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The Kelowna Art Gallery welcomes a collaborative initiative to build a new Performing Arts Centre. Those working in the visual and performing arts, together with the greater community, will all benefit from the many opportunities a new and purpose-built cultural facility will bring to the region.

Young and aspiring artists, professional senior-career artists, citizens as well as visitors to the Okanagan, will profit from a rich and diverse Arts scene. We wholeheartedly agree that the Arts need to be supported through investment in facilities infrastructure.

To make a new Performing Arts Centre a reality, we need true collaboration and a clear shared vision between stakeholders, citizens of our region, the City of Kelowna, the Province of British Columbia, and our Federal Government. We applaud all activity in this direction.

Over this past year we have all been reminded that living without access to performance-based cultural and educational activities has affected our mental wellness and indeed, our quality of life.

At the Kelowna Art Gallery, we look forward to the elevation of our cultural landscape through the realization of a world class Performing Arts Centre.

Sincerely,

June Nicolay

Vice President

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