

NOVA SCOTIA TALENT TRUST

Financial Statements

(Unaudited)

Year Ended March 31, 2016

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REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Chairperson and Members of the NOVA SCOTIA TALENT TRUST

I have reviewed the statement of financial position of the NOVA SCOTIA TALENT TRUST as at March 31, 2016 and the statements of operations and fund balances and special awards for the year then ended. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. My review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and accordingly consisted primarily of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to me by the Trust.

A review does not constitute an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting standards for not for profit organizations.



Chartered Accountant

Nova Scotia
May 26, 2016

NOVA SCOTIA TALENT TRUST

Statement of Financial Position

(Unaudited)

March 31, 2016

	Operating Fund	Special Award Fund	2016	2015
ASSETS				
Current				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,495	\$ -	\$ 10,495	\$ 12,885
Marketable securities	30,035	207,216	237,251	258,157
Accounts receivable	1,578	-	1,578	4,155
	42,108	207,216	249,324	275,197
Collections (note 4)	5,500	-	5,500	5,500
	\$ 47,608	\$ 207,216	\$ 254,824	\$ 280,697

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY


Current liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,955	\$ -	\$ 1,955	\$ 1,956
Equity				
Unrestricted equity	17,653	207,216	224,869	250,741
Restricted equity - contingency fund (note 8)	28,000	-	28,000	28,000
	45,653	207,216	252,869	278,741
	\$ 47,608	\$ 207,216	\$ 254,824	\$ 280,697

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

Approved by:

Director:

Director:




NOVA SCOTIA TALENT TRUST
Statement of Operations and Fund Balances
(Unaudited)
For the Year Ended March 31, 2016

	Operating Fund	Special Award Fund	2016	2015
Revenue				
Grants - Arts NS	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Grants - CNSLC	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Grants - HRM community	-	-	-	5,000
Donations	17,986	7,996	25,982	22,907
Investment income	3,436	(343)	3,093	12,562
	131,422	7,653	139,075	150,469
Administrative expenses				
Executive director	26,208	-	26,208	26,208
Board meetings & travel	798	-	798	393
Fundraising & events	3,393	-	3,393	1,706
Insurance	655	-	655	654
Office equipment	332	-	332	613
Office supplies	1,074	-	1,074	2,036
Professional fees	1,919	-	1,919	1,828
Promotion	1,349	-	1,349	5,418
Telephone and internet	1,068	-	1,068	993
	36,796	-	36,796	39,849
Program expenses				
Scholarship program co-ordinator	20,000	-	20,000	20,000
Scholarship selection committee expenses	3,401	-	3,401	5,850
Scholarships	72,000	32,750	104,750	102,750
	95,401	32,750	128,151	128,600
Total expenses	132,197	32,750	164,947	168,449
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	\$ (775)	\$ (25,097)	\$ (25,872)	\$ (17,980)
Fund balance, beginning of year				
	\$ 20,328	\$ 230,413	\$ 250,741	\$ 296,721
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	(775)	(25,097)	(25,872)	(17,980)
Interfund transfers (Note 5)	(1,900)	1,900	-	-
Contingency fund (Note 8)	-	-	-	(28,000)
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 17,653	\$ 207,216	\$ 224,869	\$ 250,741

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Statement of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

For the Year Ended March 31, 2016

2016

2015

Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash received from donors and funders	\$	135,982	\$ 137,907
Investment income		5,164	12,367
Cash paid to suppliers and contractors		(59,692)	(65,699)
Scholarships granted		(104,750)	(102,750)
		(23,296)	(18,175)
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Cash flows from investing activities			
		-	-
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Cash flows from financing activities			
		-	-
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Net increase (decrease) in cash	\$	(23,296)	\$ (18,175)
Cash and marketable securities			
Beginning of year		271,042	289,217
End of year	\$	247,746	\$ 271,042

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Schedule of Special Award Funds

(Unaudited)

For the Year Ended March 31, 2016

	Balance 31-Mar-15	Contributions Received	Investment Income (Loss)	Scholarships Granted	Interfund Transfers (Note 4)	Balance 31-Mar-16
Raymond Simpson	\$ 4,483	\$ 483	\$ (22)	\$ (1,000)	\$ -	\$ 3,944
Charlotte Wilson Hammond (VANS)	10,244	693	(51)	(1,000)	-	9,886
Portia White	698	1,120	(4)	(1,500)	-	314
Chico Berardi	1,500	-	-	(1,000)	-	500
Lieutenant Governor's	-	100	-	(1,500)	1,400	-
Kenneth Elloway	2,091	1,000	(10)	(750)	-	2,331
Janice Merritt Flemming	-	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-
Shelagh MacKenzie	24,266	100	(121)	-	-	24,245
Theatre Nova Scotia	-	500	-	(1,000)	500	-
Robert George Jackson	27,131	500	(135)	(1,500)	-	25,996
RBC Emerging Artists	-	1,500	-	(1,500)	-	-
Tietje Zonneveld	-	1,000	-	(1,000)	-	-
2011 Canada Games Young Artists of Excellence Award (Note 7)	160,000	-	-	(20,000)	-	140,000
	\$ 230,413	\$ 7,996	\$ (343)	\$ (32,750)	\$ 1,900	\$ 207,216

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Notes to Financial Statements

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Year Ended March 31, 2016

1. Description of business

The Nova Scotia Talent Trust (the "NSTT") was established pursuant to the provisions of the Nova Scotia Companies Act and is a registered charitable organization. The purpose of the NSTT is to assist in the education and advancement of Nova Scotians in the arts.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations.

Revenue recognition

The NSTT follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions. Under this approach, unrestricted operating contributions are recorded as revenue in the operating fund in the period in which they are received. Where a portion of a contribution relates to a future period's operating expenses, it is deferred and recognized in the subsequent period. Contributions which are externally restricted for the purpose of paying out special awards are recognized as revenue in the special award fund.

Restricted investment income is recognized as revenue in the special award fund when earned. Unrestricted investment income is recognized as revenue in the operating fund when earned.

Miscellaneous revenue items are recognized as revenue in the operating fund when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Purpose of funds

The operating fund holds all grants, unrestricted contributions, and miscellaneous revenue items. General scholarships and operating expenses are disbursed from this fund.

Each year scholarship recipients are considered for fourteen special awards. Special Awards are issued at the discretion of the Scholarship Selection Committee and are provided in addition to scholarship amounts. The Special Award Fund holds all amounts donated for the specific purpose of funding the NSTT's special awards.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those reported.

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3. Financial instruments

The NSTT's financial instruments consist of cash, investments and accounts payable. The fair values of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values. It is management's opinion that the NSTT is not exposed to significant interest rate, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments.

The NSTT has designated its investments as held for trading. Held for trading financial instruments are measured at fair value and all gains and losses are included in the calculation of excess of revenues over expenses in the period in which they arise. Transaction costs related to financial instruments classified as held for trading are also recognized immediately in the calculation of excess of revenues over expenses.

4. Collections held

During 2014 the NSTT received a painting of Portia White with an appraised value of \$5,500. The painting has been added to NSTT's permanent collection and a charitable donation issued for its' value. The painting is currently on display at Government House.

5. Inter-fund transfers

Inter-fund transfers occur when amounts specifically donated for a particular special award are insufficient to cover the full value of the award. In such cases, operating funds are transferred to the special award fund in order to compensate for the deficiency.

6. Economic dependence

NSTT is economically dependent upon the Province of Nova Scotia through the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage / Arts Nova Scotia. The Department provides the NSTT with grants which accounted for approximately 79% (2015 - 73%) of its revenue. These grants are needed to cover the NSTT's annual talent trust scholarship disbursements'.

7. 2011 Canada games young artist of excellence award

Pursuant to an agreement dated December 14, 2012, NSTT has committed to providing two annual awards of \$10,000 each for a period of 10 years. The grants are to provide opportunities for emerging artists in Nova Scotia to become better trained and recognized in their respective fields.

8. Restricted equity

The Board of NSTT has designated \$28,000 of the unrestricted equity as a reserve for future contingencies.