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New members join the artsnb Board of Directors

April 8, 2021 (Fredericton) – The New Brunswick Arts Board (**artsnb**) is proud to announce that Vanessa Moeller and Jason Guerrette have joined artsnb Board of Directors.



Vanessa Moeller

Vanessa's poems and short stories have appeared in numerous periodicals including *The Fiddlehead*, *Prism International*, *The Antigonish Review*, *CV2*, and *The Pottersfield Portfolio*. Her first collection, *Our Extraordinary Monsters*, was published by Signature Editions. Her work has also appeared in anthologies by Guernica Editions, Baseline Press, Frog Hollow Press, and Owl's Head Press. She has worked on *Qwerty* and *The Fiddlehead* and as an associate poetry editor for Goose Lane Editions. She completed her MA in creative writing at the University of New Brunswick.

A passionate arts advocate, Vanessa was Deputy Director of artsnb for several years and continues to support the arts community, currently sitting on the board of the Frye Festival, Atlantic Canada's largest literary event. Now residing in Moncton, Vanessa is Senior Creative Writer at m5 Marketing Communications, Atlantic Canada's largest integrated communications agency.



Jason Guerrette

After graduating high school, the singer-songwriter began studying classical singing at the Université de Moncton. Over the years, he has been a soloist in five operas presented at the Capitol Theatre in Moncton. In addition to his classical studies, Jason has distinguished himself in the popular music industry in New Brunswick and Quebec.

In 2012, he was selected to experience the *Star Académie* adventure. In addition to being one of the four male finalists, he stood out with his performances along Johnny Hallyday, Céline Dion, Éric Lapointe, Lynda Lemay, Michel Sardou and Kaïn.

A founding member of the ECMA-nominated electro-funk band *Spoutnique*, Jason is also a recipient of MusicNB's *People's Choice* award. He participated in the project *L'Acadie, un pays qui se raconte*, which allowed him to tour 80 shows in France. Back in the Madawaska region, he is president of Productions 11 Inc. which organizes more than 50 shows annually, such as the *Ploye Show*. Jason is currently in the studio recording his first solo album, which will be released in summer 2021.

The New Brunswick Arts Board is composed of nine members of balancing gender, from the five regions of the province, from the various linguistic and Indigenous communities, as well as from different artistic disciplines. More information about current board members can be found on the **artsnb** website at <https://artsnb.ca/web/about/board-of-directors/>

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