

# **Indigenous Land Acknowledgement**

We express gratitude to all the First Nations, Métis and Inuit who have been traditional and contemporary stewards of this land.

We acknowledge that we work, live, meet and create on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg, Wendat and Haudenosaunee Peoples and adjacent to the Kanien'keha:ka (Mohawk) community of Tyendinaga.

The Prince Edward County Arts Council is committed to the support and advancement of Indigenous artists in Prince Edward County and beyond. Our work is guided by the 94 Calls to Action proposed by the Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada. We also recognize the primacy of the 46 Articles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People and in particular, Articles 11 & 31 pertaining to Arts and Culture.

## United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People

#### Article 11

1. Indigenous peoples have the right to practise and revitalize their cultural traditions and customs. This includes the right to maintain, protect and develop the past, present and future manifestations of their cultures, such as archaeological and historical sites, artefacts, designs, ceremonies, technologies and visual and performing arts and literature.

#### Article 31

1. Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain, control, protect and develop their cultural heritage, traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions, as well as the manifestations of their sciences, technologies and cultures, including human and genetic resources, seeds, medicines, knowledge of the properties of fauna and flora, oral traditions, literatures, designs, sports and traditional games and visual and performing arts. They also have the right to maintain, control, protect and develop their intellectual property over such cultural heritage, traditional knowledge, and traditional cultural expressions.

### **Pronunciation Guide**

(Note - some of these terms have several alternative spellings/pronunciations):

- Anishnaabeg: Ah-nish-naw-beg
- Wendat: Wen-dat
- Haudenosaunee: Ho-den-no-show-nee
- Kanien'kaha:ka: Gun-yun-gay-haw-gah
- Tyendinaga: Ty-en-di-nay-gah
- Métis: May-tee
- Inuit: Ee-noo-eet