

### Q L QUEER ARTS FESTIVAL







on the forefront of aesthetic and cultural dialogue today.

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Best of the City:

Visual Arts 2013,2014,2015,2016 WESTENDER









## Dare to be challenged. **Risk being changed.**

Recognized as one of the top 3 festivals of its kind worldwide (Melbourne Herald Sun), the Queer Arts Festival is an artist run multidisciplinary festival produced by Pride in Art Society and held annually at venues across the city, our permanent space at SUM gallery and, newly, online at queerartsfestival.com. QAF and SUM gallery harness the visceral power of art to inspire recognition, visibility, and respect of people who transgress gender and sexual norms.

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We bring diverse communities together to support artistic risk-taking, incite creative collaboration and celebrate the rich heritage of queer artists and art. Every summer the festival theme ties together a curated visual art exhibition, perfomring arts series, media art screenings, artists talks, panels and workshops for adults and youth.

# Art changes people. **People change the world.**

As one youth proclaimed in the self-portrait they created in a QAF workshop: "ART SAVED ME." QAF believes passionately in the transformational power of art. As a comment from the QAF 2020 online guest book read: "Thank you to the whole QAF team for your tenacity, resilience & persistence! You're a shining example of the responsiveness necessary for surviving this crisis. You've reacted with your maverick brand of adaptability. You give all of us hope."







Our last (virtual) festival reached:



9,033

QAFOnline.ca
Unique Visitors



20,000

**Patrons** 



50

Countries



14 MILLION

**Media Impressions** 



35+

**Articles** 



2,200

**E-news Subscribers** 



5,225

**Facebook Fans** 



2,300

**Twitter Followers** 



#### CONNECT

#### with the community

3.2 million Canadians identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, two-spirit, intersex, or questioning—2SLGBTQ+ (pronounced "queer")

Average Queer housechold income in Canada: \$72,800

Surveys of the community indicate a **strong preference** to purchase products or use services that have been directly marketed to the Queer demographic

Vancouver is home to the largest Queer population within Western Canada, and is a popular destination in the billion-dollar Queer tourism industry

QAF'S year-round programming arm, SUM gallery, **offers opportunities** to become a longterm sponsor or partner beyond the festival season

## **QAF** Milestones

1998	Pride in Art (PiA) begins a collective of Queer visual artists
2006	PiA incorporates as Not for Profit Society
2008	PiA launches the first multi-disciplinary Pride in Art Festival
2010	The Pride in Art Festival rebrands as the Queer Arts Festival (QAF)
2012	PiA achieves registered charitable status
2013	QAF commissions and produces Canada's first eve lesbian opera
2018	PiA opens SUM gallery in the Sun Wah Centre
2020	QAF launches dedicated streaming site in response to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic





We offer flexible recognition options to meet your business priorities. Your sponsorship package could include a wide combination of benefits:

#### Sponsor a proprietary platform including:

- » Art Party! Opening Gala Vancouver's3rd largest Visual Art Event
- » Genres (Visual Art, Music, Dance, Theatre, Media Art, etc.)
- » Specific shows
- » Artist talks
- » Community engagement events

#### Client experiences, tickets, and passes

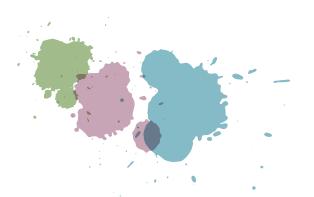
Sponsor or partner with an exhibition or event hosted at SUM gallery

Category exclusivity is available

#### QAF collateral and publications including:

- » Website
- » E-newsletter
- » Posters
- » Program Guide
- » Placement in QAF's advertising, marketing and outreach

Inclusion of your products in gift packages to official guests, artists and/or volunteers



## THANK YOU for connecting



Let's talk about how we can work together to meet your marketing and sponsorship goals. Please contact:

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#### Queer Arts Festival and SUM gallery

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