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Guelph Arts Council responds to COVID-19

Guelph, ON – March 18, 2020 – Based on the recommendations of <u>Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public</u> <u>Health</u>, and the <u>Government of Ontario's declaration of an emergency</u>, Guelph Arts Council has closed its office and postponed March and April public programs until further notice.

During the closure, GAC staff can be reached at <u>administration@guelpharts.ca</u> (Tuesday – Thursday) or <u>executivedirector@guelpharts.ca</u> (Tuesday – Friday). Phone messages left at 519-836-3280 will be checked daily.

Public programs currently affected are the following:

Collector's Dilemma – postponed

Tickets will be honoured at the rescheduled event, may be converted to a tax-receiptable donation, or may be refunded.

Doors Open Guelph and volunteer training sessions – postponed

For updates, please sign up for GAC's e-news at <u>guelpharts.ca</u> and follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

GAC will continue to monitor Public Health's recommendations and announce decisions on public programs scheduled after April 30.

These are challenging times for artists and small business operators, whose income is impacted by closures, cancellations, and social distancing. Please support them online and shop local.

About Guelph Arts Council:

For over 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.

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