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PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

I am pleased to report to the membership of the Art Song Foundation of Canada for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2021, summarizing our activities over the preceding twelve months.

The Foundation received 7 applications from singers, who were all successful in their applications. For the first time, the Foundation covered the full budget requests of the singers in all cases. The 2021 recipients were:

Ariane Cossette	Soprano	Orford Summer Music Academy (online)
Jean-Philippe McClish	Bass-baritone	Verbier Festival Atelier Lyrique Song Program
Jillian Tam	Mezzo-soprano	Verbier Festival Atelier Lyrique Song Program
Lauren Estey	Soprano	Stratford Summer Music Vocal Academy Song Program
Christina Thanisch-Smith	Soprano	Stratford Summer Music Vocal Academy Song Program
Lillian Brooks	Mezzo-soprano	Stratford Summer Music Vocal Academy Song Program
Benjamin Wallace	Baritone	Stratford Summer Music Vocal Academy Song Program

The ASFC Endowment Fund was established in December, 2019. After a brief dip in the global market, the fund has recovered very impressively. The original investment has increased by nearly 20%. This fund is held in perpetuity at the Ontario Arts Foundation.

Our online magazine, *Art Song Canada*, continued to enjoy faithful readership under its new editor, ASFC Director, Brett Polegato. Thanks to Brett for leading this endeavour. The fresh and engaging contributions featured this year were written by 12 professionals in the field. Subscriptions stand at about 500 readers.

In September, a promotional video was filmed in downtown Toronto. This 1-minute advertisement is the first of its kind for the Foundation. The video is linked on our website, and is available to view on YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram. We hope to reach as many viewers as possible, and ultimately, attract new donors to our cause.

I wish once again to thank all the members of the Board for their contributions to our unique and gratifying enterprise. As always, we are pleased to continue to have the wise counsel of Françoise Sutton, one of our honorary directors, throughout our deliberations.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Robbin, O.C.
President
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