

# Arts Leadership Training Program

This past April, performing arts groups and educational institutions in Victoria, Vancouver, Regina and Saskatoon created a BIPOC arts leadership training program. This program's inaugural edition began in July 2021 and extends through to April 2022.

## Arts Leadership Participants



TOP ROW: Sima Saxena, Charles Umeh, Colin Wolf, Justin Lee

MIDDLE ROW: Rosemary Jeffery, Ming Hudson, Pedro Marcio Siqueira, kattieQ

BOTTOM ROW: Yulissa Campos, Kevin Takahide Lee, Andrea Lemus

for participants bios: <https://www.belfry.bc.ca/arts-leadership-participants/>

## Partner Organizations:

Belfry Theatre, Victoria  
Canadian College of Performing Arts, Victoria  
Common Weal Community Arts, Regina  
Electric Company Theatre, Vancouver  
Globe Theatre, Regina  
Newworld Theatre, Vancouver  
Pacific Opera Victoria, Victoria  
Persephone Theatre, Saskatoon

University of Regina, Faculty of Media, Art and Performance, Regina  
University of Victoria, Faculty of Fine Arts, Victoria  
Victoria Conservatory of Music, Victoria  
Victoria Symphony, Victoria

## Advisors / Selection Panel

Philp Akin  
Nina Lee Aquino  
Yvette Nolan

## Seminars

Throughout the summer the Arts Leadership participants engaged in a series of seminars with artists and arts administrators from across the country. Our thanks to the following who led those seminars.

July 15, 2021

### **Being Racially Diverse in the Arts**

Seminar Leaders:

**Philip Akin** (Former Artistic Director, Obsidian Theatre, Toronto)

**Nina Lee Aquino** (Artistic Director, Factory Theatre, Toronto)

July 19, 2021

### **Leadership Models**

Seminar Leaders:

**Jennifer Brewin** (Artistic Director, Globe Theatre, Regina)

**Hari Krishnan** (Artistic Director, inDANCE, Toronto)

July 22, 2021

### **Being Racially Diverse in a Predominately White Organization**

Seminar Leader:

**Omari Newton** (Actor, Playwright, Director & Producer, Vancouver)

July 29, 2021

### **Presenting, Festivals & Sponsorships**

Seminar Leaders:

**Stephen White** (Executive Producer, Dance Victoria)

**Adrienne Wong** (Artistic Producer, SpiderWebShow Performance, Kingston, ON)

August 2, 2021

## **Community Engagement**

Seminar Leaders:

**Yasmine Kandil** (Assistant Professor & Grad Advisor, Department of Theatre, University of Victoria)

**Risa Payant** (Executive Director, Common Weal Community Arts, Regina)

August 9, 2021

## **Fundraising & Finance**

Seminar Leaders:

**Anita Rochon** (Co-Artistic Director, The Chop Theatre, Vancouver)

**Walter Quan** (Program Officer, BC Arts Council, Victoria)

August 12, 2021

## **Artistic Direction**

Seminar Leader:

**Marcus Youssef**

(Simonovitch Prize-Winning Playwright & Former Artistic Director, Newworld Theatre, Vancouver)

August 19, 2021

## **Growing a Company**

Seminar Leader:

**Ravi Jain** (Artistic Director, Why Not Theatre, Toronto)

## **Internships**

Now, through April 2022, the Arts Leadership participants will be interning with the following organizations:

**Yulissa Campos**

Persephone Theatre, Saskatoon

**Rosemary Jeffery**

Belfry Theatre, Victoria

Canadian College of Performing Arts, Victoria

**Justin Lee**

Electric Company Theatre, Vancouver

**Kevin Takahide Lee**

Pacific Opera Victoria, Victoria

**Andrea Lemus**

working with Dr. Taiwo Afolabi on the Centre for Socially Engaged Theatre and Future Prairie Theatre Project, Regina

**khattieQ**

Newworld Theatre, Vancouver

**Pedro Marcio Almeida Siqueira**

Victoria Symphony, Victoria  
Creators' Circle, Belfry Theatre, Victoria

**Charles Umeh**

Common Weal Community Arts, Regina