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Ontario Presents New Statement of Purpose, Mission, Values, and Guiding Principles

Whereas art is a fundamental aspect of the human experience that enriches the lives of individuals and communities, fosters empathy, and builds essential bridges of understanding;

AND presenting organizations are uniquely positioned to facilitate engagement between artists and communities;

Ontario Presents exists to strengthen and support the practice of performing arts presentation so that it becomes more collaborative, artist-focused, and meaningful to communities. We believe that building effective and authentic relationships are fundamental to our work.

Ontario Presents' mission, then, is to foster effective working relationships among artists, agents, producers, and presenters in their mutual endeavours to stage great performing arts experiences that open citizen's minds and hearts to the world and the peoples around them.

We value:

- **Respect:** Fundamental respect for all people is essential to all interactions
- **Collaboration:** We can achieve more by working together than alone
- **Trust:** Collaboration requires trust, honesty, and fair dealing
- **Community:** A focus on relationships over individual gain ultimately helps to build culturally, socially, and economically thriving communities
- **Inclusion:** All people deserve access to the arts
- **Continual Learning:** We are more effective when we recognize our own gaps in knowledge and understanding and operate in a spirit of continual learning

Guiding Principles

1. Provide a safe working environment in all of our professional interactions;
2. Proactively listen to the unique needs of the membership in order to provide appropriate responses and support;
3. Remove barriers to participation in presentation and touring;
4. Actively encourage inclusivity, equity, and diversity in the presenting field; and
5. Actively advocate for the advancement of the touring and presenting field.