



**2019 Arts Council of New Westminster  
Board of Directors Slate**

<b>Incoming Directors</b>	<b>Term</b>
Jacqueline Buchanan	2 year term – 2019-2020
Tegan Cheremkora	2 year term – 2019-2020
Kristina Mameli	2 year term – 2019-2020
Jay Schreiber	2 year term – 2019-2020
David Vivian	2 year term – 2019-2020
<b>Renewing Directors</b>	
Leanne Ewen	2 year term – 2019-2020
Bob Crockett	2 year term – 2019-2020
Simrit Kainth	2 year term – 2019-2020
Erin Watkins	2 year term – 2019-2020
<b>Returning Directors (One year left in their two-year term)</b>	
Leslie Murray	2 year term – 2017-2019
<b>Non-Voting</b>	
Mary Trentadue (City Council Rep)	2 year term – 2019-2020
Stephen O’Shea (Executive Director)	Since March 2015

**Incoming Directors**

**Jacqueline Buchanan**



My name is Jacqueline Buchanan. My husband and I have lived in New Westminster for over 30 years and we have two boys now at university. I have studied Canadian culture at university and taken other programs in support of cultural organizations and have volunteered with several organizations and city committees.

I believe in New Westminster and the creative energies that lie within its boundaries. Our city is one of the oldest in British Columbia, its evolution influenced and molded by several diverse ethnic groups, which brought together a wide range of talents, ideas and beliefs. Dating back to its early history, accomplished artists, cultural organizations, business people, and politicians have created a vibrant and dynamic New Westminster. Today, we need to continue to build on this sturdy historical base and provide strong support for our skilled and visionary youth, amateurs, and other individuals so that our city continues to be dynamic, unified, and strong, and a place where families want to live and raise their children.



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### **Tegan Cheremkora**



Tegan is a multi-disciplinary artist, and community arts advocate. Encountering the world through a creative practice focused upon the intersection between traditional art and technology.

She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Emily Carr University of Art and Design where she majored in photography. She recently completed the New Media Design and Web Development program at BCIT.

Involving herself in the arts community has always been something she has been proud of. A winner of numerous community grants for arts events, Tegan has contributed to the burgeoning arts scene in New Westminster.

When she's not at school, finishing projects or working, you can find her exploring local lakes, rivers, and trails.

### **Kristina Mameli**



Having proudly called New Westminster home for her entire life, Kristina brings a lifelong passion for arts, culture and this amazing community to Arts Council. With more than a decade of media experience, ranging from radio and music journalism to print, social media, music management and event planning, she holds a BA of Professional Communications from Royal Roads University and a diploma of Broadcast Media and Communications from BCIT. When not volunteering, she can be found enjoying live music, craft beer and vintage cars.

### **Jay Schreiber**



Jay has always been a talker and a conversationalist who often finds himself lost in words. A musician and craft beer professional who grew up in the Pacific North West, Jay is proud to call the Royal City his home. Jay was raised in a musical family, where his interests in performing arts continued into his young adulthood. He obtained accreditation in percussion performance from Douglas College and The University of Victoria, followed by graduate studies in contemporary performance and literature at Mills College in California. Through his involvement in music, Jay has

travelled to Europe and around North America. A natural spokesman, when he's not hitting things with sticks Jay is employed locally by Steel & Oak Brewing Co. as a raconteur for the company. In his spare time Jay builds musical instruments, plays in bands, adores cats and likes to travel and meet people.



### **David Vivian**



David trained in music, visual arts (Toronto: BA Specialist Fine Arts; UBC: MFA) and theatre (National Theatre School: Scenography). Since 1992 he has designed sets, costumes, lighting and media arts for theatre and dance, has been a key artist for film and television, and conceived original landscape designs.

Recent professional experience includes academic leadership and administrative direction for an undergraduate School with academic programs in dramatic arts, music, studies in arts and culture, and visual arts. He was project lead for new facilities development and launch, production and presentation programs, and initiatives in community revitalization and

engagement. He has collaborated on program and schedule design, coordination and implementation, and developed expertise in marketing and communications direction including recruitment and sponsorship.

David has provided leadership in Arts and Culture sector policy development and governance. Responsibilities include community engagement, development, initiatives in public art, and the training of new artists from secondary through professional environments. Across a variety of boards and committees this includes representation, advocacy, facilitation, conference organization, event curation and production (including Alternative, Augmented Communication (AAC) project development) and community service. He has collaborated in community, university, professional and municipal governance in English and French-speaking communities.

### **Renewing Directors**

#### **Leanne Ewen**



Leanne has been an advocate for the arts both in her career as an Elementary School teacher and in her personal life. Leanne has engaged in every aspect of the arts at some point in her life, from her studies at the piano from the age of five to university level, to coursework in dance, art and drama. The arts play a central role in her life and she believes passionately that the arts need to be an integral part of the education of our children and in our everyday lives. Leanne is thrilled to be able to take on a leadership role as President of the Arts Council to continue her advocacy for the arts.

Her passion is to be able to make a difference to our community and is grateful to be able to do this by providing many opportunities for people of all ages to engage in the arts with passion, joy and enjoyment.



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### **Simrit Kainth**



As a recent graduate of Simon Fraser University and chair of the Membership & Outreach committee, Simrit's passion for her studied disciplines of Political Science and Communications shines in her work. Her degree has enabled her to gain a sophisticated scope of knowledge about politics on both an individual and global level. In her spare time, she enjoys spending quality time with her family and friends along with volunteering in her community during provincial and federal elections. Simrit has lived in New Westminster her entire life and hopes to stay here for many more years to come, therefore its progress is very important to her. Simrit uses the skills she has learned over the years to participate in the Arts Council of New Westminster as an active Board Member.

### **Erin Watkins**



Erin's employment background was in marketing, branding, design and advertising prior to her personal re-branding as a librarian. She holds a Diploma in Marketing Management, a BA in Communications with a minor in Publishing, a Certificate in Communication Design, and a Masters in Library and Information Studies. Erin is currently employed as Manager of Programs and Community Development at the New Westminster Public Library. She works closely with community groups to deliver a diverse range of library programming, including close involvement with LitFest NewWest since 2015. Erin has a passion for art and music which started at a young age, she continues to support local live music and artists in her spare time.

### **Returning Directors**

#### **Leslie Murray**



Leslie moved to New Westminster in 2012 shortly after retiring from her position as Acting President, Native Education College, Vancouver. Her Background is in education, business and social work and she currently works on a contract basis for small business and social services organizations. Because of her interest in fabric arts, Leslie volunteered with the Arts Council in 2016 as a gallery attendant, and has also worked on various projects – serving for a time as the volunteer coordinator for the gallery, and updating the Arts Council scrapbooks.



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## Non-Voting

### Mary Trentadue (City Councillor)



Mary Trentadue is a mom, wife, entrepreneur and experienced City Councillor who is passionate about her community. She is a strong supporter of the arts and previous to being on City Council, owned a small independent bookstore for 10 years. Currently, Mary is the owner of a small business called 32 Solutions that provides virtual project management and administration to local and international companies. She serves as co-chair of the Lord Kelvin Parent Advisory Council and is committed to making a difference in her son's school. She is passionate about the community of New Westminster and makes it her priority to be involved in issues regarding daycare, local business, and the growing arts community.

Currently, Mary serves on the following Committees;

- Chair, Arts Commission
- Member, LUPC
- Director, ECOMM
- Member, Public Art Advisory Committee
- Member, Mayors Task Force on the Riverfront
- Member, Major Projects Task Force

### Stephen O'Shea (Executive Director)



Stephen O'Shea is a dedicated and passionate arts advocate. Growing up in Abbotsford, BC, he is the founding member and bass player of international touring New Wave band You Say Party. He was the Artistic Director of Jam in Jubilee Music Festival for three years and sat on the Board of Directors of the Devon Clifford Music Foundation before moving to New Westminster in the fall of 2013. He is currently the Executive Director of the Arts Council of New Westminster, Chair of the City of New Westminster's Public Art Advisory Committee, Secretary on the Board of Directors of Tourism New Westminster, and a member of the City of New Westminster's Arts Commission.