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**I have read and understand the above statements.:** Yes

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**Date:** Monday, January 13, 2025

**To:** His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** She/her/hers

**First Name:** Rowan

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**Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:** Row-ann Pan-tell

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**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

**Saskatoon Address and Ward:**

**Address:** 609 Dufferin Ave

**Ward:** Ward 6

**Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):** On The Boards Staging Company

**What do you wish to do ?:** Request to Speak

**If speaking will you be attending in person or remotely:** In person

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** January 15, 2025

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** Culture Capital Grant Recipient

**Comments:**

Request to speak to say thank you for Cultural Capital Grant.

Rowan Pantel (Row-ann Pan-tell) and Kenn McLeod (Ken M-cloud)

Co-Executive Directors of On The Boards Staging Company.

**Attachments:**

**Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?:** No

# ON THE BOARDS

## SHARING THE STAGE

Monday January 13, 2025

**RE: Cultural Capital Grant, Minor Grant Recipient**

Non-Profit: On The Boards Staging Company

Purpose: To purchase a new lighting board to replace current equipment which was purchased in 2010. Request for \$7,426, 50% of project costs.

On The Boards Staging Company is a non-profit arts organization that has been active in the live performance industry in Saskatoon for over 20 years. As the venue management for The Refinery's live entertainment stream at 609 Dufferin Ave, On The Boards has been constant in its support and evolution of independent performing arts in the city.

On The Boards provides a professional and affordable venue for artists from live theatre and music to spoken word, lectures, dance performances, youth camps, puppetry, and children's entertainment as well as box office, promotional, and administrative support. As part of our mandate, On The Boards believes that a shared platform approach to developing collective resources is critical to serving independent artists in Saskatoon. To serve this goal we have ensured that resources such as professional lighting equipment are part of every rental agreement at no additional rental charge.

With support from the City of Saskatoon Cultural Capital Grant, On The Boards continues to evolve to meet the demands of our diverse and exciting community. The support from this grant will cover 50% of the cost to replace the current lighting board, the technical component that currently runs more than 80 theatrical lights that are part of our base rental. Our current lighting board nears the end of its potential lifespan. By updating our system now, we will avoid any interruptions in our capacity to provide support to artists. The upgrade also allows us to move forward with newer, more dynamic, and more environmentally conscious technology to use in the venue such as LED lights.

This grant will go on to support more than 40 independent productions with 180 performances, 480 artists/performers and nearly 10,000 audience members that use our organization each year.

We thank the City of Saskatoon for its continued support of the performing arts and ensuring that high quality events and experiences remain accessible for the people that call Saskatoon home.

Sincerely,

Rowan Pantel & Kenn McLeod  
Co-Executive Directors

**ON THE BOARDS staging company**

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