



Annual Report

2020-2021

June 1, 2020-May 31, 2021
Plus: Highlights from
June 1, 2021-August 31, 2021

Message from Artistic Director



A year without live theatre. A year of planning and pivoting. Pandemic restrictions forced us to all work from home, and to engage young people outside, behind glass, and online. We applied for funding to sustain us, to help adapt to new platforms, to rethink our internal culture, and build our organisational capacity. We asked and hired our family of artists to provide advice, explore and develop theatre, and train for online drama education. We overhauled our website and increased our social media output to remain connected to our stakeholders. Our year was filled with much reflection, many new insights, and unexpected creative advances despite the fact we had one single encounter we could call live performance. As we anticipate a future that celebrates live theatre again, we are eternally grateful for our funders, our Teacher Advisory, our Artists, our Staff, and Board for their perseverance and support of Quest Theatre. Thank you!

Nikki Loach
Artistic Director

Message from Director of Business Operations



In July 2020, we reached new young people across the country and beyond Canadian borders with online summer camps. It was amazing to see how our team reinvented the camp experience in an engaging digital format. The remainder of the 2020-21 season was a year of quiet, listening, adapting and change. Will we ever get back to “normal”? Do we even want to? Our focus has been on survival, reimagining and seemingly endless pivots. We have a healthy surplus of funds from 2020-21, thanks to the incredible support of the government, our funders, and donors. We have grand plans to use this to support TYA play development, advance arts education creative practice, and continue to break down barriers to young people’s participation in our programs.

Peita Luti

Director of Business Operations



Quest's Mission

Quest Theatre creates intelligent and whimsical theatre experiences that encourage young people to explore who they are, discover what is important, and build the kind of world they want to live in.

Quest's Vision

Quest Theatre's vision is to nurture young people through exceptional adventures in theatre.

Quest's Values

Pursue Creativity
Make it Meaningful
Encourage Community
Act Responsibly
Celebrate Theatre

Quest's Affiliations

Quest is a member of the Professional Association of Canadian Theatres (PACT) and engages theatre artists under the terms of the Canadian Theatre Agreement (CTA), Playwrights Guild of Canada (PGC) and the Associated Designers of Canada (ADC). We are a member of Alberta Playwrights Network, Theatre Alberta and ASSITEJ Canada (International Association of Theatre for Children and Young People)

Workshop Performance

Hello : Friend...

Created by Nikki Loach,
Léda Davies, Matthew
McKinney, Jason Mancini,
and Meredith Johnson
Masks by Kate
Braidwood, mask dressing
Loïc Lacroix Hoy

A 15-minute outdoor play, Hello Friend... illustrates the joy of divergent thinking and celebrates the creative play of one undeterred young kid.

Preview performance at Richmond Elementary School
November 30, 2020.



Artists In School



Quest's Artists in School Program provides schools with an unforgettable weeklong theatrical creation experience taught by artists who love to share their passion of theatre with young people.

Online Artists in School Adaptations:

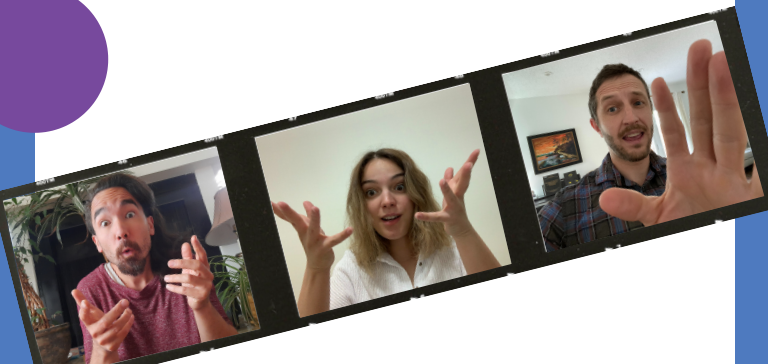
- **Hugh A. Bennett, NE Calgary**
- **St. Cecilia School, SE Calgary**
- **Brightview School, NW Edmonton**

Online Classes & Workshops

Online classes and workshops provided safe access to theatre adventures for many isolated children.

- 5 Iso-PLAY-tion Online classes: Jun 4 – 25, 2020
- 5 weeks of Online Summer Camp: Jun 29 – Jul 31, 2020
- 1 Movement Stories with Kunji - Online as part of Alberta Culture Days: Sept 29, 2020
- 6 Online Immigrant Youth Drama Classes with Raffi, in partnership with the Bridge Foundation: Feb 19 – Mar 26, 2021

**In-Person
Summer Camp: Jul 5 – Aug 13, 2021**



Community Engagement



Chinook Blast Festival/ Calgary Display Feb 22 - Mar 2, 2021
Farmer's Market Engagement Jun 26, 2021
Kids Create Fest Engagement Aug 14, 2021

Online Content Created

- 2 Facebook Live Broadcasts Jun 3 & 17, 2020
- Drama Activities for Teachers

Play Development

- The Girl Who Lost Her Buffalo by Troy Emery Twigg
- Most Imaginary Worlds by Col Cseke and Inside Out Theatre
- Three Boxes (working title) by Rebecca Fauser of Green Fools Theatre with contributions from Nicole Mion from Springboard Performance and Nikki Loach of Quest Theatre.

My daughter had a wonderful experience - the video of their show was excellent and made us feel better about missing out on viewing a live performance with the COVID-19 restrictions. She was very bright and happy at the end of each day of camp, learned lots and really enjoyed her time with her group . Thank you for all! - Summer Camp Parent



We enjoyed our time with you very much and learned a lot of about using our voice and body in different ways to communicate in addition to having fun! - St. Cecilia School Teacher



My daughter loved her experience there. She really enjoyed the performance and couldn't wait for us to see it! - Summer Camp Parent



The play [Hello Friend] really lifted our spirits, it was beautiful to hear the children laugh and giggle. - Richmond School Teacher



**This experience has been fabulous! Thank you for all you did behind the scenes to organize this and to make sure that all of the students had a blast while learning and engaging! I appreciate your energy, flexibility and enthusiasm with the students. What a wonderful way to end the year - Dawn Heckenlaible Teacher
Edmonton Public Schools**



WOW!!!

Stats

- One theatre company still standing!**
- 28,339 pairs of eyes on Snow Angel window display at Chinook Blast**
- \$12,000 of bursaries given to send kids to camp (74 kids)**
- 181 New to Quest Campers (35 from out of province and 8 from the USA)**
- 1,345,278* giggles, guffas or flat out laughs, online, in-person and mostly from staff!**
- 12 partnerships or collaborations with other service or arts organizations!**
- 21 online training sessions, conversations, and workshops to support our organization's Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility goals!**
- 9,451* pieces of cardboard used at Summer Camp!**

*May or may not be real stats!

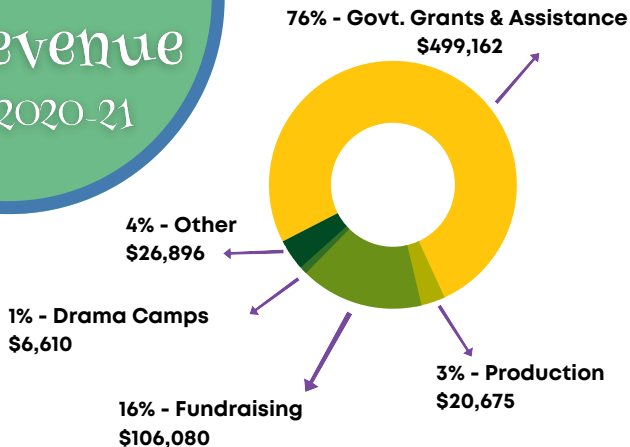
Contributing Artists

**Kat Armstrong
Peter Balkwill
Brian Batista
Dean Bareham
Mark Bellamy
Kate Braidwood
Keshia Cheesman
Col Cseke
Christian Daly
Leda Davies
Juanita Dawn
Kris Demeanor
Ali DeRegt
Dave Deveau
Daniele Driusso
Devon Dubnyk
Christopher Duthie
Rebecca Fauser
Braden Griffiths
Shea Heatherington
Kendra Hutchinson
Cheryl Hutton
Kunji Ikeda
Bruce Horak**

**Loic Lacroix Hoy
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Jonathan Lewis
Jason Mancini
Matthew McKinney
Judith Mendelsohn
Terry Middleton
Raffi Minas
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Amelia Newbert
Geneviève Paré
Scott Reid
Scott Roberts
Lara Schmitz
Samara Stanleigh
Olivia Tailfeathers
Nova Lea Thorne
Troy Emery Twigg
Marshall Vielle
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Tim Williams**

Revenue

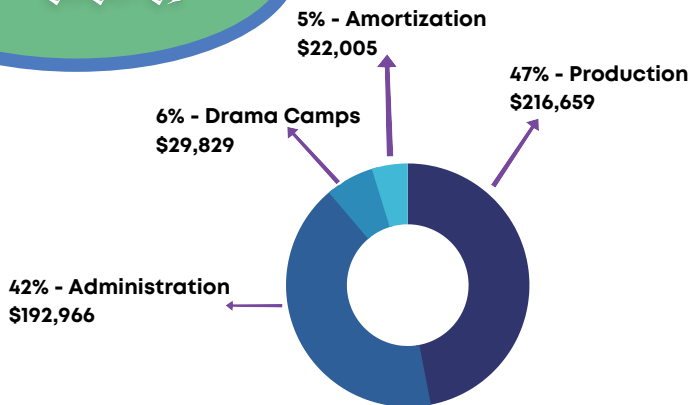
2020-21



Total Revenue \$659,423

Expenses

2020-21



Total Expenses \$461,459

Special Thanks

Troy Emery Twigg.....Cultural Advisor
Kelsey Souchereau.....Graphic Designer
Rose Brow.....Mentor
Linzie Perreault.....Teacher Advisory
Julie Barton.....Teacher Advisory
Heather MacLeod.....Teacher Advisory
Nadia Mostaghel.....Teacher Advisory
Heather Melville.....Teacher Advisory
Michael Wright.....Teacher Advisory
Clancy Evans.....Teacher Advisory
Jevon Hills.....Advisor
Jenny Peters.....Advisor
Mary Blais.....Consultant
Kenji Maeda.....Consultant
Aldona Barutowicz.....Consultant

Administrative Team

Nikki LoachArtistic Director
Peita LutiDirector of Business Operations
Ali DeRegt.....Artistic Associate
Serenella Sol ArguetaAdmin and Marketing Coordinator
Claire BoltonProgram Coordinator
Christi Dos Santos-WingAdmin Support
Lizzie RajchelUniversity of Calgary Intern
Christian ArgyllOutgoing Bookkeeper
Alexis KroonIncoming Bookkeeper

Board of Directors

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Michael Birnie.....Outgoing Director



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Nikki and Christopher Loach

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Todd Hawkwood



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Adventures Await...

Next Season at a Glance

Artists in School Program – Oct 2021 – Jun 2022

Hello Friend... Playing in School Yards Oct 22 – Oct 31, 2021

Snow Angel Touring In-Person - Feb 25 – April 2, 2022

Spring Drama Camps – Mar/Apr 2022

Summer Camps – July 4 – Aug 12, 2022

How Can You Support Quest?

- 1 **Donate to our Play for All Fund!**
- 2 **Volunteer for us!**
- 3 **Sponsor one of our Programs!**
- 4 **Join our Board of Directors!**
- 5 **Attend our Performances!**
- 6 **Sign up for our newsletter!**
- 7 **Join our Teacher Advisory!**
- 8 **Follow us on social media!**
- 9 **Register for a camp!**
- 10 **Tell a Friend!**



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