

Prairie Fusion Benefits from CFPD Funding

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Prairie Fusion Arts & Entertainment

Prairie Fusion Arts & Entertainment (PFAE) is an exciting and vibrant centre for the performing and visual arts, featuring live entertainment, an art gallery, classrooms which host a variety of courses, in addition to facility rentals. PFAE tries to be accessible to all by keeping costs down and removing physical barriers. PFAE is the sole centre for the arts in our region, making it a hub for entertainment and student programming for the citizens of Portage la Prairie and area.

Chairs Required as Venue Use Grows

There was a need to purchase new foldable chairs for the facility that could be used for multiple types of events, to reduce wear and tear on the theatre seating; increase visitor capacity; and make for easier (and more practical) set-up and take-down. Portable chairs also allow for greater accommodation of guests with varying needs (such as those with walkers or strollers).

Benefits of Performing Arts to Community

Performing and visual arts are an important sector of any vibrant and healthy community. Centres offering public performances, events, and visual arts presentations promote good mental health and well-being, and facilitate healthy social interaction. An increased sense of community pride and identity also results from having a facility like PFAE where people can come together to enjoy musical and theatre performances and art presentations, in addition to partaking in courses themselves. The use of the facility as a community rental space also increases local spending, which contributes to the health of our local economy.

Positive Impacts to Theatre Thanks to CFPD Funding

With the funding from the Community Foundation of Portage & District, Prairie Fusion was able to purchase over 250 new chairs for the facility. Recognizing the importance of performing and visual arts to our community, the Grants Committee agreed this would be a worthwhile project to fund. The new chairs will allow even more people to enjoy this facility for many more years to come.



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