

# YEAR PLAN

*Arts Director*

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## Letter from the Position

Hey Macsci! My name is Agshaya Paventhan and I am the Arts Director for the 2023-2024 academic year. My job is to bridge the gap between the arts and science by organizing and leading arts-based events for students of the faculty of science at McMaster University. I will be working alongside the arts subcommittee who will assist in planning, organizing, and leading these events.

I want to acknowledge my predecessor, Isha Bhatnagar, whose work and guidance have created the foundation for several arts-based events that will run throughout the next academic year. I would also like to thank the Vice President of Student Affairs, Ava Colangelo, for her patience and counsel as I transition into this position.

In the upcoming year, I want to build off our well-known events to make them more engaging for everyone in the science community and host a successful Ultimate Arts Show. Unfortunately, the UAS was canceled last year due to unforeseen circumstances and rescheduling was impractical. With the help of my team, I hope to reintroduce the UAS to McMaster. The UAS is a day filled with celebrating, acknowledging, and sharing the work of local artists. My primary goal this year is to integrate a variety of artistic mediums into our events. These can range from the visual arts, to photography, to drama, to dance, and to music. Ideally, this will make our events more appealing to a larger group of students and target a broader range of interests.

Overall, I am excited to work with my arts subcommittee and other executive members of the MSS to run highly anticipated events. I look forward to working with each of you in the next academic year.

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**TIMELINE**



Month	Objective/Project/Event/Goals
September	<p><u>Things to complete:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Arts subcommittee hiring               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Submit comms request to publicize arts subcommittee applications</li> <li>b. Prepare interview questions and point system</li> <li>c. Conduct interviews and finalize subcommittee members</li> <li>d. Begin reaching out to artists, performers, and clubs for the UAS</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
October	<p><u>Events/Projects:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pumpkin Painting + Movie Night (end of month)</li> </ol> <p><u>Things to complete:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lead first meeting and orient subcommittee members</li> <li>2. Plan, organize, and lead Pumpkin Painting + Movie Night               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Submit EOHSS request</li> <li>b. Book a room with access to video/audio systems</li> <li>c. Submit comms request to publicize pumpkin painting + Movie Night</li> <li>d. Order supplies for pumpkin painting</li> <li>e. Vote on a movie?</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Continue reaching out to artists, performers, and clubs for the UAS               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Submit comms request to advertise the possibility to be featured at UAS</li> <li>b. Set up form for applicants</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
November	<p><u>Things to complete:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reflect on pumpkin painting</li> </ol>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What went well? What can be improved?</li> <li>2. Plan, organize cookie decorating             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Submit EOHSS request</li> <li>b. Book a room</li> <li>c. Submit comms request to publicize cookie decorating</li> <li>d. Order supplies for cookie decorating</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
December	<p><u>Events/Projects:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Cookie Decorating (beginning of month)</b></li> <li>2. UAS planning             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Finalize artists, performers, and clubs for the UAS</li> <li>b. Finalize date for show</li> <li>c. Submit EOHSS request</li> <li>d. Book MUSC space with access to AV systems, contact critical people and providers</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Things to complete:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reflect on Cookie Decorating             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What went well? What can be improved?</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Plan, organize karaoke night             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Submit EOHSS request</li> <li>b. Book a room with access to video/audio systems, book appropriate AV staff and equipment</li> <li>c. Submit comms request to publicize karaoke</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
January	<p><u>Events/Projects:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>karaoke night</b></li> <li>2. UAS Planning             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Submit comms request to publicize UAS with current information, include date, time, place, general idea, etc</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



	<p>b. Finalize list of artists, performers, clubs in attendance</p> <p><u>Things to complete:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reflect on karaoke night             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What went well? What can be improved?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. plan, organize Bob Ross Paint Night             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Submit EOHSS request</li> <li>b. Book a room with access to video/audio systems</li> <li>c. Submit comms request to publicize Bob Ross Paint night</li> <li>d. Order supplies for Bob Ross Paint Night</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
February	<p><u>Events/projects:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bob Ross Paint Night</li> </ol> <p><u>Things to complete:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reflect on Bob Ross Paint Night             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What went well? What can be improved?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Finalize ALL details for UAS</li> </ol>
March	<p><u>Events/Projects</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. UAS</li> </ol>
April	<p><u>Things to complete:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Finalize Arts Director transition report</li> </ol>

**OBJECTIVES:**

Objective: More collaboration with other clubs and societies at McMaster	
Description/ Current State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MacSci has a strong culture and a supportive community that actively makes efforts to help students from the Faculty of Science</li> <li>- There is a lot of divide between the all the Faculties at McMaster that may hinder students from connecting with making connections with people outside their own faculty</li> </ul>



<p>Goal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An interdisciplinary approach to building new connections will allow students to view different perspectives</li> <li>- The arts is a great way to bring people together and can serve as the medium to facilitate more collaboration with other faculties and clubs</li> </ul> <p><i>Vision for improvement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contact arts department of other student societies of different faculties to run collaborative events</li> <li>- Will increase overall turnout to events and attracts a broader audience</li> <li>- Source to advertise other staple MacSci event that are applicable/available to the general McMaster student body</li> </ul> <p><u>Strengths and weaknesses that relate to the goal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I am excited to start contacting other clubs and societies and pitching ideas to collaborate on. I think this is a great way for MacSci to expand our community and share our ideas</li> <li>- These collaborative events are bound to be exciting because they allow students to meet a completely new group of people outside of MacSci</li> <li>- To avoid burnout, I will frequently be contact with my subcommittee team to ensure all events are run smoothly and ensure we are focusing on our priorities without become too overwhelmed</li> </ul>
<p>Long Term Implications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- stronger interfaculty connections</li> <li>- students get the opportunity to make friends who may have differing broader interests</li> </ul>
<p>Partners</p>	<p>Student Affairs: <a href="mailto:vpstudentaffairs@macsci.ca">vpstudentaffairs@macsci.ca</a>          Communication: <a href="mailto:socialmedia@macsci.ca">socialmedia@macsci.ca</a>  <i>Arts subcommittee members</i></p>

**EVENTS & PROJECTS**

Name of Event/Project: Pumpkin Paint + Movie Night



DATE	Last week of October
PURPOSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Painting, carving, decorating pumpkins</li> <li>- Watching halloween themed movie</li> <li>- Opportunity to meet new people</li> </ul>
PROCEDURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Submit EOHSS request</li> <li>- Book a room with access to video/audio systems</li> <li>- Submit comms request to publicize pumpkin painting + Movie Night</li> <li>- Order supplies for pumpkin painting               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pumpkins, paint, markers, tissues and general cleaning supplies, paint brushes, water cups, carving tools, trash bags, table liners, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Vote on a movie and arrange viewing platform</li> </ul>
DIFFICULTIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Keeping all materials within budget</li> <li>- Ensuring high turnout with consideration to limited supplies</li> </ul>
PARTNERS	VP Student Affairs Arts Subcommittee
PROJECTED OUTREACH	Approx 30 people
BUDGET	\$300 (based on last years projections)

Name of Event/Project: Cookie Decorating	
DATE	First week of December
PURPOSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Decorate and eat festive cookies and gingerbread houses</li> <li>- Watching christmas/holiday themed movies?</li> <li>- Opportunity to meet new people</li> </ul>
PROCEDURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Submit EOHSS request</li> <li>- Book a room with access to video/audio systems</li> <li>- Submit comms request to publicize Cookie Decorating</li> <li>- Order supplies for Cookie decorating               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cookies, icing, sprinkles, tissues, table liners, general cleaning supplies, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Vote on a movie and arrange viewing platform</li> </ul>
DIFFICULTIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Keeping all materials within budget</li> <li>- Ensuring high turnout with consideration to limited supplies</li> </ul>



PARTNERS	VP Student Affairs Arts Subcommittee
PROJECTED OUTREACH	Approx 30 people
BUDGET	\$200

- karaoke night
- bob ross paint night
- UAS

end of november – coffee house (fundraiser) w sarah