



Art Dealers Association of Canada Mandate 2023 - 2024

The Art Dealers Association of Canada (ADAC) was founded in 1966 as a not-for-profit trade organization, binding together the largest representation of major private commercial galleries in Canada, who in turn represent the country's leading visual artists, both contemporary and historic.

As Canada's leading professional arts trade organization we strive to raise the profile of Canadian Visual Art and Artists, exploring and expanding markets for Canadian Art Dealers and their artists both in Canada and Internationally. Our membership has a unique expertise and knowledge base in an extremely esoteric but profitable sector. We seek to amplify the voices of all Canadian Visual Artists, not only with the goal of exposing the world to their talents, but also as a way to realize monetary value and revenue from our government's continued investment in Canadian Culture.

ADAC is a supporter of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and we seek to protect and promote the interests of Canadian Indigenous Artists, including the repatriation of the rightful properties of Canadian Indigenous Nations back to Canada.

For over 30 years the ADAC has provided an unparalleled Appraisal Service to public institutions who are receiving fine art donations. We specialize in seamless and professional appraisal services with an emphasis on Canadian Cultural Properties Review Board (CCPERB) applications.

We strive to continuously expand and serve our membership; including both established and emerging art dealers, fostering a robust association from various backgrounds and specialities. We create and ensure vital programming and professional development initiatives for our members through opportunities at home as well as abroad. Through these opportunities we aim to help promote our members, but also Canadian Visual Arts as a whole. As an association we ensure that our members are aware of important information pertaining to their businesses and the Art world.