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WELCOME TO THE MC NETWORK

Welcome to Issue 13 of **Mass Culture / Mobilisation Culturelle**'s newsletter! We hope that International Women's Month has treated you all well. 🙌🎉

Our work this month involved a lot of inspiring women. We had our second **#MCDigital Gathering** facilitated by the wonderful Bridget McIntosh, with guest Conversation Starters Felicity Buckell and Annalee Adair. We're also super excited to be sharing our first **MC Minds Video**, in which Kate Cornell interviews Dr. Amanda Coles.

I'd also like to take a moment to acknowledge the women whose tireless commitment enables the work Mass Culture does. Robin Sokoloski, Tara Mazurk and Fanny Martin seem to pull on endless wells of energy. Brava!

In this issue...

MC Minds releases the newest podcast. Check out Kwende Kefentse and his research into *the connection between culture, space, public policy and economy*. Click [HERE](#) to listen.

MC Minds Video also releases our first-ever feature. Check out Dr. Amanda Coles, interviewed by Kate Cornell, and her research into the *Status of Women in Canadians Arts and Cultural Industries*. Click [HERE](#) to watch.

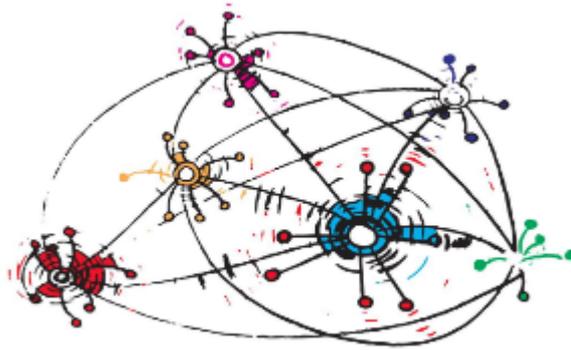
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Cheers,

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Join the Network and check out who's already there. Click [HERE](#).

Call to Action

Who wants to join the **MC Social Media Squad**? Help us circulate Mass Culture 😊 Get in touch with Kathryn at info@massculture.ca to find out more...

Share upcoming events and conferences that relate to **arts research**, and let us know if you'd like us to *advertise them on our social media*! Add them [HERE](#).

Share your **arts research thoughts** with us at info@massculture.ca or fill out

Do you have a colleague you'd like to recognize for **Policy Wonk of the Month**? Send a picture and a story to Kathryn at info@massculture.ca or fill out our MC Suggestions [form](#)!

Curious about Mass Culture / Mobilisation Culturelle's nationwide gatherings? Want to get involved? Interested in hosting an **In-Person or Digital Gathering**? Contact Mass Culture at engagement@massculture.ca

Reach out to us using **#MCNetwork** on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

From the #MCNetwork

On March 14, Mass Culture attended WorkInCulture's *Making It Work* roundtable. WorkInCulture identified salary, work/life balance and stability as the top 3 issues impacting cultural workers. We reached out to the **#MCNetwork** to see what else sector workers are significantly affected by, and here are some responses:

Jessa Agilo: sociospatial displacement, economic precarity, cultural marginalization, indigenous reconciliation, gender pay gap & overwhelmingly bad expectations for work-life balance

What are *your* thoughts? Be sure to let us know!

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The first video in the series is with **Dr. Amanda Coles, interviewed by Kate**

Click [HERE](#) to watch on our website, or [HERE](#) for YouTube!

[Read more on this topic](#)



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The next podcast in the series is with **Kwende Kefentse** and his research into **the connection between culture, space, public policy and economy**.

Click [HERE](#) to listen!

[Get to Know Kwende Kefentse](#)



MC Policy Wonk of the Month



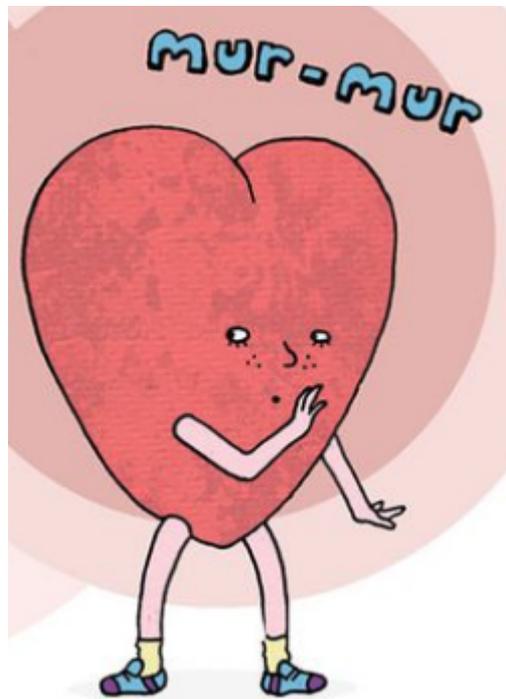
Charles C. Smith celebrates Ilene Sova

I've had the honour and pleasure of being an ally in action with Ilene since the day she first attended a CPAMO event about 5 years ago. At that time, Ilene's work was in her own art and in guiding the Feminist Art Conference. Ilene is an artist, educator with Black mixed race, Indigenous and settler ancestry who lives with a disability. As such, she passionately identifies with the tenants of intersectional feminisms and has dedicated her career to "art-activism". She is the founder of both the Feminist Art Conference and Blank Canvases and teaches in the Faculty of Art at OCAD University. She has an honours BFA from the University of Ottawa in Painting and an MFA in Painting and Drawing from the University of Windsor. With extensive solo and group exhibitions in Canada and abroad, Sova's work has most notably been shown at MOCCA, the Department of Canadian Heritage, and at Mutuo Centro de Arte in Barcelona. Passionate about social justice issues, her exhibit the Missing Women Project

and print media including features in the Metro, Toronto Star, CBC Radio, CTV Canada AM and The Toronto Standard. Sova's work was internationally featured in the Nigerian Arts Journal, Tabula and the Italian feminist journal. Woman'O'Clock. A passionate public speaker, Sova was also chosen to speak at the first TEDx Women event in Toronto where she gave a critical analysis of the Missing Women Project and Southern University New York where she gave an all University Lecture on Art and Social Change

[Get to know Ilene Sova](#)

MC Murmurs



"There is so little research being done in Canada on the social impact of the arts even though we know that they contribute significantly to the quality of our lives and the wellbeing of our communities. It's my hope that MASS CULTURE will inspire greater collaboration between the cultural community, academia, government and the social profit sector to study and measure the many benefits that creativity and the arts provide for a sustainable, healthy society."
– Brenda Leadlay, Executive Director, BC Alliance for Arts + Culture

Get to know Brenda Leadlay

MC Gatherings



Shatitsirotha
Waterloo Indigenous
STUDENT CENTRE

ARTS **BUILD** ONTARIO

Topic: "How do the priorities of a "creative hub" intersect with Indigenous groups/spaces and our work in collaboratively developing spaces of cultural production?"

Location: Waterloo Indigenous Student Centre; University of Waterloo

Date: January 31, 2019

Hosted by: ArtsBuild Ontario and Waterloo Indigenous Student Centre; University of Waterloo

Access the sharing document [here](#)

#MCGatherings



Topic: "Supporting Canada's Comedy Industry"

Location: 1300 Gerard St E, Toronto ON

Date: 23 February, 2019

Hosted by: Sandra Battalini, Exec Member, Canadian Association of Stand-

Access the sharing document [here](#)

#MCGatherings

Mass Culture/Mobilisation Culturelle is always looking for opportunities to connect and knowledge-share with artists, arts organizations and academic institutions. If you have completed or know of any cultural policy research that you want to share with the sector contact us at info@massculture.ca

Let's Connect 😊

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