

## Open Call for Volunteer Board Members

### Richmond Art Gallery Association (RAGA)

The Richmond Art Gallery Association (RAGA for short) is a non-profit, registered charitable society dedicated to supporting the Richmond Art Gallery.

Board members provide support to RAGA and the gallery in its mission to promote dialogue among diverse communities and challenging ideas and issues of today as expressed through local, national and international contemporary art.

As a vital part of the contemporary art network in British Columbia and Canada, RAGA plays a dynamic role in fostering the growth of visual art in Richmond. We provide the Richmond community and others in the Lower Mainland with opportunities to learn about contemporary art, as well as engage in art-making activities through various programs for adults, families, and children.

The Richmond Art Gallery is fortunate to have a talented Curatorial team and a skilled Director on staff who spearhead the artistic and curatorial vision for the gallery. The Richmond Art Gallery Association does not act as the governing Board of the Richmond Art Gallery, nor does it have a curatorial role in the gallery's exhibition program.

Functionally speaking, RAGA works closely with the Richmond Art Gallery, which is owned and operated by the City of Richmond. The RAGA Board supports the Gallery by being ambassadors for arts and culture in the Richmond Community and imagining, implementing and delivering sensational fundraising programs.

We are currently seeking enthusiastic individuals to join our Board of Directors as volunteer members. By becoming a Board member, you will actively contribute to the advancement of the arts in our community and help shape the future of the Richmond Art Gallery.

#### **Onboarding:**

Each new Board member can expect to:

- Be provided with a board manual clearly outlining the description and expectations of their role
- Participate in an on-boarding meeting with the President and/or Vice President either in-person or online to confirm the details of the manual as well as discuss the scope of the role moving forward and the association's priorities for the year ahead
- (where possible), receive training from the departing Board person about duties

#### **Responsibilities:**

Board members are expected to:

- Attend monthly board meetings, held the third Tuesday of each month 7-9pm at the Richmond Cultural Centre/ or online.
- Be punctual and reliably participate in these meetings that are run efficiently within a maximum duration of two hours.
- Read and respond to communication in a timely manner, typically within 48 hours.
- Attend as many of the gallery's openings and events as possible, as ambassadors of RAGA
- Assist in organizing, planning and delivery of fundraising initiatives
- Engage in committee work and individual tasks as needed in a work-share environment
- Attend the annual general meeting.

### **Requisite Skills:**

We're looking for you, if you:

- Bring honed skills from a specialized industry like law, finance, medicine or social services – to name a few!
- Have fundraising and friend-raising skills
- Maintain a strong connection to the community at large
- Are motivated to advocate for the work of the Association and the Gallery.
- Are knowledgeable about Board governance
- Possess fantastic organizational skills
- Are passionate to effectively contribute to Board activities and initiatives.
- Can demonstrate the ability to work in a collegial and cooperative manner
- Want to foster a positive and inclusive environment

Having prior Board and/or non-profit experience is considered an asset.

### **Benefits:**

Board members enjoy:

- Being part of a group of intelligent and engaging individuals from diverse backgrounds who share a passion for contemporary art and art education.
- Belonging to the RAGA/RAG family, fostering meaningful connections within the local arts community.
- Using their skills and expertise to further the success of the gallery and association
- Witnessing the measureable success of your efforts in the annual association report
- Meetings conducted with professionalism and respect with consideration of your time

### **To Apply:**

How to join us:

Please submit your letter of interest and resume to [SDacey@richmond.ca](mailto:SDacey@richmond.ca) with the subject heading of the Board Position you are most interested in applying to. We encourage interested

individuals to apply as soon as possible, as applications close on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Current vacancies are:

Vice President

Director at Large

Fundraising Chair

Thank you for your interest in supporting the Richmond Art Gallery Association. We look forward to reviewing your application and welcoming new members to our board!