

**Guelph Arts Council, Art Gallery of Guelph and SOFAM Present
*Opportunity Knocks: A Evening of Conversation with Arts Innovators***

Guelph, ON – October 25, 2018 – Guelph Arts Council is pleased to collaborate with the **Art Gallery of Guelph** and the **University of Guelph’s School of Fine Art and Music** in presenting ***Opportunity Knocks: A Evening of Conversation with Arts Innovators***. Four arts professionals - all collaborators and innovators in diverse creative projects - will share perspectives on developing and responding to creative opportunities. Artists and creatives of all disciplines, ages and experience levels are welcome.

The three-hour session begins at 6 pm on **Thursday, November 15, 2018** at the Art Gallery of Guelph, 358 Gordon St, Guelph, and includes four intro presentations (one by each arts innovator), a panel discussion and Q&A, and networking. Featuring four artists who are leading innovation in arts and culture through unique creative ventures, Lisa Hirmer, co-founder of [DodoLab](#), Gordon Hatt, Executive Director of [CAFKA](#), Rui Pimenta, Founder and Co-Curator of [Art Spin](#), and Steph Yates, co-founder of [Girls Rock Camp Guelph](#), will share stories and practical lessons learned in the process of transforming vision into practice. Presenter bios are posted at [guelpharts.ca](#).

Registration fees are \$15 for GAC members and youth (25 and under), and \$20 for non-members and at the door. Please register [online](#) or by calling Guelph Arts Council at 519-836-3280.

In announcing the session, Guelph Arts Council Executive Director Patti Broughton said: “We are so grateful to the Art Gallery of Guelph, SOFAM, and the presenting artists for making this evening of conversation possible. Through this session we invite artists to see their practice from new perspectives, and to be inspired about opportunities to innovate and collaborate. We look forward to the stories and experiences that Gordon, Rui, Lisa and Steph will share.”

About Guelph Arts Council:

For forty years, Guelph Arts Council has been dedicated to supporting, stimulating and promoting arts and culture in Guelph. Guelph Arts Council is funded in part by **The Guelph Community Foundation** and **City of Guelph**. We also acknowledge the support of the **Ontario Arts Council**, an agency of the Government of Ontario, and our annual sponsor **Meridian**.



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