

Lethbridge & District Music & Speech Arts Festival Society

Fundraising Committee Report

Overview

The 2025–2026 year marked the inaugural ENCORE: An Evening for the Arts fundraising gala, held June 12, 2026, at the Lethbridge Trade & Convention Centre. The event brought together community members and local businesses to celebrate the performing arts and raise funds in support of the Festival.

Gala Highlights and Results

The evening featured a buffet dinner, silent auction, raffle, door prizes, and entertainment by John Wort Hannam and The Sludge, an '80s cover band.

The Gala welcomed approximately 120 guests and generated ~\$15,000 in revenue, with our inaugural event coming in just over the break-even point. Attendees provided tremendous feedback, demonstrating strong community enthusiasm for the event.

Community Support

The committee extends its sincere thanks to Stringam Law, the presenting sponsor; Posie's Flower Farm, which provided floral arrangements at a significant discount; and Macs & Custard, which donated macarons. We are also grateful to all sponsors, donors, auction and prize contributors, volunteers, and attendees whose generosity contributed to the Gala's success.

Committee

The Fundraising Committee consisted of Emily Wallace (Chair), Bryce Johnston, Keelan Cashmore, Chris Peterson, David Mikuliak, and Tiffany Badiuk. The committee's collective efforts established a strong foundation for future fundraising events.

Looking Ahead

The next ENCORE: An Evening for the Arts is tentatively scheduled for June 11, 2027, at the Lakeview Salon in the Lethbridge Trade & Convention Centre. The committee looks forward to building on the inaugural Gala's success and continuing to strengthen community support for the Festival.

Respectfully submitted,

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