

## **Symposium Working Group**

### **SPARC (Supporting Performing Arts in Rural Communities)**

**Related SPARC Objective:** *to bring together rural and remote communities, regionally and nationally, to interact, share and collaborate, and to promote community health and wellbeing through the performing arts.*

#### **Goals:**

1. Plan and deliver the 2016 SPARC Symposium
2. Develop a manual to support similar or subsequent Symposia

#### **Deliverables:**

1. Identify funding for the SPARC Symposium, including Symposium Coordinator role, through a variety of funders including Canadian Heritage, Ontario Arts Council, Ontario Trillium Foundation and more
2. Develop an overall plan and theme for the 2016 SPARC Symposium incorporating feedback from the 2014 SPARC Symposium and developments in the SPARC Network
3. Promote engagement and solicit presentations, performances and participation in the SPARC Symposium
4. Engage the Haliburton Highlands community, building upon existing support and incorporating feedback from the 2014 SPARC Symposium
5. Identify and solicit sponsorships for the 2016 SPARC Symposium
6. Build upon attendance numbers, breadth of geographical representation, and increase diversity of performing arts disciplines at the 2016 SPARC Symposium
7. Ensure a focus on and engagement with the SPARC Network at the 2016 SPARC Symposium

#### **Resources:**

SPARC intends to apply for Symposium funding through Canadian Heritage's CAPF program, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, and the Ontario Arts Council. It will investigate other funding opportunities and solicit sponsorships.