



QUEER ARTS FESTIVAL
2019 Sponsorship Package

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GEORGIA STRAIGHT

easily one of the best art
exhibitions of the year
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Best of the City:
Visual Arts
2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
WESTENDER

**Since 1998,
QAF has presented:**

1,888
ARTISTS

255
EVENTS

69,500
PATRONS



Emilio Rojas, photo by belle ancell

Dare to be challenged. Risk being changed.

Recognized as one of the top 5 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 Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre and our new permanent space SUM Gallery in the Sun Wah Centre. QAF harnesses the visceral power of art to inspire recognition, visibility, and respect of people who transgress gender and sexual norms.

QAF brings diverse communities together to support artistic risk-taking, incite creative collaboration and experimentation, and celebrate the rich heritage of queer artists and art. Every June, the festival theme ties together a curated visual art exhibition, performing arts series, media art screenings, artist 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 transformative power of art. A group of teenage boys wandered into our exhibition after a basketball game, and stood laughing in front of a work documenting a decade of homophobic murders. They grew quiet and thoughtful when QAF president Jeff Gibson engaged with them in discussion about the piece, what it was about, and why it mattered. Then the boys returned with the rest of their basketball team, and taught them about the horror of gay-bashing through the lens of the art. Before our eyes, these youth transformed from bullies to advocates.

Connect with the community

- 3.2 million Canadians identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, two-spirit, intersex, or questioning — LGBT2SIQ (LGBT+).
- Average LGBT+ household 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 LGBT+ demographic.
- Vancouver is home to the largest LGBT+ population within Western Canada, and is a popular destination in the billion-dollar gay tourism industry.
- PiA's new SUM Gallery offers a year-round presence in addition to QAF every June to mark the Stonewall anniversary, presenting an early Pride Season marketing opportunity.

Benefits as unique as you are

At QAF, we tailor our recognition 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's 3rd largest Visual Art Event
 - » Genres (Visual Art, Music, Dance, Theatre, Media Art)
 - » Specific shows
 - » Parties and receptions
 - » Community engagement events
- Client experiences, tickets, and passes
- QAF collateral and publications, including:
 - » Website
 - » E-blasts
 - » 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

Category exclusivity is available.

Engage Vancouver's cultural adventurers

Our last festival reached:

42,000

QUEERARTSFESTIVAL.COM VISITORS

8500

PATRONS

14 million

MEDIA IMPRESSIONS

35

ARTICLES

2,000

E-NEWS SUBSCRIBERS

5,087

FACEBOOK FANS

2,212

TWITTER FOLLOWERS



Sunny Drake, photo by belle ancell



Cris Derksen, photo by Xelha Tapia



Thank you for connecting!

QAF milestones

- 1998: Pride in Art (PiA) begins as a collective of LGBT2SIQ visual artists
- 2006: PiA incorporates as Not for Profit Society
- 2008: PiA launches the first multidisciplinary 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 ever lesbian opera
- 2018: PiA opens SUM Gallery in the Sun Wah Centre

Queer Arts Festival and SUM Gallery

projects of Pride in Art Society
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Let's talk about how we can work together to meet your marketing and sponsorship goals. Please contact:

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