



Note from Board President

For over five decades, Place des Arts has provided accessible, high-quality arts education and cultural experiences, offering one of the most diverse ranges of arts programming in the Lower Mainland. Spanning visual arts, music, dance, theatre and literary arts, our classes, private lessons, exhibitions,

and events foster creativity, skill building, connection, and belonging. This past year, participation continued to grow, reflecting the strong alignment between our programming and the interests of our community.

In 2025, we presented *Our Stories, Our Voices*, an exhibition curated by Kwakwaka'wakw Nation artist Christine Mackenzie which showcased the work of First Nations and Metis artists. We refined our Summer Theatre Troupe program to better meet community needs, and we expanded and strengthened our fully subsidized programs, increasing access to the arts for individuals who might otherwise face barriers to participation.

To further strengthen our organization, we enhanced our internal capacity through improved IT security, launched a new five-year strategic plan, made market adjustments to staff compensation, and invested in facility improvements and program equipment replacements.

Our work at Place des Arts is made possible by the generosity and support of the City of Coquitlam, as well as our community partners, sponsors and donors. The talent, commitment and collaborative spirit of our board, staff, teachers, artists, and volunteers bring vibrancy and excellence to our centre. We are profoundly grateful for the many ways our community comes together to make Place des Arts truly...*home to our arts community*.

Matthew Sebastiani
President, Coquitlam Place des Arts Society

Visits to Place des Arts in 2025

- 67,188 visits by students enrolled in visual, performing and literary arts programs
- 8,542 visits by children and youth enrolled in art camps
- 949 visits by local school children
- 9,857 visits by event & performance attendees
- 14,552 visits by community groups & general public

101,088 Total visits



In 2025 we saw growth in participation:

- 7% increase in student visits across programs
- 6% rise in overall visits to our centre

Key Achievements



Expanded Arts Access and Community Impact

Place des Arts remains committed to removing barriers to arts participation and ensuring accessible opportunities for all. In 2025 we continued our focus on sustaining and improving the programs that deliver the greatest impact and value for our community.

Our popular **Family Day @ PdA** series continued to offer local families high-quality, no-cost art experiences in a fun and welcoming environment. Thanks to support from Metro Vancouver and Century Group, each of the four events featured expanded activities including artist demonstrations, helping the series build momentum and generate increased participation and community engagement.

Last summer, we continued to focus our **Summer Theatre Troupe** show on content that appeals to younger audiences addressing a need for free, live theatre in a comfortable and intimate setting. Director Michael Fera worked with seven teen actors to present *Munsch at Play* written by Irene N. Watts featuring dramatized versions of popular Robert Munsch stories. In July and August, we presented fourteen free admission shows with more than 700 attendees overall. For the first time, the theatre troupe performed two of the shows to the Coquitlam Public Library City Centre Branch, expanding our audience reach and community engagement.

Thanks to continued support from Beedie, our **Artist in Residence** program for local school children, continues to thrive. Facilitated by professional artists, the program provides neighbourhood schools with hands-on learning in the arts. In 2025, we welcomed students to explore animation, Latin dance, traditional cedar weaving and musical instruments. The program served over 900 school children and continues to expand access to meaningful arts experiences.

Providing free art workshops to newcomers, our **Creative HeARTs** program expanded its impact with a new partnership with SD43 through the Language Instruction for Newcomers (LINC) program. In 2025, the program offered six workshops throughout the year. Participants not only enjoyed an art activity, they practiced their English language skills and created a meaningful connection to Place des Arts.

Thanks to support from the Coquitlam Rotary Club, we again offered our fully subsidized **Flying Colours**, a week-long half-day art camp for children with support needs. In August, ten students between the ages of seven and eleven attended the camp which included a variety of visual arts classes.



Committed to Reconciliation

We continued to strengthen our commitment to reconciliation through dedicated programming.

Thanks to support from Vancity and the Coquitlam Foundation, in 2025, Place des Arts presented *Our Stories, Our Voices*, an exhibition curated by Kwakiutl Nation artist Christine Mackenzie. The exhibition showcased the work of nine First Nations and Metis women artists and Two-Spirited artists, confronting stereotypes and honouring their resilience, knowledge, and creativity.

On National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Christine and Anishinaabe Ojibwe artist Nova Weipert each led workshops and shared their personal stories, reflecting on their journeys and showcasing their artforms.



Implemented a Compensation Adjustment

Thanks to ongoing operating funding granted from the City of Coquitlam, in January we implemented the first phase of adjustments to our employee wages at the beginning of 2025. Aligning Place des Arts' wages with average market rates in the non-profit sector supports our aim to retain and attract skilled and experienced workers.

Strengthened Technology and Systems Capabilities

Thanks to ongoing operating funding granted from the City, we continued to invest in strengthening our technology security, enhancing the protection of organizational systems and data. We also transitioned to Voice over Internet Protocol modernizing our communications system with better and more secure technology. And finally, we increased digital storage capacity to improve data management, accessibility, and operational efficiency.

In 2025, we also invested in IT hardware replacements including desktops, laptops, monitors, docking stations and webcams.

Launched new Five-Year Strategic Plan

2025 marked the launch of PdA's new Strategic Plan, setting the direction for the next five years. Developed in consultation with the Board and staff and informed by feedback from participants and key interest groups, the plan reflects our mission and values. Implementation is now underway across programs and operations.

Invested in Facility Enhancements and Equipment Replacements

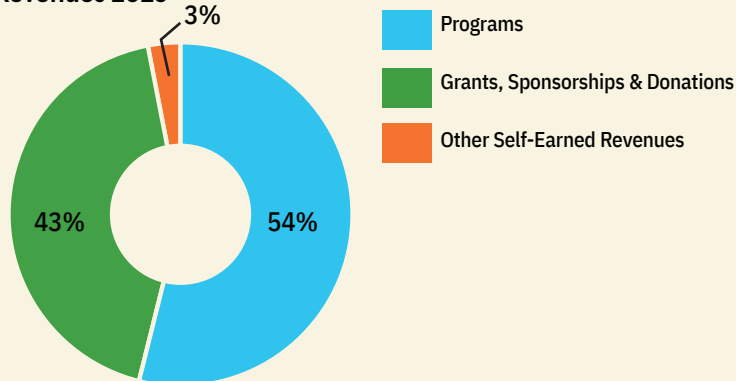
In 2025, we invested in equipment replacements and acquisitions to elevate the functionality and aesthetics of our spaces while maximizing the impact of our programs. Thanks to the City of Coquitlam three air conditioning units in existing classrooms were replaced, and three additional units were installed in classrooms previously without air conditioning, resulting in improved comfort for teachers and students. Investments also included:

- Stanchions to support camp sign-in and sign-out procedures
- Two vinyl-top marquee tents
- Ceramics extruder and eight padded adjustable rolling stools for our ceramics studio
- Large table loom, four new folding nesting tables, and four adjustable rolling stools for our fibre arts studio
- Two new upright pianos and two guitar stands
- A/V equipment
- Additional exhibition lighting and new lighting in two spaces

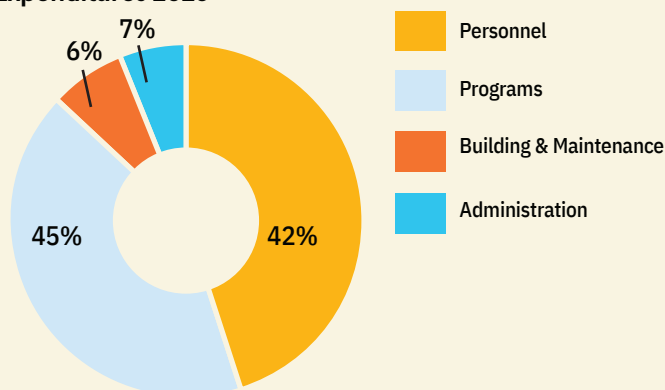


Financials

Revenues 2025



Expenditures 2025



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Human Resources & Artist Engagement

373

- 34 full, part-time and temporary employees
- 117 contracted teachers and artists
- 222 gallery and artisan shop artists

188

- 188 volunteers served 7,049 hours

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