



You may not realize it,  
but you will seldom  
have a night at an opera,  
symphony or play in Canada  
without experiencing the work  
or performance of a graduate of an



## RBC Emerging Artists Support Project



Over 30 Projects across Canada help young  
artists bridge the gap from the academic to  
the professional world, not only in theatre  
and musical performance, but also in  
writing, film-making, glassmaking,  
playwriting, curatorship, design  
and choreography.



We are proud of all of them -  
and especially of their young  
graduates.





# RBC Emerging Artists Support Project

**The following are our national and international support projects, by charity partner name:**

Banff Centre for Continuing Education (2 programs)  
Canadian Art Foundation  
Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery  
Canadian Museums Association  
Canadian Opera Company  
Festival of the Sound  
Glenn Gould School, Royal Conservatory of Music  
Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montréal  
National Ballet of Canada and National Ballet School  
PEN Canada  
Royal Canadian Academy of Arts  
Stratford Shakespearean Festival of Canada  
Tarragon Theatre Company  
Toronto International Film Festival  
Toronto Summer Music Academy  
Writers' Trust of Canada

**In addition, RBC supports more regionally focused emerging artist projects:**

Western Canada  
Central Canada  
Quebec and Atlantic Canada

RBC is the lead supporter of the **Banff International String Quartet Competition**, a highly anticipated triennial event which is one of the leading international music competitions for young string quartets, who perform for a distinguished jury and enthusiastic audiences. Winners usually perform in the Banff Summer Arts Festival, for which RBC is presenting sponsor.

Also through the Banff Centre, the **RBC YES Program** provides as many as 30 young artists from across Canada with scholarships each year. Scholarships have been given for dance apprentices and professionals and dance training, and for residencies in music, opera, visual arts and theatre

The **RBC Canadian Painting Competition**, with the partnership of the Canadian Art Foundation, provides a forum to engage communities across Canada and celebrate the exceptional skill of our up-and-coming visual artists. Each year the competition is hosted in multiple cities across Canada, providing exposure to thousands of viewers.

The **RBC Canadian Glassmaking Award** is hosted and juried by the Canadian Clay and Glass Museum. Young glass artists from across Canada are invited to demonstrate their talents to a national jury. The award funds travel to support the artist's research in style or technique.

The **RBC Museum Internship for Emerging Professionals** in partnership with the Canadian Museums Association provides a quality internship and enhanced learning experience for an emerging museum/gallery professional, including graduates of museum and arts studies programs, curators, conservators and arts administrators. The internship will be 4 to 6 months in duration.

RBC has long supported the education and outreach initiatives of the Canadian Opera Company, and is lead supporter of its **Ensemble Studio Program**, which trains directors and conductors as well as singers. Members are chosen through a national audition process and receive a blend of advanced study and practical experience in their own and in full COC productions. Graduates perform with every Canadian company and many have developed international reputations.

The **RBC Stockey Young Artist** is chosen by the Festival of the Sound artistic directors. This outstanding young person of talent is the featured performer of the opening night of the annual summer Festival of the Sound in Parry Sound, Ontario

The **RBC Guest Conductor Program** at the Glenn Gould School, the professional musician program of the Royal Conservatory of Music, provides the opportunity to develop three public concert performances under the guidance of internationally renowned conductors. Young professional musicians experience different leadership styles and many make a sufficient impression to be offered permanent posts in the guest conductors' orchestras.

Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montréal has established, with support from RBC, a **National Choreography Competition**. Four finalists from across the country each have five weeks to choreograph a new work of up to 25 minutes. The winner's ballet will be incorporated into the company's repertoire.

RBC's support of National Ballet of Canada's Apprentice Program provided male and female graduates of Canada's professional conservatories to continue building their technical skills while adapting to a professional schedule. The National Ballet School's Intensive Dance Program assisted advanced senior students to make the transition from aspiring student to professional dancer. These programs are now joined in **YOU Dance**, providing school outreach performance opportunities along with opportunities to expand their dance skills.

In association with PEN Canada, the **RBC Writer's Fellowship for New Canadians** provides an opportunity for newly arrived writers to study and work at a Canadian University.

The **RBC/RCA Design Award** is hosted and juried through the Royal Canadian Academy of the Arts. Young Canadian designers are invited to demonstrate their talents to a national jury. The award funds the designer's independent study.

RBC supports the Stratford Shakespearean Festival's **Conservatory for Classical Theatre**. Each year 8 to 12 young artists are selected through an extensive coast-to-coast audition process to spend a full-time 20 week training period with a number of instructors, coaches, directors and senior artists. Classes are held in mask, stage combat, speech and diction, history, period song and dance and other skills to strengthen their understanding of Shakespearean and classical works.

The **RBC/Tarragon Under 30 Playwright Competition** in partnership with Tarragon Theatre Company provides finalists with an intensive session at the theatre, renowned for its commitment to developing Canadian plays, to be mentored and have their work read by professional actors.

The **RBC Emerging Talent Bursary** in partnership with Toronto International Film Festival, provides support for young filmmakers admitted to the TIFF Talent Lab, an intensive program that offers artistic development opportunities to emerging Canadian filmmakers

RBC is a major supporter of the **Toronto Summer Music Academy**, providing funds for public performance by rising young musical stars. The Academy gives musicians who are at the threshold of their careers an opportunity to study with a Faculty drawn from internationally acclaimed artists from across Canada, the United States, and Europe.

Writers' Trust of Canada was established by writers to provide encouragement, mentoring and recognition to Canada's novelists. The **RBC Bronwen Wallace Emerging Writer Award** is an annual award to the winner of an open juried competition to recognize and celebrate a young writer and help further their development towards becoming a successful professional. The winning submission is circulated to hundreds of people in the writing and publishing world, providing a very special "kick off" to a career.

## Western Canada:

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The Art Gallery of Alberta's **RBC New Works Project**, delivered through the RBC New Works Gallery, represents the leading edge of innovation and exploration in the arts of the 21st century with a special focus on Alberta's contemporary artists and Canadian emerging artists of tomorrow. The Gallery will be part of the AGA's educational outreach programming.

At Capilano College in North Vancouver, RBC provides funding to the **Musical Theatre and Acting Program for Stage & Screen** which trains students for a professional acting career in live theatre, television and film. Students perform in safe classroom environments, student produced theatre and film projects and theatre department productions.

Richmond BC's Gateway Theatre Society is the only live professional regional theatre offering educational experience for youth who are interested in a possible career in the arts. RBC supports the **Educational Outreach Experience Project** through which over 100 high school students are selected each year to attend a full day workshop at the theatre where they are exposed to the many career options in the field.

RBC's support of the **LEAP Program** at the Arts Club of Vancouver Theatre Society supports playwriting classes with a working professional, live and online sessions,

tours and networking with theatre professionals. The program includes professional readings of students' plays.

RBC's support of Rumble Productions Society's **TREMORS: Rumble's Festival of Emerging Arts** helps showcase up to 200 of BC's most innovative emerging theatre and visual artists. Running for three weeks, the outreach plan is aimed towards secondary and post-secondary students, providing the opportunity for young and emerging artists to work alongside experienced professionals.

Dance Saskatchewan's annual production, **RBC Dare to Dance** is a production-learning experience for the talented young dancers and dance troupes that are auditioned to participate from across the province. Some are aligned with folk dance troupes which celebrate the ethnic diversity of Saskatchewan; others are young dancers who are part of the Company or Young Company and work with guest artists and directors to develop and perform new work.

## Central Canada:

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Many young actors have formal training, but lack professional experience. **RBC's Shaw Apprentice Actor** program allows them to gain this experience through performance classes in areas such as voice and dialect, Alexander technique, pilates, scene study, period study and the business of acting as well as performing in several of the season's plays with the Shaw Festival Theatre's multi-stage company.

RBC sponsors the Toronto Arts Council Foundation's annual Mayor's Lunch for the Arts, at which RBC presents the **RBC Emerging Artist Award** to a juried winner working in any arts discipline.

The **RBC Aldeburgh Discovery Recitals** are a joint presentation of the University of Toronto's Faculty of Music and the Alde burgh Connection. These concerts of art song provide talented young performers with an opportunity to expand their repertoire and stage experience as they develop into the recital and concert artists of tomorrow

At Toronto's Canadian Stage Company, RBC supports the **CanStage Academy**. Founded in 1992, the Academy provides training and education programs that include skills exchange between artists and staff, and the further training of young actors, designers and directors through the development of new plays by aspiring playwrights.

The Ottawa Symphony Orchestra's **Mentorship Program**, supported by RBC, allows approximately 15 gifted students each year from the University of Ottawa's Department of Music to perform as regular players. These talented young musicians, in the final stages of their pre-professional training, gain invaluable experience under the guidance and leadership of seasoned professional performers/mentors, both on and off stage, and in rehearsal and performance situations.

## Quebec and Eastern Canada:

RBC is a major sponsor of the triennial **Canadian International Organ Competition**, a juried and invitational week-long competition featuring the best young organists in the world and showcasing the amazing organs of Montreal's churches.

The National Theatre School is Canada's only colingual training facility covering all the theatre arts: acting, playwriting, directing, production, set and costume design, and technical production. The **RBC National Theatre School Francophone Student** program provides two francophone student bursaries at the school each year; at least one student recipient is from New Brunswick

Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NSCAD) is the artistic training centre of Atlantic Canada. Through the **RBC NSCAD Emerging Artist Project**, NSCAD artists

hang work in RBC offices in downtown Halifax and RBC presents the annual graduation gallery show, bringing new viewers and potential patrons to the young artists' work.

**RBC's That Dance Show** in PEI provides a summer employment and performance opportunity for twenty young dancers who hope to make dance their career. Culminating in over 20 public performances, the young people learn all aspects of production from choreography through staging, lighting, makeup, costuming and performance.

The **RBC Moncton Library Emerging Artist Project** developed from the renovation of the display boards in the entrance to the building. There is a vernissage for the first showing of every art exhibition held on a weekday during lunch time to attract downtown business people and workers. The exhibitions change regularly and showcase the art of the best of New Brunswick's young artists.

At PEI's Confederation Centre for the Arts RBC supports the **Emerging Artists Series** within the Art Gallery. The new exhibition series focuses on Canada's emerging visual arts and will consist of solo exhibitions of about 2 months' duration of each emerging artist's work. Each exhibition will be displayed consecutively in the the entrance gallery, which is easily accessible to the Centre's visitor traffic that number 250,000 people on an annual basis.

## APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Organizations may apply at any time. Please use the standard RBC application cover sheet and select "RBC Emerging Artist Project."

In addition to the eligibility criteria at **RBC Application Guidelines** RBC will evaluate emerging artist support project proposals based on the following

- Programs or awards that are on-going (i.e. not one-time events)
- Programs that provide a structured curriculum of mentorship and training
- Awards that have impact other than a cash prize (eg requirement that funds are used to travel for research purposes or to meet a mentor)

- Proposals that include a clear evaluation process for reporting to RBC
- Programs that demonstrate plans or willingness to work with other related organizations to provide maximum benefit for the emerging artists.
- Programs/awards that provide the engaged emerging artists with the opportunity to demonstrate their talent publicly (performance or exhibition), and/or to provide a connection to professional contacts (agents, publishers, etc).

Preference may be given to proposals which identify an opportunity for RBC client and/or staff engagement, such as a plan to host clients at a performance, awards event or exhibition, or an outline of staff volunteer opportunities