

**Guelph Arts Council, Art Gallery of Guelph and SOFAM Present**  
***Opportunity Knocks: Visual Arts & Music***

**Guelph, ON – October 23, 2017** – 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: Visual Arts & Music***, an evening of conversation with experienced arts managers and artists that will help visual artists and musicians put their best foot forward in finding and responding to creative opportunities. Artists of all ages and experience levels are welcome.

The three-hour session begins at 6 pm on **Thursday, November 9, 2017** at the Art Gallery of Guelph, 358 Gordon St, Guelph, and includes a panel discussion, concurrent break-out sessions for visual artists and musicians, and networking. The break-out sessions will be led by Carmen Spada (music), and John Kissick and Barbara Hobot (visual arts). The panel discussion will also feature Shauna McCabe, Executive Director, Art Gallery of Guelph, and Petra Nyendick, Executive Director, Silence. Presenter bios are posted at [guelpharts.ca](http://guelpharts.ca).

The session is presented in association with the *Guelph Young Artist Mentorship Project*, a GAC/SOFAM partnership that is made possible with support from the **Ontario150 Partnership Program**. Thanks to **Ontario150** and **SOFAM**, Young Artist Project participants and SOFAM students are free. The session is also supported by **Silence**.

Registration fees are \$15 for GAC members and youth (25 and under), and \$25 for non-members. 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 Ontario150, the Art Gallery of Guelph, and SOFAM for making this event possible. Many artists ask us how they can present themselves and their work in the best possible light when pursuing opportunities. At this session, artists and arts leaders will share their expertise and experiences, and facilitate conversations about pursuing careers in the arts.”

***About Guelph Arts Council:***

For over forty years, Guelph Arts Council has been dedicated to supporting, stimulating and promoting arts and culture in Guelph. GAC 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 sponsors **Meridian Credit Union** and **Gary Stewart of CIBC Wood Gundy**.



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## Presenters' Bios

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