



Cultural Appropriation Policy Statement

1. The Tofino Arts Council will not support arts programming that engages in cultural appropriation.
2. The Tofino Arts Council prioritizes programming by community members that reflects their own culture(s).

Definitions:

Cultural appropriation is the deliberate or accidental borrowing from a culture that is not your own. This may include cultural practices or objects, music, stories, ceremonies or imagery.

The Canada Council for the Arts considers that “cultural appropriation” applies when:

*cultural borrowings or adaptations from a minoritized culture reflect, reinforce or amplify inequalities, stereotypes and historically exploitative relationships that have direct negative consequences on equity-seeking communities in Canada.*¹

Further Reading:

Truth and Reconciliation Report:

<https://nctr.ca/records/reports/>

CARFAC:

Think Before You appropriate: <https://www.carfac.ca/tools/appropriate/>

<https://www.carfac.ca/tools/indigenous-protocols-for-the-visual-arts/>

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<https://canadacouncil.ca/funding/funding-decisions/decision-making-process/application-assessment/context-briefs/cultural-appropriation>