Niagara Artists Centre (NAC) is a not-for-profit, charitably registered, member-driven collective formed by and dedicated to serving the working artists and community of Niagara. Founded in 1969 as a collective of working artists, NAC is one of the oldest artist-run organizations in Canada.

NAC provides a forum for the development, exhibition and appreciation of contemporary art by providing facilities, equipment, professional expertise and a supportive atmosphere for arts research, advocacy, and dissemination.

NAC believes that the arts and a critical dialogue on the arts are integral to a healthy community.

NAC is striving to educate and contribute to a community that gets excited about art, that supports and recognizes local artists and cultural institutions, and that understands an investment in the arts is an act of enlightened self interest.

NAC gratefully acknowledges the support of the Canada Council for the Arts, the Ontario Arts Council, the City of St. Catharines, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the Niagara Community Foundation, and Delta Bingo players.

NAC was incorporated in 1974 under the legal name, Niagara Artists’ Company. Our charitable registration number is 0625-46-2216.
The Dennis Tourbin Members Gallery was created in 1996. It was named after a founding member of NAC, renowned for his charisma, wit, and energy. After playing a key role in the establishment of NAC and in the successes of early NAC projects like the Johnny Canuck Miniature Show, and the Twelve Mile Creek publications, Dennis went on to help found Art Space in Peterborough and later became a key figure at the SAW Gallery in Ottawa. His work has been collected by the National Gallery of Canada.

The DTMG or Twister is available for exhibits, installations, performances, and screenings by NAC members in good standing. There is a 15% commission on sales to defray costs of processing credit card transactions and general gallery up-keep. Twister is a do-it-yourself space and all presentations are produced, promoted, and installed by NAC member artists.

**submissions**

**Requirements**

Members in good standing intending to make use of the DTMG will submit a formal proposal to the NAC Selection Committee, a standing committee of the Board of Directors. Submissions will be reviewed on a quarterly basis and will include:

- Ten images (digital), video, or other appropriate documentation
- A description of the proposed show
- A statement about the work
- A resume and/or bio of the artist

**Selection Criteria**

NAC is a collective of “working artists” and arts supporters. It is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of a majority of artists. NAC is mandated to support and advance contemporary art practices. The following criteria will be followed in selecting exhibitions:

- The proposal’s use of the venue
- The development of the work to assure follow-through on the part of the member artist in meeting their commitment to using the space
- The ability of the work to communicate in the dialogue of developing, emerging, or established contemporary art practices
- The ability of the work to meet NAC community standards

As the DTMG is not part of the publicly funded NAC programme, no artist or exhibition fees are paid. All DTMG presentations are listed and documented by NAC as ancillary programming.

**Duration of Exhibitions**

DTMG bookings will be approximately two weeks in duration. Arrangements must be made with NAC staff for installing and striking. There is an on-going deadline for submissions.
Film + Video

Post-Production + Presentation

Services
DVD authoring  $35 / hr
Video editing  $35 / hr
VHS and Beta to DVD dubbing  $10 / hr
Darkroom rental  $10 / hr
  • B&W processors and enlargers

Playback
Toshiba DVD Player SD-4000 (X 4)  $10 / day
Sony Blu-ray Player BDP-BX2 (X 2)  $15 / day

Portable Screen
Draper Rear Cineplex projection screen $75 / day
  • 12 feet x 12 feet
  • Outdoor compatible

Projectors
BenQ LCD Projector - MP610  $25 / day
  • 2000 ANSI lumens
  • Display resolution SVGA (800 x 600)
  • Weight 3 kg
BenQ Joybee - GP1  $50/day
  • 100 ANSI lumens
  • SVGA (858 x 600)
  • Dimensions 136 x 54 x 120 mm
Optoma - PK301  $50/day
  • 50 ANSI lumens
  • Native WVGA (854 x 480)
  • Dimensions 120.1 x 29.7 x 69.8mm

View Sonic HD Projector - Pro8100 (X 2)  $70 / day
  • 1000 ANSI lumens
  • Display resolution 1080p HD
  • Weight 9 kg

Eiki LC-X85 Projector  $250 / day*
  • 7000 ANSI lumens
  • Display resolution UXGA (1024 x 768)
  • Weight 12 kg

16mm and 8mm film projectors (X 8)  $20 / day
Kodak Carousel 5600 slide projectors (X 4)  $10 / day
  • 35mm slides in standard 80 and 140 carousels
Travel + Accomodations

Directions to NAC
From Toronto
Take the Gardiner Expressway West. Continue on the Queen Elizabeth Way for Niagara. Merge onto Hwy 406 (to Thorold, Welland, Port Colborne). Exit Westchester Avenue and merge West towards downtown. Turn Right on Geneva Street. Take your first Left onto Race Street and an immediate Right onto Bond Street. Turn right on St. Paul Street. NAC is on your right at 354.

From Buffalo
Take the I-190 North and continue until the Peace Bridge. After entering Canada follow Hwy 405 West. Merge onto the Queen Elizabeth Way. Immediately after the Garden City Skyway take the exit for Welland Avenue/ Niagara Street. Turn Left on Welland Avenue. Turn Left on Geneva Street. Turn Right on St. Paul Street. NAC is on your left at 354.

From South Niagara (Port Colborne, Welland)
Take Hwy 140 North. Turn Left on East Main Street towards Welland. Take the first Right, 406 North towards St. Catharines. Take the Geneva Street exit and continue straight through the intersection. Immediately after the intersection turn right onto Bond Street. Turn right on St. Paul Street. NAC is on your right at 354.

Nearest Airports
YYZ Toronto Pearson International
YHM Hamilton International
BUF Buffalo Niagara International

Accommodations
Hotels
Comfort Inn St. Catharines
2 Dunlop Drive, St. Catharines, ON (905) 687 8890

Holiday Inn & Suites St Catharines Conference Centre
327 Ontario Street, St. Catharines, ON (905) 688 2324

Bed and Breakfasts
Ridley Gate Manor Bed & Breakfast
37 Henrietta Street, St. Catharines, ON (905) 323-9719

Springbank House
68 Yates Street, St. Catharines, ON (905) 641-1713

Heritage House B&B
29 Edmund Street, St. Catharines, ON (905) 682-1441
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