



Welcome to the **KAC!**

The Kamloops Arts Council was first founded as the Community Arts Council of Kamloops in 1968 and incorporated in 1970 by community-minded volunteers to promote all art disciplines. The Arts Council was established to provide support and opportunities for individual artists to develop and showcase their talents. We are a community-based and grassroots organization, driven to build a stronger cultural environment in which the arts, in all its forms, can develop, thrive, and flourish.

We have always been, and will continue to be, open, inclusive and welcoming of all artistic styles. We respect, encourage and support artists in all art forms and of all levels of experience. It is not our intent to dictate any particular set of artistic standards or values – those are for the artist to decide. As part of our mandate, the KAC takes the arts out to the community – producing high-quality, year-round low- and no-cost arts programs, performances, workshops and events for all. We believe the arts are for everyone, and that they have the power to heal, transform, connect, and develop skills in children, youth, adults and seniors, including those in crisis. Art changes lives.

Exhibitions We run exhibitions all year at our space in the Old Courthouse, 7 Seymour St. West. With more than 20 exhibitions a year, we host solo and group exhibitions as well as some large-scale shows focusing on local indigenous artists, pride month, Thompson Rivers University students, a winter holiday art show, and Art Exposed, our largest exhibition of the year featuring over a hundred artists and up to 250 works of art. Come and see the works of local artists and artisans for free!

Art in the Park This is the 50th anniversary of this much-loved event, happening July 1st at Riverside Park. We take over the Eastside and set up booths for local artists and community organizations to sell their works or provide an art activity for the day.

Children's Arts Festival We host a festival for children during the third weekend in September. This is an opportunity for children to make art, see great performances, and have fun! Come and enjoy the crafts, learn about some of the organizations that offer children's programs, or enjoy the singers, magicians, clowns, and storytellers!

TJA Nielsen, *Executive Director*



COME VISIT THE KAMLOOPS ARTS COUNCIL

Located in the Old Kamloops Courthouse. We always have something going on!