

Guelph Arts Council and University of Guelph School of Fine Art and Music Announce Winter Round of Young Artist Mentorship Project

Guelph, ON – December 20, 2017 – In 2017, with support from **Ontario150 Partnership Project**, Guelph Arts Council and the University of Guelph School of Fine Art and Music completed the first two sessions of the **Guelph Young Artist Mentorship Project**, a collaborative project that supports young artists in the critical transition from university to professional life. In continuing the project, GAC and SOFAM are grateful for support from the **RBC Emerging Artists Project**. The **RBC Emerging Artists Project** helps artists bridge the gap from emerging to established, and supports organizations that provide the best opportunity to advance their career trajectory.

Applications for the Winter Round of the project, which begins in January, are now being accepted. Guelph visual and media artists, musicians, and cultural managers are encouraged to apply as mentors or young artists. Established artists may apply [online](#) as mentors, and young artists may apply [online](#) to be mentored. Project and eligibility details are included in the online application forms. The deadline for applications is **Sunday, January 21, 2018**.

Through the first two rounds of the project, 21 young artists, musicians, and cultural managers were mentored by established creative professionals from our community.

Participant Noelle Lalonde said of the project: “I always thought I had to live in Toronto to have a successful career as an artist but I know now that isn't true. ... Because of this program, I have two shows lined up for 2018 and have been introduced to so many fabulous established artists in Guelph, including professors from the university.”

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 sponsors **Meridian** and **Gary Stewart of CIBC Wood Gundy**.

About University of Guelph School of Fine Art and Music:

The School of Fine Art and Music's BA programs in Music, Studio Art and Art History, and the MFA in Studio Art and MA in Art History and Visual Culture, are renowned for their excellence and for the success of their graduates. SOFAM curricula in all areas, delivered by acclaimed faculty, are designed to combine critical thought and creative practice with crucial opportunities for experiential learning.

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