collective and beyond.

We are also committed to helping the artists in our collective share their work with new audiences through exhibition outside our building. This includes group shows in other galleries and venues, as well as supporting individual artists in responding to calls for submissions and other opportunities.

## **External Exhibits**

Ornament + Crime, Kelsey Hawkins Alberta Craft Council, Edmonton and Calgary

(*Re*)gathering, Nina Collective City Centre Mall Window Gallery

AccessAbility Symposium, Dean O., Jared Q., Carrie W. NAIT

## **Stollery Gallery**

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*if walls could talk if floors had eyes*, RBC Emerging Artists City Centre Mall Window Gallery

*Realities of Life & Dreams*, Kim Casarin City Centre Mall Window Gallery



I've been at Nina since day one. To see the look on the people's faces when their art goes up in the gallery makes me feel proud.

- Roy Skoreyko, Nina Artist



# **Artist Advisory Committee**

The Nina's Artist Advisory Committee (AAC) was formed in 2021 as an official and meaningful way for artists in the Nina Collective to be more involved in organizational decisions and share their input with our staff and board.

This year, the Advisory Committee helped to organize our second art market at Kaleido Festival, led workshops for fellow artists, curated three exhibitions in our Marian Allen Kitchen Gallery, and planned a fashion show for our 2024 Patrons Luncheon. Three members from the committee participated in the John Humphries Centre's Action on Ableism workshops series and retreat.

The Committee also created a Support Manifesto, a document outlining how artists in the Nina Collective expect to be treated and spoken to by staff, volunteers, visitors, and their support workers while they are here. A copy of this is now posted in every studio as a reference.



Art Market organized by the Advisory Committee

### **Core Committee Members**

| Sarah Belding  | Aba Garbrah        | Roy Skoreyko   |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Sophie Connell | Alana Gersky       | Carrie Wheeler |
| Desiree Dick   | Yvette Prefontaine | Joel Youb      |
| Dale Donahue   | Jared Quinney      |                |
| Katie Foss     | Carrie Reed        |                |

### **Support Manifesto**

Welcome to the Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts! This is my studio space. I am here to make art, have fun, and make my own choices.

 Give me my space. Most of us will ask for help if we need it, but some of us are shy, or non-vocal.
Please check on us to see if we need support.

2. Use kind language. When you give me feedback, please make sure it is respectful and helpful.

3. Don't treat me like a child. This is a studio for adults.

4. Please ask before touching my artwork. If you want to show me something, work beside me on your own example. 5. You don't need to know what my disabilities are, unless I'm willing to share with you. Don't ask about my medical history.

6. Some of us have barriers to communicating. Don't assume I can see or hear or read. Be mindful when giving instructions.

7. This is my studio time. My ideas are the most important, and you can give me suggestions, but I don't have to listen to them.

#### -Sincerely, The Artists

# **Artistic Programming**









The studios this year were busy as always, with artists learning new techniques and refining existing ones. Many artists, including those who had never worked in ceramics before, tried a new method of making mosaics with handformed tiles. Within our organization there has been a push for artist-led initiatives, which has resulted in new techniques, opportunities, and connections. Several artists were commissioned to create public murals, and Brittany Leitheiser was awarded her first grant. The Artist Advisory Committee hosted their second Art Walk and wrote the Support Manifesto which now serves as the guiding light of our organization. Other exciting collaborations included the Cripping Masculinities fashion project, Afrobeats dance with Azimuth Theatre, T-shirt designing with Lady Luck, and an ongoing group project with Chrysalis among many others!





- Holly Sabourin, Nina Artist















I never thought I could sew because of my vision. All I needed was a needle with a bigger eye. Now I'm sewing like freight train!

- Amanda Bauer, Nina Artist





Amanda Bauer learning to use a longarm quilting machine with Lead Artist Mitchell Chalifoux.

Palm Tree by Amanda Bauer Hand-embroidered applique quilt 6'4" x 6'4"

## **Project Highlights**

## **Everyone's Included**

#### Mural and Mentorship with Scott Berry

As a member of the Nina Collective for over twenty years, Scott Berry is no stranger to working on large projects. He has painted backdrops and designed costumes for Ballet Edmonton and transformed galleries into the immersive black and white world of *Confusement* for his 2015 Artist of the Year installation.

When Skills Society asked Scott to design and paint a mural for their office on 124<sup>th</sup> Street, he was ready to take on the challenge of developing work for a client for the first time. With support from the Nina, Scott applied for and received funding from the Edmonton Arts Council to work with experienced muralist Emily Chu as a mentor.

Scott designed *Everyone's Included* based on Skills Society's values of full citizenship for people with disabilities. With his abstract artistry and unique sense of humor, Scott's mural reflects the belief that "we are all people deserving of respect, dignity, and rights".

The Nina continues to support artists in applying for individual grants and funding to develop skills beyond our regular studio programming and take their artistic careers to the next level. We are pleased to share that Nina Artist Brittany Leitheiser has received individual funding to pursue writing and producing her own musical! She has been working with set designer Marie Muggeridge and researching musical production in 2023 and we can't wait to see how this project develops.





It's all partners working together on the same thing. There's no right or wrong, everybody can do their own style. It's all about friendship, getting along with your neighbours, doing things together.

- Scott Berry



## **Project Highlights**

## **RBC Emerging Artists**

Each year we welcome a group of artists in the early stages of their professional artistic careers to participate in a creative exchange with the Nina Collective in partnership with the RBC Emerging Artists project. This valuable program strengthens relationships between the artists we support and the broader visual arts community in Edmonton and creates opportunities for creative connections between artists across the disability spectrum.

From May to August of 2023, six artists joined us in the studios to host workshops, participate in professional panels, and collaborate on projects. This year's artists shared their diverse skillset with our collective, facilitating workshops that explored tattoos, poetry, stop-motion animation, oil painting, and a new form of monoprinting.

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Thank you to our 2023 RBC Emerging Artists:

Yawa Idi Krissya Iraheta Jay Pigeon Maria Shironoshita Ania Telfer Andrew Thorne

## **Artist-Led Workshops**

This year we continued to support our collective in generating income as professional artists, which goes beyond selling and exhibiting their work. Several artists facilitated workshops to introduce their skills and perspectives to peers and other groups. Carrie Wheeler shared her experience selling art at markets with the Nina Collective, Jared Quinney and Joel Youb taught weaving and printmaking techniques to a Humanities 101 class at the U of A, and Cody Johnson led community members through a linocut cardmaking workshop.



### **Artist Connect**

We began hosting Artist Connect, a weekly virtual art session open to artists from supportive studios across Canada, in 2021 as an extension of BEING Studio's impactful Artist Connect Conference. Each week artists from the Nina, BEING Studio and The Space in Ottawa, H'art Studio in Kingston, and one artist from National AccessArts Centre in Calgary join the session. The programming is planned entirely by participants, and includes drawing games, themed sessions, guest speakers, and even karaoke parties!



# **Project Highlights**

## **Public Art Downton**

Aba Garbrah and Mark Traficante each created 8' x 8' murals for the food court at ATB Place in downtown Edmonton. These original paintings were completed onsite, giving the artists a chance to talk about their work with curious office workers and students passing by.

Two larger-than-life reproductions of watercolour paintings by Raymond Keung were also installed in this food court, bringing the total number of large-scale artworks at ATB Place by Nina artists to 7! Thank you to Triovest for their ongoing support of local artists with disabilities.





[The mural] turned out pretty good and I'm really excited that I'm getting compliments for it!

- Aba Garbrah, Nina Artist



## Lady Luck T-Shirts

Nina artists were invited to collaborate with Lady Luck Apparel to design a series of t-shirts inspired by the randomlygenerated theme of "wild dinosaurs". Drawings by Aba Garbrah, Jamie Laventure, Amynah Pirani, Victor Siu, and Joel Youb were selected for shirts, which have been very popular!





### **LitFest Alberta Commission**

Holly Sabourin of the Nina Collective was commissioned by Alberta LitFest to design a totebag and patch for an event in partnership with the Alberta Craft Council celebrating a book called *Sharp Notions*, a series of essays about the role of needle craft in BIPOC and LGBTQ2S+ communities.

# **Project Highlights**

### **Fashion Hacking Workshops**

Several Nina artists participated in a series of workshops led by Elsie Osei in partnership with the University of Alberta and the Toronto Metropolitan University's Cripping Masculinity project. The workshops explored "fashion hacking" and repurposing clothing. This was part of a larger project exploring how Disability, Deaf, or Mad Identified Men (Cis or Trans) and Masculine Identified Non-Binary People create and experience their identities through clothing in their everyday lives.



## **Creative Collaboration**

In a partnership supported by the Edmonton Community Foundation, artists from the Nina Collective and Chrysalis -An Alberta Society for Citizens with Disabilities - have been working together on an exciting project. Beginning in January 2024, artists from Chrysalis joined Nina artists in our gallery every week. For several weeks the group got to know each other and discussed what partnership means. While working in a shared space on independent projects, the themes of "nature" and "home" emerged. With these themes in mind, the group then worked together to create a collaborative sculpture. The body of work resulting from this first phase of collaboration will be exhibited in our Stollery Gallery in October, 2024. Phase two of the project will commence in July 2024 and will involve creating a permanent installation at the Edmonton EXPO Centre.



## AccessAbility Symposium

Three artists from the Nina Collective represented our organization at NAIT's first ever AccessAbility Symposium in 2023. Dean Olesky, Jared Quinney, and Carrie Wheeler exhibited their artwork at the event and Jared gave a powerful speech about the importance of representation for artists with disabilities in the broader arts community. He was excited to meet the event's Keynote Speaker, Dr. James Makosis (pictured).



### Nina Dance Collective

Dance has quickly become a highlight of our programming for many artists and we were pleased to offer it once again this year. The Nina Dance Collective choreographed a beach themed dance that showcased each dancer's individual style. Kijo Gatama of Azimuth Theatre also offered free Afrobeats dance sessions for the collective, which were very popular.



# Mosaic Home Services Presents Here's Nina 2023

Here's Nina is our annual awards gala that celebrates the accomplishments of six artists receiving awards and raises crucial funding for our organization.

We were thrilled to return to the Edmonton EXPO Centre for this year's event. Longtime event hosts Sheri Sommerville and Josh Classen delighted guests along with musical performances sponsored by Dentons with support from the Edmonton Arts Council.

Save the date! Here's Nina 2024 will be on **November 14** 



### Thank you to our event sponsors

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# 2023 Award Winners

## **Carl Philip**

#### Realtors Community Foundation Create Award

Carl has been a member of the Nina for seven years and has become known for his colourful acrylic paintings of landscapes and animals. His work has been featured in a variety of group exhibitions across the city. Carl had his first solo show, *Animal Memories*, in the Stollery Gallery in 2023. He is a joyful addition to the studios, often painting in the windows and showing his works to those passing by.

## Roy Skoreyko

#### Rotary Club of Edmonton Northeast Connect Award

Roy has been a member of the Collective since 2014 and has been an enduring advocate for the Nina ever since. He previously sat on our board of directors and is now an active member of the Artists Advisory Committee. He helped to create and install the Nina's multimedia sculpture at Silver Skate Festival in 2023. Roy works across mediums, including painting, printmaking, and textiles.





# Carrie Reed

## Propel Award

Originally from Fort McMurray, Carrie joined the Collective in 2019. Her favourite medium is clay, which she uses to create creatures nestled in detailed environments. Carrie is a devoted member of the Artist Advisory Committee and has assisted in organizing the Nina's artist-led markets. Carrie has also sold her work independently at other art markets in the city. Carrie's hope is that her art will bring happiness to those who encounter it.

### **Shantel Timmerman** ATB Emerging Artist Award

Shantel joined the Nina in 2023 and has quickly made a big impression in the studios. She has an eye for detail and colour and works meticulously on her monoprints. Her favourite subject matter is animals and landscapes from her travels to British Columbia. She is a bold artist with an eagerness to experiment with new mediums, including plaster, ceramics, and painting. Shantel also enjoys writing poetry and volunteering at a local animal shelter.





## 2023 Award Winners

## Aba Garbrah

#### Edmonton EXPO Centre Artists' Choice Award

Aba is a versatile artist whose work spans several mediums including painting, sculpture, and printmaking. Her work often focuses on Black culture in North America, creating portraits of iconic celebrities and her own family members. Aba is currently writing her memoir and was commissioned this year to create work for Skills Society and for the Nina's gift shop. She was also awarded with the Rotary Club of Edmonton Northeast Connect Award in 2019. Aba's fellow artists at the Nina voted for her to receive this award.

# **Guy Voisey**

#### Odvod Media Sustained Support Award

Guy first came to the Nina as an artist's support worker, however he quickly expressed a desire to volunteer his time. No job is too big or too messy for Guy, who always steps up to help with a smile. He also works as a personal trainer for individuals with disabilities and helped to create the strength and conditioning program for the Edmonton Special Olympics Track and Field team. His friendly presence is cherished in the studios, and he has made genuine connections with staff and artists alike.





## Aaron Harvey

#### 2024 Artist of the Year Award

Aaron joined the Nina in 2014. Since then, he has worked in many mediums including printmaking, needlework, and fused glass. Currently his focus is on coloured pencil drawing and watercolour and acrylic painting. Across all mediums, he enlivens his work with bright and imaginative colour combinations. His early drawings focused on architecture and patterns, using geometric tools to create straight lines and sharp angles. Over time, his work has evolved to include lyrical linework and playful depictions of animals, people, and landscapes. Aaron enjoys artmaking as a way to feel connected to his late grandmother, who was also an artist. Aaron has contributed to several collaborative projects including a permanent installation at the East Edmonton Health Centre. His work has been exhibited throughout Edmonton in galleries and public spaces.



Ducks by Aaron Harvey, 2022





Scan to view the award winner's videos, generously produced by Lindisfarne Productions

# **Community Connections**

The Nina is extremely fortunate to have our own purpose-built studio and gallery space in the vibrant Alberta Avenue neighbourhood and strives to share our amenities with the community whenever possible. Outside of our regular studio hours we are pleased to share our facility with the following organizations:

#### Arts on the Ave

Arts on the Ave is a non-profit organization that has organized and presented a broad range of activities: extensive art showings, a variety of inter-disciplinary festivals as well as activities that are a blend of artistic expressions in an educational, mentoring and sharing environment. The Nina partners with Arts on the Ave for many of their events each year.

# Canadian Mental Health Association (Edmonton Region)

The Peer Connections - Fibre Arts Group is a community of people with lived experience of a mental illness or mental health challenge. Peer members met at the Nina to share their skills and talents in the areas of quilting, knitting, crochet, sewing, and paper arts. The group offers socialization opportunities and friendships.

### AMSA

The Art Mentorship Society of Alberta is a non-profit art wellness organization that provides crucial access points for emerging artists in Edmonton, Alberta. AMSA uses our studio space to host their weekly drawing classes.

### **Centre for Autism Services Alberta**

The Centre for Autism Services Alberta's visual arts programs for children, teens, and young adults allows aspiring artists on the autism spectrum to bring their ideas to life through a variety of mediums. Led by instructors from the Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts, artists develop their skills in drawing, painting, and ceramics.

### **Rising Sun Theatre**

Rising Sun Theatre provides opportunities for cognitively disabled people to practice the art of theatre. Their ensemble of emerging actors is committed to mastering a range of theatre skills with guidance from professional theatre facilitators and community support workers. They collectively create and publicly present original performance material which reflects the voices, stories, and imaginations of their actors. We are proud to share our space with this group for their weekly rehearsals and annual performance.

### **Crystal Kids**

The Crystal Kids Art program offers youth in the community the opportunity to explore the visual arts. Children aged 7-14 attend a free art class every Thursday afternoon following early dismissal from school. They are provided a nutritious snack and a different art project each week focusing on painting, printmaking, sculpture and so much more.



## **Community Connections**

### Family, Community, and Crystal Kids Art Nights





For many years our Community Art Night and Family Art Night programs have been a barrier-free hub for creativity and connection in the Alberta Avenue neighbourhood. These free sessions are an opportunity for community members of all ages and backgrounds to gather and explore different mediums of expression.

A Community Art Night participant named Chantal shared their experience, saying "What you do is truly appreciated. I enjoy the camaraderie of the group. I learn new things and I learn that I can do art. The classes help me to be present as I focus on the project at hand and discover new things."

Thank you to TD and Universiade '83 for their generous support of these sessions.

- As a single income family, Art Night has been an incredible resource for us. Without it, our access to a variety of art projects and supplies would be much more limited. My daughter thrives when she is able to express herself through art.
  - Family Art Night Participant





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