

CARFAC response to COVID-19

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To our community of artists, cultural workers, and organizations:

Please know that we at CARFAC stand in solidarity with your concerns over COVID-19 and the ever-changing situation we are facing here at home and abroad. We are committed to providing our community and colleagues with the best available resources and we urge everyone to follow the recommended safety precautions as advised by the [Public Health Agency of Canada](#).

As the situation continues to unfold, we have a few recommendations:

[Begin tracking your income losses](#) due to cancelled exhibitions, reproductions, or travel related to your work. We are in talks with the Government and with other arts organizations to come up with a plan on how to support artists, cultural workers, and service organizations. This data will help determine what that will look like.

Stay connected to your communities by telephone, email, letter writing, video-chat, and online groups. We should physically distance ourselves, but it's important to stay [socially connected](#). (ie: [your CARFAC provincial office](#)). Most of us are working from home and still running "business as usual" – but with modified services.

Go directly to reputable and accredited sources for information. CARFAC National will regularly share information on social media, and here are a few resources that you may find helpful:

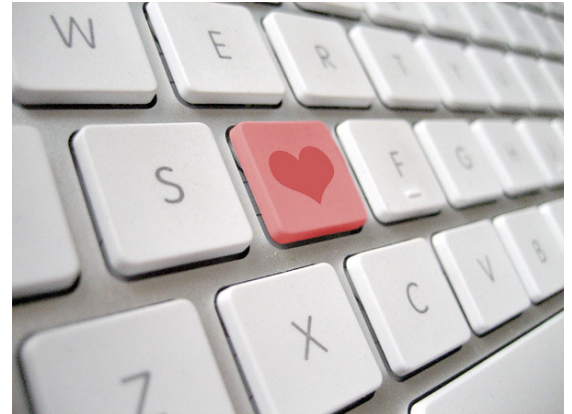
- [Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan](#)
- [I Lost My Gig Canada](#) – A space for creative industries and other vulnerable freelance and gig economy workers to connect and share stories in response to growing income precarity in Canada.
- [CBC resource list, including emergency funding for artists, online training, health resources, and temporary/remote jobs](#)
- [Resources for Canadian artists, writers, and media workers during COVID-19 shutdowns](#)
- [Support from Canadian financial institutions](#)
- [Canada Council for the Arts](#) – many provincial arts organizations are also sharing information
- [BC Alliance for Arts and Culture](#) – list of resources for artists and cultural workers
- [CSARN](#) – list of current provincial and territorial protocols
- [The Photographer Fund](#) – \$25,000 fund to help self-employed photographers facing hardship
- [Curating Care](#) – honorariums for Independent INDIGENOUS Curators and Artists (deadline March 27)
- [Emergency Survival Fund for LGBTQ2S artists, performers, tip-based workers](#)
- [25+ Sites for Finding Remote Work](#)
- [How to stay connected during self isolation](#) – some useful tips
- [Crisis Services Canada](#) – Suicide prevention and support

As you've heard many times over the past few days, information on the situation is changing rapidly and daily. CARFAC is doing everything we can to support artists by collaborating with our colleagues in the arts sector as well as Government, to ensure that sufficient resources are allocated to those who have lost wages, fees and royalties, and work opportunities because of various closures.

CARFAC National staff are continuing to serve our members and the public and we can be contacted directly by email:

- [Shelby Millwater](#), Membership Coordinator
- [Renuka Bauri](#), Director of Communications and Advocacy
- [April Britski](#), Executive Director

Phone calls to the National office will not be answered but we will be checking messages. Please include your name, phone number, and email



address so that we can respond accordingly.

Stay safe, everyone!

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