



Grant Writing Clinic for Waterloo Region based Artists

Tuesday October 6, 2020 (appointments, 2 per hour starting at 9:00am and ending with the last appointment at 5:00pm)

Back by popular demand and just in time for the Waterloo Region Arts Fund October deadline!

Book an online appointment with an advisor to discuss your grant, project, or idea. Thirty-minute appointments will be held on Zoom. Cambridge Art Galleries | Idea Exchange is pleased to partner with Inter Arts Matrix on this series of one-on-one consultations.

“Writing a grant application makes you a better artist.”

Really. You have to articulate what you want to do; figure out who you are going to work with and where; make a timeline and a budget. And if you receive the grant you actually have to do the project: make art. The more art you make, the better you get as an artist.

For general information about grants that are available and the process of grant writing, please watch this video from our recent **Grant Writing Workshop for Canadian Artists** (linked to YouTube video) or read our blog post about it **here** (<https://ideaexchange.org/art/idea/grant-writing-workshop-round>).

This clinic is for you if:

- You watched or attended the [Grant Writing workshop](#) and still have questions

- You are an artist
- You have a project you are looking for funding for
- You (or your project) are based in Waterloo Region (Ontario, Canada)
- You are an artist of any discipline, or are involved with an arts collective or organization
- Here are the sorts of things we can advise on:
- Getting started
- Matching your idea to the right grant opportunity
- Starting an online profile with a granting body
- Making a budget or timeline for your project
- Articulating your project, its viability or impact

About the Advisors:

Sheila McMath is Associate Artistic Director at Inter Arts Matrix. She is a curator, facilitator, artist and community organizer. A graduate of the University of Waterloo's MFA program, McMath's work in the arts has maintained a balance of work with larger institutions and direct involvement with artist-run initiatives. As a curator she has conceptualized and realized exhibitions that have included artists at every career stage. She has been published numerous times in FUSION magazine and various exhibition catalogues. Sheila is also a founding member of Tri-City Stopgap (TCS), an artist collective that hosts large-scale exhibitions in marginal or transitional spaces. In 2010, she was the recipient of The KW Record's 40 under 40, an award that recognizes community leaders. As an artist, her work has been exhibited at numerous galleries across Ontario and a sculpture from her Tissues & Trimmings series is included in the collection of Cambridge Galleries.

Isabella Stefanescu is the Artistic Director of Inter Arts Matrix. She is a painter and interdisciplinary artist based in Waterloo Region. Since 1992, when she received her first Canada Council for the Arts grant, Isabella Stefanescu has worked on projects funded by the City of Kitchener, Region of Waterloo Arts Fund, the Musagetes Fund, Kitchener and Waterloo Community Foundation, Ontario Arts Council, Canada Council for the Arts, the Department of Canadian Heritage, Ontario Trillium Foundation, KW Awesome Foundation, and the Good Family Foundation. Isabella has sat on numerous juries and selection committees, including several at the Ontario Arts Council, and served on the board of the Region of Waterloo Arts Fund.

Once you register, you will receive a confirmation email. Please take care when registering to ensure your email is correct. Your advisor will be in touch with you directly closer to your consultation time with your link for your Zoom meeting. We recommend that if you have not used Zoom, you spend a few minutes familiarizing yourself with it in advance of your appointment. When you register for this event you consent to Cambridge Art Galleries | Idea Exchange providing your contact information to Inter Arts Matrix so they can be in touch with you directly.