



**TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 2022
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

2022 was another challenging year for everyone, but an exciting one in many ways as MISCELLANEOUS Productions continued to adapt and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, including during a major tour in British Columbia, Toronto and Montreal.

It was the Board's privilege to support artistic director Elaine Carol and her team as they responded to the global health crisis with a series of events and workshops exploring the issues raised by the pandemic as they impact children and youth in culturally and socially representative communities.

We look forward to the work ahead as we prepare for a new photo-conceptual project in collaboration with representative young people with a working title of *REVENGE of the CHILDREN*, informed by the experiences of children and youth as related in the events and workshops mentioned above.

The contemporary relevance and importance of MISCELLANEOUS Productions' projects has never been more sharply focussed, and the Board looks forward to another year of discovering and sharing important stories.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Jung

President
Board of Directors



MESSAGE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

We are pleased to present our 2022/2023 Annual Report, delivered at our June 26, 2023 Annual General Meeting.

Through 2022/2023 we continued to cope with the pandemic and its effects, which made us consider safer and more inclusive ways to present our work, practicing COVID-Zero touring and programming, and presenting/filming work in communities large and small from Vancouver to Prince George to Toronto to Westbank First Nation to Montreal.

Our Board members, staff and volunteers deeply believe in using the arts as a vehicle to encourage and empower the culturally and socially representative, at-risk and experiential youth we collaborate with.

Presenting our transdisciplinary artistic work to the public as well as in private workshops with some of the most challenged children and youth in BC, as well as pre-professionals and gifted BIMRPOC/QBIMRPOC students across Canada, is part of our process as community-engaged, co-creation artists.

In spite of the many challenges of 2022/2023, MISCELLANEOUS Productions Society continues to develop our local, regional, national and international relationships with BIMRPOC/QBIMRPOC children and youth, and their allies, and open up more access for at-risk and experiential young people.

With love and respect,

Elaine Carol

Artistic Director
MISCELLANEOUS Productions



ACTIVITIES & INITIATIVES

- **OVERWHELMED!** MISCELLANEOUS Productions' *OVERWHELMED* was released, online and through live screenings throughout BC, Montreal, and Toronto. *OVERWHELMED!* is an original digital work in which professional composers, choreographers, emerging artists, spoken word artists and young emerging/pre-professional community-engaged participants explore feelings of being overwhelmed through dance, performance poetry, experimental film, and live performance. Important interviews with the late diversity consultant Eric D. Wong and curator/writer/educator/activist Grace Eiko Thomson framed the performances and illuminated burning issues of contemporary life.
- **Digital Expansion Project:** We updated our main computer, printer, and other hardware, which were 11 years old and researched getting a new Mac for MISCELLANEOUS Productions.
- **Social Media:** We received a major report by Barb Snelgrove on our social media and the realities of the economy associated with its success.
- **Health and Safety:** In coordinating around COVID-19 issues, including N95s, RATs, and Hepa Filtration, we worked with doctors, nurses, aerosol engineers, and others.
- **Tour Preparation:** We readied our team for tours to Prince George, Kelowna, Victoria, Montreal, Toronto (and Winnipeg, which we toured to in early January 2023) preparing screenings and workshops for socially and culturally representative children and youth, with a focus on at-risk and experiential young people.
- **Workshops:** Prince George – Nusdeh-Yo Elementary School and the School District 57 Indigenous Youth Justice Program hosted our weeklong workshops in co-creation theatre, hip hop dance, and World Percussion/Marimba for primarily at- risk/experiential Indigenous children and youth. This was our 14th year and 16th workshop with our partner Larry Garnot, Director of Indigenous Education, School District 57.
- **Grants:** We continued the ongoing process of grant reporting and applications to our funders.
- **GRIMM Local Outreach:** Outreach to Vancouver/Lower Mainland youth-serving organizations re: developing GRIMM project – Elaine had Zooms, phone, and in-person meetings with staff from Britannia Community Centre Teen Centre,



UNYA, Gladstone Secondary, DiverseCITY, Foundry, Sarah McLachlan School of Music (SoM) and others. We held a planning meeting with Robin Layne re: partnering with the Sarah McLachlan Music Outreach for our Susan Pond MUSIC 101 program.

- **Kelowna/West Kelowna/Westbank First Nation Youth Centre:** Youth Summer Camp - weeklong workshops in co-creation theatre, hip hop dance and World Percussion/Marimba for Indigenous youth. 14 th year and 17 th project with Westbank First Nation young people and Director, Nicole Westriuk.
- **Victoria Indigenous Friendship Centre, Saanich, BC –** Youth Summer Camp & Youth Drop-In - weeklong workshops in co-creation theatre, hip hop dance and World Percussion/Marimba for Indigenous children and youth. Newer partner as this was our third workshop since 2019.
- **Accounting:** We brought in Jackie LaFontaine, CPA from the Sarah McLachlan Music School, to help us with accounting and bookkeeping.
- **Postponements:** Our Calgary and Regina tours were postponed indefinitely, due to “burn-out” from our partners.
- **In Toronto:** We held a screening & Q&A at Jumblies Theatre, and hip hop dance and co-creation theatre workshop for the Central Toronto Academy, one of the largest public inner-city secondary schools in the city for the Black Students Alliance at Central Toronto Academy. Our staff visited the Art Gallery of Ontario, guided by artist/art professor Andy Fabo. While in Toronto we also met with video distributor, V Tape and other national arts partners.
- **In Montreal:** We held meetings with significant Québécois artists and arts organizations.
- **Projects:** We developed or continued the following projects and initiatives in late 2022 and early 2023:
 - Getting our bookkeeping in order;
 - Working on our Digital Expansion Project (DEP);
 - Planning Indigenous Youth Communities Summer Camps for 2023;
 - Grimm Local;
 - Finalizing our Susan Pond Music 101 Program/partnership with the Sarah McLachlan School of Music and Aerosol Engineering project;
 - Planning for Vancouver/Lower Mainland workshops;
 - Held meetings with public and private sector funders.



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