

# Official Opening of Milton Centre for the Arts



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Milton's cornerstone of creativity was officially introduced to the public this past weekend — with the red carpet treatment for all those responsible for bringing it to fruition. To highlight a three-day celebration of the newly opened Milton Centre for the Arts, a red carpet event was held Saturday evening, allowing construction partners, public officials and other dignitaries to share in what's quickly become a hub of activity and a centerpiece for the town's artistic and cultural community.

Dipika Damerla, Parliamentary Assistant to the Ontario Minister of Infrastructure and MPP Mississauga East-Cooksville, Mayor Gord Krantz and Councillors were among those on hand to mark the project's completion. "The Milton Centre for the Arts is a unique, state-of-the-art facility offering exciting performing, visual, media and literary arts experiences for our community," said Halton MP and Canada's Labour Minister Lisa Raitt.

Added MPP Damerla, "Our government is supporting infrastructure projects like this one because they strengthen communities, support local economies and create jobs for Ontario families." The governments of Canada and Ontario have each contributed more than \$8.1 million towards the initial phase



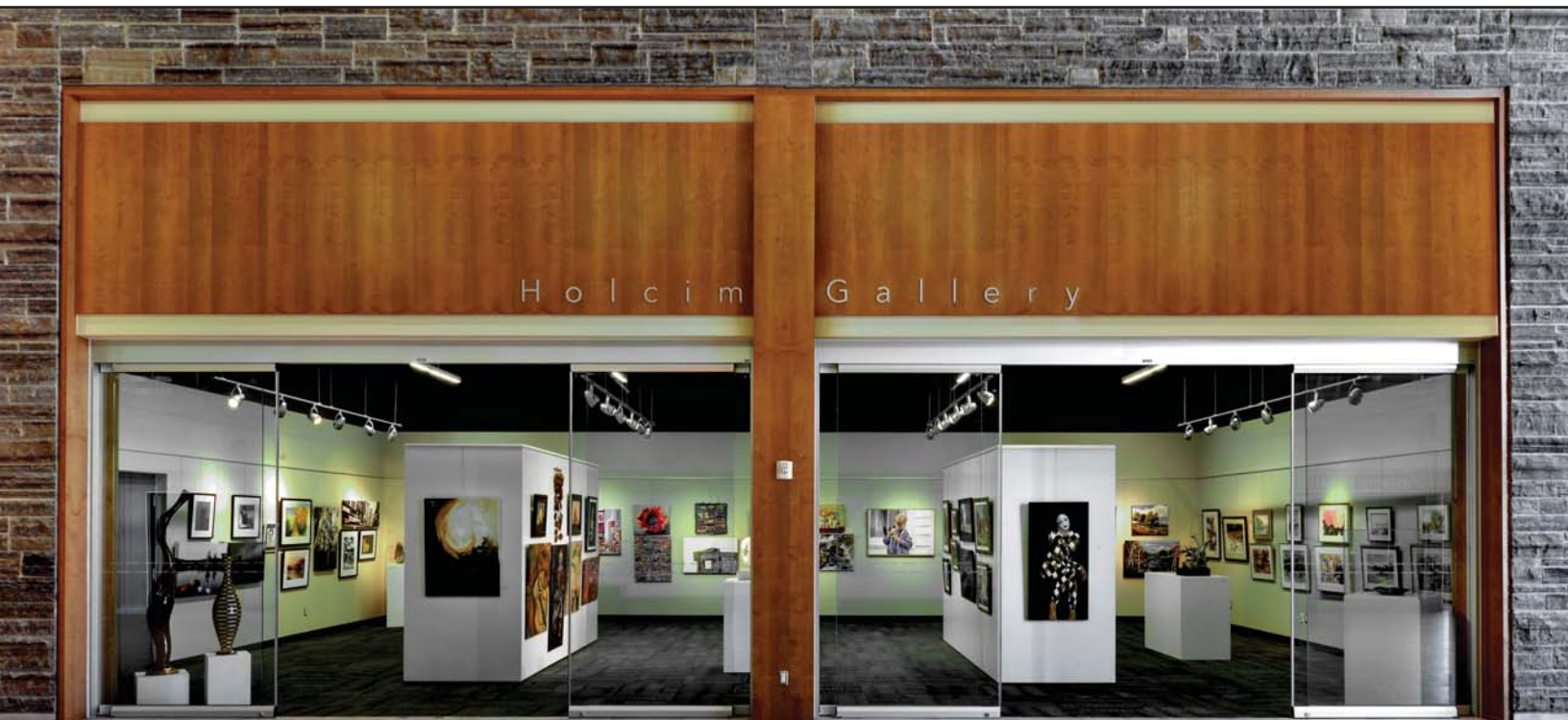


of the facility, which included constructing the new main branch of the Milton Public Library. The Town of Milton contributed the balance of the project cost of more than \$24.5 million. Phase 2 features the 500 - seat theatre, which was built simultaneously to provide a full arts and cultural experience for residents of Milton.

The total project cost was \$39.3 million. "Were it not for the contributions from our partners at the federal and provincial levels of government, we might not be here today celebrating this historic occasion," said Krantz. The new library provides more space for collections, resources, studying and reading, including rooms for silent and group study and perimeter seating. Technology and automation options further enhance library

functionality for the public and staff. An Investment in the Arts Campaign, entitled "Put Your Heart in the Arts," reached its goal in February 2011, raising \$2.2 million in corporate and personal donations. The intent of the campaign fund-raising was to offset operational expenses and maintain affordable user fees for community groups, while the Centre for the Arts builds towards the implementation of its optimal operating plan.

The Milton Centre for the Arts features the 500-seat Mattamy Theatre for performing arts; MinMaxx Hall, a large multipurpose room suitable for rehearsal space, small theatre performances and conferences; Holcim Gallery, a community art exhibition space, the Robert Bateman Adult Art studio and the Tim Hortons



Children's Art Studio and the Del Ridge Community Room for meetings and programs. Along with red carpet reception and Friday's ribbon cutting and donor plaque unveiling, the weekend featured a host of entertainment, including the musical farce *Impresario*. Also performing were the Milton Concert Band, Milton Youth Theatre, Globe Musical Productions, Project Dance, the Casey School of Highland Dance, the Milton Choristers, the Milton Chinese Association and Canada's singing priest, Father Mark Curtis.

In conjunction with the opening, the library hosted a variety of children's entertainment and family art workshops Saturday. More information on performances and programs is available at [www.MiltonCentrefortheArts.ca](http://www.MiltonCentrefortheArts.ca) or by calling the Chudleigh Box Office at 905-878-6000.

The successful submission for the Design-Build method of project delivery was lead by PCL Constructors Canada and included a multi-disciplinary team of designers and engineers who collaborated on preliminary design to provide the winning project. Key sub-consultants include: Halsall Associates, Smith & Andersen and Aldershot Landscape Contractors.



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