

# MÉTIS ARTISTS' COLLECTIVE

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The Métis Artists' Collective (MAC) took its first step into the ranks of the Toronto arts community on November 20, 2003. It was founded by a core group of 20 Métis artists promoting Métis arts and culture thru a multidisciplinary collective. It was agreed that the inspiration for the Collective's vision would be drawn from Louis Riel's stirring prophecy: *"My people will sleep for one hundred years. When they awaken, it will be the artists who give them back their spirit."*

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE MÉTIS ARTISTS' COLLECTIVE

The objective of the Métis Artists' Collective is to act as curator, preserver, protector and promoter of Métis cultural heritage as well as encouraging and facilitating the creative expression of Métis population in all aspects of traditional and contemporary arts.

The Métis Artists' Collective will also strive to educate the general public by creating resources that schools and other public institutions can access to enhance their awareness of Métis history and culture in official languages. Our long-term goal is to raise the profile of both artists and Métis culture locally, nationally and internationally.

Toronto artist, Robin Pacific states *"Community Art matters because community matters and so does art. At its best it holds the collective and the individual in exquisite balance. It can return us to our right and our need to create, to dream, to express and to resist. It both finds the common thread and celebrates difference. Community art makes an end run around the longueurs of the art world, the sterility of political protest that ignores creativity, the isolation of life in a globalized corporate world. It can make manifest a cry of anguish, a shout of joy, a moment of silence. It matters."*

### MÉTIS ARTISTS' COLLECTIVE PROJECTS

Multi Media Events; Visual Arts Exhibits; annual Métis Arts Festival; a Youth Orchestra; Kitchen Party concerts; multidisciplinary workshops for all levels of artists; resource centre; mentorship.

**Métis Artists' Collective (MAC) membership includes;** Visual Artists, Art Educator, Curator, Photographers, Musicians, Traditional Crafters, Illustrator, Publisher, Historical Writer and Researcher, Commercial Film Director, Film Producer, New Media and Broadcast Arts Designer

### MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA IS BASED ON BEING A MÉTIS ARTIST RESIDING IN ONTARIO

**There are five levels of membership.** For voting privileges you must be of 18 years of age.

#### Executive Board or Director Membership:

Executive Board & Director Membership, extends itself to community members who are Métis citizens or persons of Métis heritage residing in Ontario with a vested interest in supporting the MAC mandate and the development of MAC's role in the Community. This membership grants you voting privileges with an obligation to attend any and all Board Meetings. As an Executive Member you will be expected to uphold, defend, and maintain confidentiality along with all decisions made by the MAC Board. You will be fulfilling the role as a recognized advocate of the arts and Métis Culture and contribute to the direction of MAC. Executives and Directors of the MAC Board must agree to maintain a united front with the MAC Executive Board decisions.

**NOTE:** To receive an Executive Board or Director Membership is a collective decision of the Board, and can be suspended at any time by the Board if MAC bylaws are violated.



# REGISTRATION FORM

## Professional Artist Membership:

Professional, established artists who work in one or more disciplines and meet the eligibility criteria. You must demonstrate clearly that you have been recognized by your peers (artists working in the same artistic tradition) as a professional artists in your chosen discipline. For further definition of Professional Artists please refer to the Canada Council Act est. by Parliament 1957. All Professional Artist Members can be appointed to the Board of Directors at any time. This Membership level grants you voting privileges and Presidential Candidate opportunities. Presidential Candidacies are only available to Professional Artists with a minimum one year active Membership.

## Associate Artist Membership:

Associate, applies to artists working toward becoming professional artists. Artists from varied backgrounds with proven artistic skills and bodies of work that are recognized as such by his or her peers, (artists working in the same artistic tradition) or have made at least three public presentations of work in a recognized and respected setting. This Membership grants you voting privileges and includes the opportunity to be appointed to the Board of Directors at any time a seat becomes available.

## Affiliate Level Membership:

Affiliate, emerging artist who have completed their basic training in their artistic field (not necessarily in academic institutions), and demonstrate a strong interest in and potential for working in their artistic practice. Affiliates must have created at least one artistic work which has been exhibited, published or presented in a recognized and respected setting. Affiliate Memberships may also be granted to those who have not fulfilled this criterion but wish to pursue further development in an artistic capacity and are willing to contribute volunteer hours in return for training. This Membership grants you no voting privileges, except under Emerging Artists and Youth Arts Development unless you have Voting privileges amended to your Affiliate status.

## Honorary Membership:

Métis or Non-Métis persons may qualify as Honorary Members and do not need to be residents of Ontario, yet they must have a proven vested interest in supporting MAC and it’s mandate. Honorary Members are appointed by the Board as a sign of recognition of their contribution to MAC and the Arts Community or they may apply and present their qualifications to the Board for review and approval.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Artistic Discipline: \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for membership under the following criteria:

## Executive & Board Membership

## Professional Artist Membership

## Associate Artist Membership

## Affiliate Level Membership

## Honorary Membership

Do you wish to volunteer? Please tell us how you would like to volunteer:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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