Banff Centre's Endowment Program

"Endowments breathe life into almost every aspect of artists' creative experience at Banff Centre. Especially in times of economic uncertainty, they provide strong, sustainable funding that allows Banff Centre to bring together a unique combination of people, programs, and place. This creates opportunities for artists to learn from one another, build meaningful connections, and find mentorship and inspiration that last a lifetime."

Chris Lorway, President and CEO
Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity



Yang Hu, Early Career Banff Artist in Residence (BAiR) 2026. Photo by Abigaile Edwards.

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Bringing artists, leaders, and communities together to create, collaborate, learn, and be inspired is at the heart of Banff Centre's mission.

Endowments make this possible by providing stable and enduring funding that supports artists in all disciplines, Indigenous leaders, and cultural leaders to participate in our transformative training programs. They also ensure Banff Centre can continue to sustain world-class mentorship that inspires alumni to enrich their communities around the world.

Our goal is to increase scholarship levels to ensure that finances are not a barrier for artists and leaders to attend Banff Centre.

Total Endowments:

200

Market Value:

$60,708,293

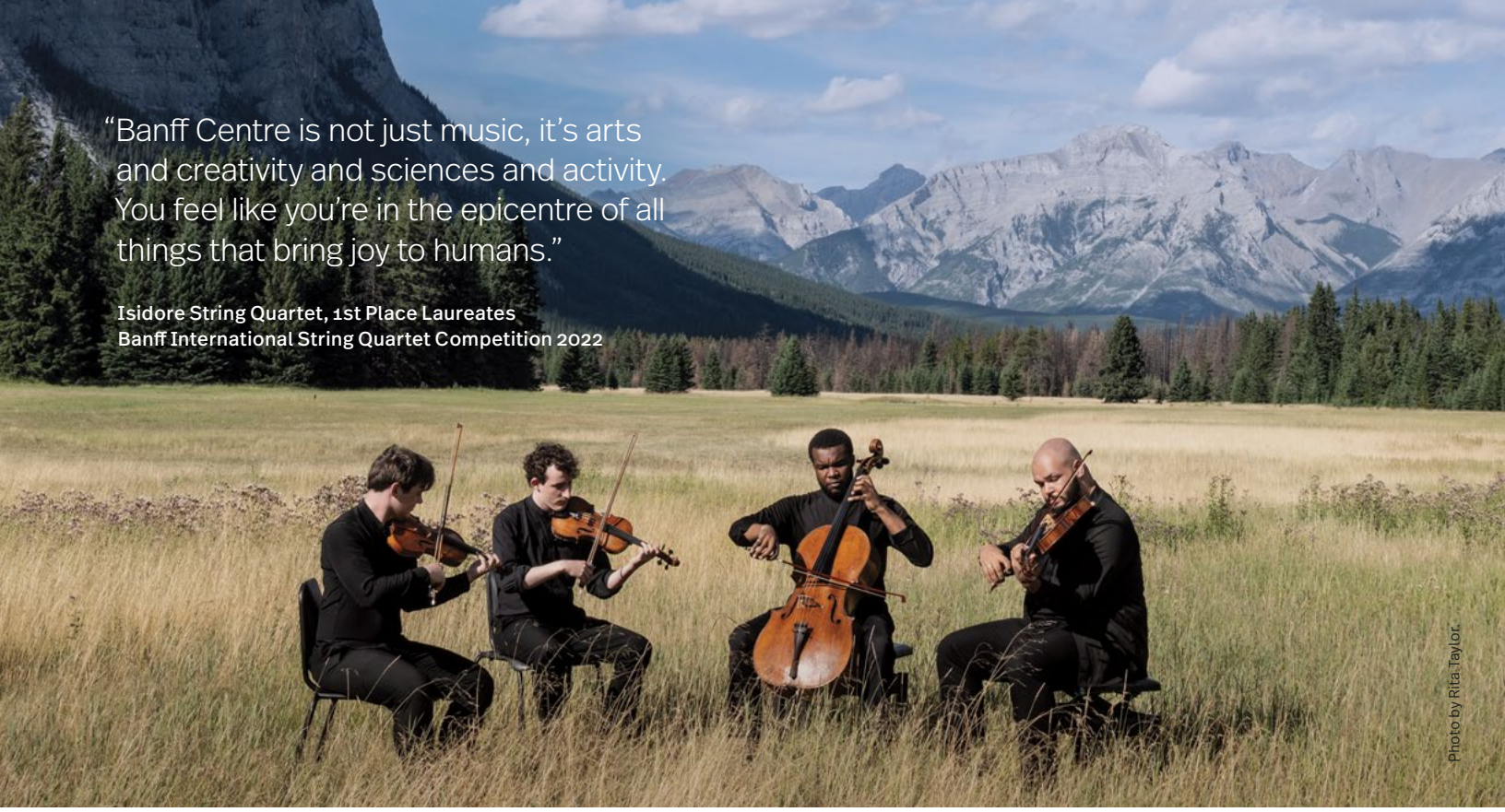
Endowment Funding Applied to Programming:

$2,932,292

Artists and Leaders Supported by Endowment Fund Scholarships:

458

As of March 31, 2026.



YOUR ENDOWED GIFT WILL BE LEVERAGED FOR EXPANDED IMPACT

When you donate to or create an endowment fund, your gift helps Banff Centre leverage additional endowment funding through the Government of Canada (Canadian Heritage) thanks to the Endowment Incentives component of the Canada Cultural Investment Fund. Government funds will be applied to our Arts Programming Endowment Fund.

Donations made before October 30th each year will be included in our annual application. In recent years, Banff Centre has received a federal contribution that equals 58 cents for every endowment fund dollar donated, averaged over the last three years.

HELP AN EXISTING ENDOWMENT GROW – OR CREATE ONE OF YOUR OWN

Leave a lasting legacy or honour a family member, friend, or colleague by supporting a program area of your choice at Banff Centre. You can contribute the amount of your choice to one of our existing endowment funds, or start a new fund in your name–or in the name of a friend or loved one. New endowments can be established with a minimum gift of $50,000–made either as a lump sum or in instalments paid over a maximum period of five years.*

Gifts can take many forms, including cash, securities, or legacy giving. Please reach out to discuss additional ways to give.

Your support helps us look ahead to a bright future for artists and leaders.

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