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**Grants awarded for January 1, 2026 Deadlines – Artist in Residence and Career Development programs**

*Fredericton, February 24, 2026* – The New Brunswick Arts Board (**artsnb**) has released the results of the January 1, 2026 deadlines for the Artist in Residence and Career Development programs. Grants totaling **\$95,966.30** were awarded by juries composed of professional artists in these two (2) funding programs.

**Artist in Residence Program**

**Ten (10)** Artist in Residence grants were awarded, totaling **\$55,005.30**.

This program provides opportunities for organizations in New Brunswick to host visiting artists for up to a year, and to professional artists who seek to advance their creative work through participation in residency opportunities at home or outside the province, or for residency opportunities in Quebec as per an agreement with the Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec. The Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture has granted additional investment to the remodeled Artist in Residence program which was a recommendation of the Report of the Premier’s Task Force on the Status of the Artist. Learn more about the Artist in Residence Program [here](#).

The following artists and host organizations have been awarded grants in this program:

**Individual Artists**

Natalia Bohórquez	Fredericton	Music	\$ 7,500.00
Sadie Donahue	Saint John	Music	\$ 4,500.00
André Saulnier	Memramcook	Music	\$ 3,796.00
Iryna Shevchenko	Fredericton	Visual Arts	\$ 2,972.00
Holly Timpener	Saint John	Visual Arts	\$ 5,951.07
David Zsako	Baie Verte	Visual Arts	\$ 3,600.00

**Non-Profit Organizations**

Le Gala de la chanson	Caraquet	Music	\$ 7,500.00
Sappyfest	Sackville	Multidisciplinary Arts	\$ 7,500.00
Struts Gallery	Sackville	Visual Arts	\$ 7,500.00
Sunbury Shores Arts and Nature Centre	Saint Andrews	Visual Arts	\$ 4,186.23

**Results Highlights**

<i>Applications Evaluated</i> 25	<i>Grants Awarded</i> 10	<i>Success Rate</i> 40.0%
<i>Total Amount Requested</i> \$182,159.80	<i>Total Amount Awarded</i> \$55,005.30	<i>Rate Funded</i> 30.2%

**3 out of 10 recipients (30.0 %) had never previously received a grant from artsnb.**



The number of applications evaluated per discipline for this program deadline are as follows: 0 in architecture, 1 in craft, 0 in dance, 0 in literary arts, 0 in media arts, 3 in multidisciplinary arts, 8 in music, 3 in theatre, and 10 in visual arts.

Additional information is available on the distribution of grants per artistic discipline for this deadline [here](#).

**Career Development program**

**Nineteen (19)** grants were awarded for the Career Development program, totaling **\$40,961.00**.

This program, divided into 3 components, provides financial assistance to professional artists wishing to enhance their practice through travel, study, and promotion. Learn more about the Career Development Program [here](#).

The following artists have been awarded grants in this program:

**Arts by Invitation**

Andrés Bohórquez	Miramichi	Music	\$2,700.00
Tomoko Charron	Elgin	Visual Arts	\$1,440.00
Natasha Cliche	Fredericton	Visual Arts	\$1,015.00
Jay Isaac	Rowley	Visual Arts	\$2,405.00
Ralph Simpson	Fredericton	Craft	\$2,700.00
Sydney Smith	Fredericton	Visual Arts	\$1,485.00
Matt Watkins	Fredericton	Craft	\$2,700.00

**Professional Development**

Jon Claytor	Sackville	Visual Arts	\$3,000.00
Tee Cloud	Metepenagiag	Music	\$2,000.00
Chelsea Gauvin	Moncton	Visual Arts	\$1,160.00
Sydney Hallett	Fredericton	Dance	\$3,000.00
Raine O'Connor	Fredericton	Theatre	\$3,000.00
Ramona Solomon	Bilijk	Multidisciplinary Arts	\$3,000.00

**Professionalization & Promotion**

Luc A Charette	Edmundston	Visual Arts	\$1,971.00
Caroline Coon	Fredericton	Theatre	\$1,635.00
Evan Cooper	Beaver Dam	Music	\$2,000.00
Dimitrios Karakostas	Saint John	Visual Arts	\$1,750.00
Brittany McEachern	Fredericton	Music	\$2,000.00
Myriam Thomas	Moncton	Music	\$2,000.00

**Results Highlights**

<i>Applications Evaluated</i> 50	<i>Grants Awarded</i> 19	<i>Success Rate</i> 38.0%
<i>Total Amount Requested</i> \$116,789.48	<i>Total Amount Awarded</i> \$40,961.00	<i>Rate Funded</i> 35.1%



**6 out of 19 recipients (31.6%) had never previously received a grant from artsnb.**

The number of applications evaluated per discipline for this program deadline are as follows: 0 in architecture, 4 in craft, 2 in dance, 5 in literary arts, 4 in media arts, 4 in multidisciplinary arts, 17 in music, 4 in theatre, and 10 in visual arts.

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### **Changes to the Artist in Residence and Career Development programs' deadlines**

Please note that artsnb has recently announced changes to the Artist in Residence and Career Development programs' deadlines, reducing their number from 6 to 3 yearly. This change will take effect on May 1, 2026. Read more about this news [here](#).

*The New Brunswick Arts Board is an arm's length arts funding agency with a legislated mandate to facilitate and promote the creation of art as well as administering funding programs for professional artists in the province. Funding for these programs is provided through the province's Arts Development Trust Fund and by the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture. The department also provides additional funding to the Artist in Residence program, as a response to the recommendations from the report of Premier's Task Force on the Status of the Artist.*

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