



**Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C.**  
Mayor

April 27, 2017

Mina Spremulli-Di Carlo  
Façade Academy of the Arts  
3570 Rutherford Rd., Unit 93 and 94  
Woodbridge, ON L4H 3T8

Dear Ms. Spremulli-Di Carlo,

This is an exciting year for our country as we mark Canada's 150th birthday. The City of Vaughan is joining in the celebration with a series of community-partnered events and programs, including your Annual Art Beat Festival. This innovative and fun evening provides an opportunity to showcase the amazing talent we have in Vaughan, while also acknowledging the accomplishments of students and artists.

We understand the important role art and culture play in our daily lives. Whether it is dance, paint, sculpture, fashion, literature, music or movies, the value of art in its various forms is enriching, entertaining and a truly defining element of our personal and national identities.

Developing and nurturing the skills of our citizens is a group effort. We are blessed to have people who give back in a very meaningful way and embody the true spirit of generosity. By supporting each other, we are helping to create a rich artistic and cultural heritage that benefits everyone.

You are making a positive difference by choosing to assist the Sara Elizabeth Centre. Through its many programs, it is providing a nurturing environment where people with special needs can express themselves through the arts.

As a city of choice, Vaughan promotes diversity, innovation and opportunity for all. Our goal is to foster a vibrant community life that is inclusive of everyone, and events such as yours help us achieve this objective.

I am pleased to offer my support to Façade Academy of the Arts and its Annual Art Beat Festival. Please accept my best wishes for a successful and enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Maurizio Bevilacqua'.

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C.  
Mayor



Rosanna DeFrancesca  
Councillor, Ward 3

March 15, 2017

Mina Spremulli – Di Carlo  
Facade Academy of the Arts  
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Dear Mina,

I am a proud supporter of the Arts and Culture within our City. Not only does art and culture help foster community participation and pride, but by offering and participating in creative experiences can actually have a positive influence on our sense of belonging and involvement within our community. The City of Vaughan, through our partnerships with art and cultural organizations and community groups, provide support to programs that help develop innovation and creative skills drawn upon the visual arts, entertainment and other industries.

Arts and Culture events such as the annual Art Beat festival:

- Help develop a sense of pride and foster local tradition surrounding art and culture
- Offers opportunity for local artists to showcase accomplishments and diverse talents.
- Provides a forum for intercultural understanding and friendship
- Offers opportunities for youth leadership development to affect positive change in their communities
- Public support of cultural events plays a critical role in community revitalization as well as promoting tourism within our City.

I also commend your efforts to raise funds and awareness for Sara Elizabeth Centre (SEC). As your charity of choice for this year's Art Beat festival, SEC can continue to offer art based programs for children, youth and young adults who have developmental and/or physical disabilities. Through art we are all the same and "differences don't matter".

I am proud to offer my support to Façade Academy of the Arts and for your annual Art Beat festival. My best wishes for a successful and enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rosanna DeFrancesca".

Rosanna DeFrancesca  
Local Councillor, Ward 3 City of Vaughan