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Annual Report 2020-2021

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By the numbers...

Schools

145

Students Reached

11

Theatre Careers Workshops 89
TAPA
Membership

6

Dora Award Committees

7Community Meetings

15
TAPA Trade

Series

9TAPA Committees

From the President

This is my last report as President of TAPA and a lot of important and great things happened during my tenure. From the gender-neutral Dora awards to the new Dora statuette and the Lights-On: Reopening Guide. I'm proud of the work accomplished by the TAPA team and will miss working with them as well as supporting and advocating for the wonderful arts community that you represent.

This year was another difficult one for all of us, but TAPA stood strong, being an anchor for the community and working tirelessly to deliver valuable programs and providing assistance when and where needed.





Régine at the 2020 Dora Awards



Régine with Chris Goddard



Régine with Councillor Gary Crawford and Chris Goddard

Among the things we accomplished this year, and that I'm the most proud of are:

- The creation of the Equity and Inclusivity committee as well as the anti-racism training and education sessions that we offered in collaboration with CPAMO.
- The Communications Committee that worked on many advocacy projects including the Mayor's Hospitality Arts Summit with very important and key messages to support reopening and recovery of the sector. They also worked on the Destination Toronto project in partnership with the City of Toronto, the Greater Toronto Hotel Association and the Ontario Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries, to market and promote the city to global travellers, attract and support major meetings and events including the arts, as well as support local businesses in order to maximize the opportunities of visitor spending.
- Another interesting initiative to mention is the All the City's a stage Project with Pop-Up
 Performances at 5 public library branches across the GTA and Animation at CN TOWER of 'Big City
 Stage Walkable Map'. These were opportunities to showcase TAPA artists in public spaces and
 reconnect with audiences.
- Of course, all the work to support the sector during the pandemic must be mentioned: The community gatherings, the COVID impact surveys, the many sessions and workshops through the TAPA Trade Series to support managers during these difficult times, from HR to Financial issues; as well as the unrelenting advocacy letters to government officials to alleviate restrictions.

We really hope that all these initiatives served you one way or the other and that you are proud, as I am, to be a member of this organization. With that, I am confident that TAPA will continue listening to your needs and do everything in its power to best serve you and continue contributing to a safe and healthy arts community.

I would like to thank TAPA for offering me this great learning opportunity. I've valued all the meetings, all the conversations and all the time spent working with the team and my fellow board members. It was an honour to serve as President during the last 3 years.

A very special thank you to Jacoba Knaapen, the Executive Director, for her support and guidance during this time. I also want to congratulate her for all that she has accomplished this year. She is a strong and fierce leader.

I will end by saying thank you to the office team (Scott Dermody, Theresa Gerrow, Anne-Marie Krytiuk, Juliet Nakasujja, Isabela Solis-Lozano, Juan Sebastian Laverde) that supports Jacoba and makes this machine run; as well as the wonderful board members for their time and dedication.

I will deeply miss you all but know that my journey advocating for the sector continues.

With gratitude,
Régine Cadet
Outgoing TAPA Board President



Régine with Councillor Joe Cressy and Lucy Eveleigh



Réaine with Jacoba Knaanen

TAPA Financial Summary

Statement of Financial Position* as at August 31, 2021

Statement of Operations & Net Assets*
Year Ended August 31, 2021

Assets

	\$287,823
Capital Assets	1,001
Current	\$286,822

Liabilities

Current	\$15,815
Deferred revenues	\$112,919
CEBA	40,000

\$168,734

\$287,823

Net Assets (Deficit)

Unrestricted	118,088
Invested in Capital Assets	1001
	119,089

Revenues

	\$375,658
Development	527
Government Assistance	84,664
Government Funding	152 <i>,</i> 714
Earned	\$1,753

Expenses

	\$312,303
Administrative salaries & benefits	
Other	111,518
Program & Services	\$23 <i>,7</i> 34

Excess of revenue over expenses	\$63,35 5
Net Assets - Beginning of year	55 ,7 34
Net Assets(Deficit) - End of year	\$119,089

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee Chair: William Milne, TO Live

Joe Borowiec, PAIS Treasurer
Jonathan Heppner, Soulpepper
Mimi Mok, The Theatre Centre
Gerard Roxburgh, National Ballet Company

Young Associates

Jason Aviss Heather Young

TAPA Staff

Jacoba Knaapen

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From the Executive Director

#IMissLiveTheatreTO

The 2020-21 season began with all theatre, dance and opera venues closed for indoor performances. At TAPA, we started this 'non-season' in the middle of our 40th anniversary and launched the #IMissLiveTheatreTO campaign. Over the past four decades, TAPA has built deep connections to audiences through our education and community programs.

#IMissLiveTheatreTO was an invitation to audiences to declare their love of the city's performing arts sector by posting their favourite Toronto theatre moment on social media.











It turned out to be a resounding success and the numbers tell the story with an astonishing 5 million unique views on Facebook and over 51,000 Instagram impressions with thousands of heartfelt messages. We joined forces with the Hardest Hit Coalition and our target expectations were exceeded with the #LightUpRed campaign that saw theatre venues across the country from coast to coast #LightUpRed in support of an industry that was in the dark.

#IMissLiveTheatreTO lifted us up ... momentarily.



Favourite Toronto Theatre Moment, Mayor John Tory



Favourite Toronto Theatre Moment, Jully Black



Favourite Toronto Theatre Moment, Weyni Menshega



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Pandemic Advocacy

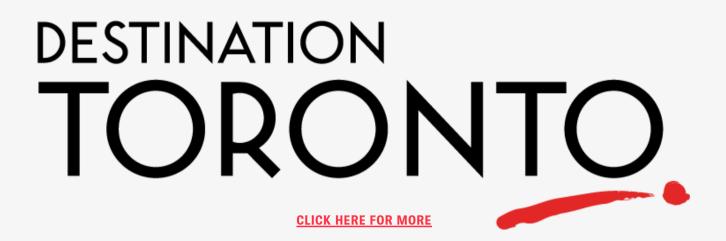
And here we are 20 months and 2 weeks since our sector was shut down. The pandemic is unpredictable, and the challenge of the unknown is exhausting. There is no doubt that our sector is fatigued with scenario planning, donor relations, government relations, crisis communications, audience relations, board of Directors, all while juggling leadership and HR issues and mental health. In spite of these seemingly insurmountable odds, many of you pivoted to creating digital content or live-streamed performances while TAPA advocated to the province for regulatory fairness on par with the film & television sectors and supported the #FairnessforArtsON campaign.

As regulations slowly changed, some of you cautiously returned to in-person performances in the summer months when the weather allowed for us to gather safely outdoors. As more folks were vaccinated and it was reported by public health that the numbers of pandemic cases were dropping in Ontario, some of our theatre and dance companies have come back, albeit slowly, at 50% or 100% audience capacities, or in a hybrid model. It has been said often that our sector cannot reopen at the flip of a switch. You all know this better than anyone, and it has been a brutal time of rebuilding in the process of reopening. TAPA worked hard in our advocacy efforts to support the membership on all fronts.

New TAPA Membership Manager Theresa Gerrow built a COVID Toolkit that you told us was helpful, and the results were evident in the number of folks accessing the Switch Health discount for COVID testing.

Destination Toronto Partnership

TAPA has a long history of audience development and promotion, dating back to the bricks & mortar T.O.TIX Booth (now defunct) at Yonge-Dundas Square, which morphed into the What's On TOnight application, before evolving into whatsontonight.ca, and has now led us to a new strategic partnership with Destination Toronto (DT).



As our sector slowly rebuilds in this time of pandemic, DT and TAPA have a shared vision to welcome back audiences and build new ones via the creation of a new comprehensive centralized website for arts and culture in Toronto. We have been working with a group of core stakeholders (the Arts & Culture Advisory Council) in the development of an accessible, user-friendly, and fully-inclusive new website that will come to fruition in 2022 with the launch of Now Playing Toronto (NPTO). NPTO will provide comprehensive listings of who, what, where, when everything is playing in Toronto.

I believe this partnership with DT is vital in working together to rebuild the sector in terms of regaining public trust and welcoming back audiences from across the GTA and beyond. The relevance and impact that arts and culture has on the well-being of society is at the intersection of our economic and sector recovery. DT has the ability to leverage administrative resources and bring marketing strength & savvy to successfully 'restore the core'!

11th Annual Arts Day at the City

TAPA recently hosted the 11th Annual Arts Day at the City, and I am pleased to share that we held meetings with 19 out of 25 city councillors. It was our first ever virtual Arts Day and although we all know very well about ZOOM exhaustion, the efforts were well worth it and there is support at city council for a new culture plan that TAPA is advocating for. It has been 10 years since the last culture plan 'The Creative Capitol Gains Report', and now more than ever, it is necessary to develop a new culture plan that removes barriers and aligns with Toronto's commitment to access, equity and diversity.



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TAPA is asking for:

- Investment in the form of annual funding increases to arts & culture
- Creation and preservation of arts space including designating arts infrastructure as a component of development charges levied by the City on building developers
- Enhanced outreach and grassroots engagement across the entire city through both community and professional arts activities.
- Creation of a new Live Arts Development Officer position (similar to Film and Music) to champion the sector

TAPA sees the City as Champion of arts and culture and asks Mayor Tory and City Council to support a Basic Income Guarantee (BIG) recognizing that:

- 80% of Toronto's artists and arts workers believe they cannot make a living wage
- Half of Toronto's artists earn under \$30,000 per year.
- Nearly 1 in 5 artists have been renovicted
- 75% of artists or arts workers have thought about leaving Toronto







Meeting with Councillor John Filion

Lastly I am so honoured to be working with an amazing team of individuals at TAPA and an outstanding team of leaders on the TAPA Board. We are better together and we couldn't do it without the work of all of the TAPA committees that are led by passionate and committed volunteers. I also want to personally thank you the members. Your membership not only strengthens our position at TAPA as an advocate for the cultural community but also helps grow and fortify your own organization.

I look forward to continuing to work with you in this coming year on professional development initiatives that advance equity, inclusion, and anti-racism. In 2022 TAPA will begin working on a new strategic plan and will work together with you to create a framework for all of our members that is sustainable with an equitable future that brings fresh opportunities and growth.

Thank you everyone, Jacoba Knaapen **Executive Director**



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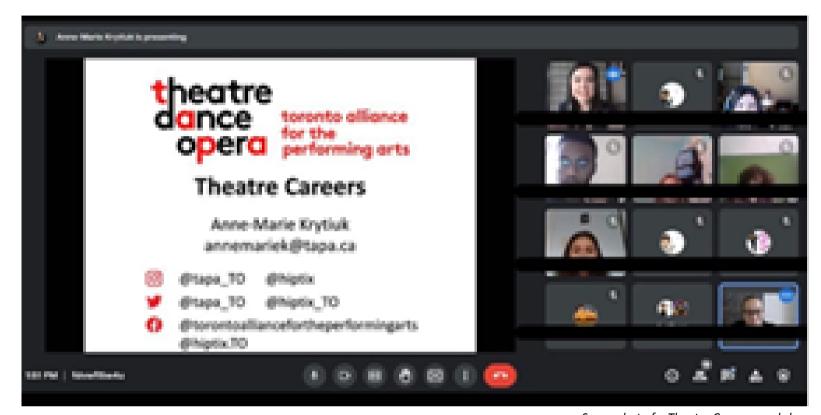
Outreach Initiatives

Theatre Careers - Online

For the second year in a row, this past school year was the most challenging in recent memory. Due to no in-person shows produced, both the hipTIX and citySPECIAL ticketing programs entered a hibernation phase, while our Theatre Careers Workshop was redeveloped to be delivered to online school groups via Zoom or Google Meet. Outreach Facilitator Anne-Marie Krytiuk entered virtual classrooms during the later portion of the school year with the intrepid scheduling work of new Outreach Administrator Juliet Nakasujja.







Screenshot of a Theatre Careers workshop

Any TAPA members that pivoted to virtual content delivery for youth and students during the period of full and partial lockdown closures, understands that leading a workshop for 10 to 30 muted and blank "camera-off" squares is extraordinarily taxing. Brava to Anne-Marie for her continued enthusiasm and engaging the students in the face of such unprecedented teaching models!

Outreach Team





Juliet Nakasujja
Outreach Administrator,
Toronto Alliance for the
Performing Arts

Dora Mavor Moore Awards

2021 Dora Ancillary Awards

Despite the legally mandated suspension of in-person performing arts productions for the entire 2020-2021 season, which prevented a Dora Awards ceremony from taking place for the first time in its 41-year history, TAPA was able to proceed with the Ancillary Awards of the Doras. Four ancillary awards were presented in a pre-taped online broadcast of the 2021 Dora Ancillary Awards on 16 June 2021 via the TAPA YouTube channel.







The Leonard McHardy & John Harvey Award for Arts
Administrators went to Tarragon Theatre Managing Director
Andrea Vagianos with the associated Victor C. Polley Protégé
Award for Emerging Arts Administrators, selected by the LMJH
Award laureate, going to Danielle Parris.

The Pauline McGibbon Award for Unique Talent and Potential for Excellence, awarded annually by the Ontario Arts Council, was presented to Franco-Ontarian director Dillon Orr.



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And for its concluding year of presentation by the City of Toronto, the Barbara Hamilton Memorial Award for an Ambassador of the Arts in Canada went to Soheil Parsa, founder of Modern Times Stage Company.

Also awarded by the Ontario Arts Council and presented for the first time with the Dora Ancillary Awards, the John Hirsch Director's Award recipient was multidisciplinary artist Jani Lauzon.



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Membership Report

Stepping into my role as Membership & Sponsorship Manager at TAPA in January has afforded me the most rewarding year of my professional career. Through researching the financial ups and downs brought on by the pandemic, organizing and hosting professional development sessions, and working on creating a dynamic member database and website, this year has been jam packed with projects. And now, here I am, in December, writing my first ever Membership Report for the TAPA Annual Report. What a whirlwind it has been!



Theresa Garrow

Membership and Sponsorship Manager, Toronto Alliance for the Performing Arts



Photo from the TAPA Board & Team End of Summer Cocktails

2020-21 TAPA MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN

Professional Members: 59

Provincial Members: 2

Non-Producing Members: 12

Community Theatre Members: 6

Associate Members: 10

Total: 89

Corporate Research Project

The TAPA Corporate Working Group (CWG) created a robust survey to assess the relationship between corporations and theatre, dance, and opera organizations in Toronto. I began formatting the survey in the online survey platform in February and after several trials with the CWG and many edits, the survey was launched on April 26, 2021. The survey remained active until May 7, 2021.



TAPA CORPORATE RESEARCH PROJECT

2021 Survey Findings

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The performing arts sector in Toronto is largely supported by the Finance sector, but there also are Other Businesses fairly supportive
- Most corporate funding is committed with low funding amounts to 1-year cycles. However, some corporations in the Finance sector are long-term funders committed to 5-year cycles with large funding amounts.
- Corporate funding has mainly remained unchanged or increased over time; however, some decline
 has been detected among long-term funders
- Applications for funding from Other Business sectors are not as successful as those from the Finance sector
- Funding applications increased considerably in fiscal year 2019/2020, probably related to the impact
 of the COVID-19 situation on the performing arts sector
- The most common means of communications between applicants and funders during the application
 process are email and Web portal. However, Web portals may not be an effective way for this process
- The inter-relationship of clarity in funders' conditions for funding and transparency in funders' decision-making process is ambiguous, particularly in the Finance sector. The perceptions differ by group of applicants.
- Funders are frequently involved with events developed by performing arts organizations. These
 organizations offer to funders a wide variety of benefits and types of recognition.
- The majority of the performing arts organizations are already committed to initiatives to improve Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity not only artistically but also from community health and labor perspectives
- Several interesting ideas and propositions for further support of corporate funding were provided

From the survey responses, the CWG was able to conclude:

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- Theatre, dance, and opera organizations in Toronto are largely funded by the Finance sector;
- Corporate funding has mainly remained unchanged or has increased over time; however, some decline has been detected among long term-funders;
- Funding applications increased considerably in fiscal year 2019/2020, probably in relation to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the performing arts sector.

The full findings of the Corporate Research Project are available as a resource on the TAPA website and can be used to increase transparency in regards to funding decisions in our sector.

TAPA Trade Series

In 2020-2021, TAPA hosted 15 TAPA Trade Series workshops. This year, the virtual TAPA Trade Series offered, not only professional development sessions focused on important topics of learning, but also a gathering space for TAPA members and our larger community to connect.

We were proud to offer two Lunch & Learn Finance Series' to offer our community members digestible sessions in which they could learn about topics pertinent to the pandemic. The Lunch & Learn Finance Series, presented in partnership with Young Associates, included sessions on end-of-year payroll, filing taxes while working from home, and how COVID-19 affected company bottom lines.





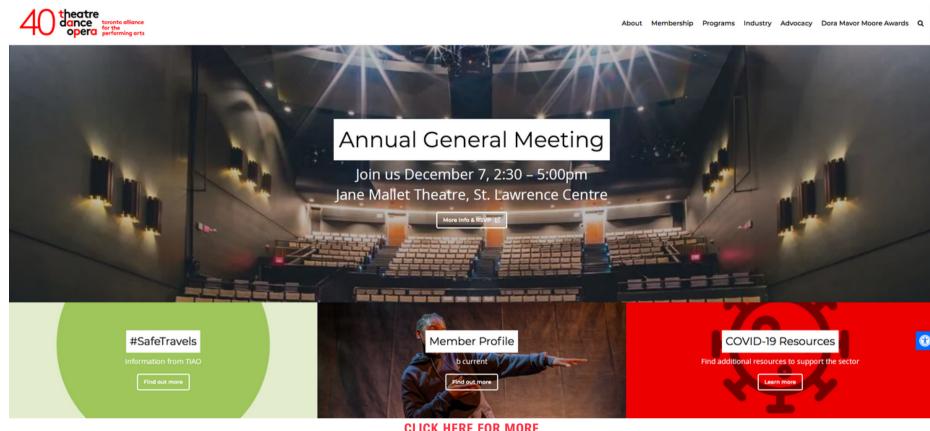
The Lunch & Learn HR Series, presented in partnership with LeSage Arts Management, included sessions on mental health and wellbeing, changes to labour and employment law, and forecasting the reopening and future of arts workplaces.

TAPA also proudly partnered with the Canadian Women's Foundation's Rosa project to offer two "Aftermetoo: Elevating our Industry" webinars on workplace sexual harassment to TAPA members, free-of charge.

Being able to offer workshops such as these in the TAPA Trade Series has been meaningful for TAPA. We are thrilled to be able to bring educational sessions to TAPA member companies and provide follow-up resources. We look forward to keeping up the momentum and bringing you even more professional development opportunities.

New TAPA Member Database and Website

This year TAPA began work on building a new website to better serve the TAPA membership. The TAPA team has worked with Trajectory to keep the old website's information in tact, while updating the look and organization of the site. The biggest new addition has been the creation of a member database that will be dynamic enough for TAPA to grow with and track our relationships with members so that we can easily identify our successes and opportunities.



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The discussion about creating a database in line with a Customer Relations Management (CRM) tool began before I started at TAPA. It was exciting to be able to build this database to best suit the needs I identified as a new member of the TAPA team. After months of synthesizing and cleaning spreadsheets and testing functionality, we are finally there. The new CRM has greatly improved the functionality of member MyTAPA accounts and I hope you take the time to explore the new look and features of our website through your MyTAPA account.

2020-21 Board of Directors Executive



Chris Goddard Founder, Craft Brand Company + **Brunswick Bierworks TAPA Board of Directors Executive Committee Fundraising Committee President, PAIS Board of Directors**



Régine Cadet Managing Director, Theatre Passe Muraille **President, TAPA Board of Directors Chair, Executive Committee Fundraising Committee**



Executive Committee



William Milne

Vice President of Finances and

Administration, TO Live

Treasurer, TAPA Board of Directors

Executive Committee

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2020-21 Board of Directors





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Chair, Communications Committee



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Artistic Director, KasheDance

TAPA Board of Directors

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Chair, Equity & Inclusivity Committee





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Executive Producer,
Soulpepper Theatre Company

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Finance Committee

Gerard Roxburgh

Artistic Administrator, National Ballet of Canada

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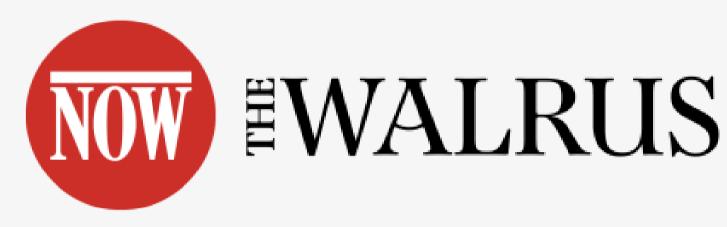




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Thank you.

2020-21 TAPA Team



Top (L to R): Scott Dermody, Theresa Gerrow, Juliet Nakasujja
Bottom (L to R): Jacoba Knaapen, Anne-Marie Krytiuk
Not pictured: Jason Avis, Shiloh Bell-Higgins, Juan Sebastien-Laverde

Appendix A: Financial Statments

Click here to read the 2020-21 Toronto Alliance for the Performing Arts Financial Statements

Appendix B: 2020-21 Members

Against the Grain Theatre

Alumnae Theatre Company

Aluna Theatre

Amplified Opera

b current Performing Arts Company

Bad Dog Theatre Company

Bravo Academy for the Performing Arts

Buddies in Bad Times Theatre

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Mad & Noisy Theatre

Mammalian Diving Reflex

Mirvish Productions

Mixed Company Theatre

Modern Times Stage Company

Native Earth Performing Arts

Necessary Angel Theatre Company

Nightswimming

Nightwood Theatre

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Obsidian Theatre Company Inc.

One Little Goat Theatre Company

Opera 5 Opera Atelier Paper Canoe Projects Peggy Baker Dance Projects Pleiades Theatre Pratibha Arts **Princess Productions** Puppetmongers Theatre REAson d'etre dance productions Red Sky Performance Roseneath Theatre Ryerson School of Performance Shadowland Theatre Shakespeare in Action Shaw Festival Theatre

Soulpepper Theatre Company
Soundstreams
Soup Can Theatre
Stratford Festival
Studio 180 Theatre
Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra and Chamber Choir
Tapestry Opera
Tarragon Theatre
The Christmas Story, The Church of Holy Trinity
The Elgin & Winter Garden Theatre Centre
The Toronto Fringe Theatre Festival
The Howland Company Yo
The Musical Stage Company
The National Ballet of Canada
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