OUR VISION + MISSION
A Canadian society that recognizes, remembers and values the experiences and continued contribution of all workers, their unions, organizations, and communities to the quality of life we enjoy. To join our efforts and expertise with others in order to communicate and preserve through artistic and creative expression, the historical, cultural and contemporary experience of working people in their diverse identities.

WHO WE ARE
WAHC is much more than a museum. Conceived in the late 1980’s, a dynamic groups of labour historians, artists, unions and community activists gathered together to address the need for a place where workers' history could be celebrated. In 1996, after intense work by a volunteer Board of Directors, the Workers Arts and Heritage Centre opened the doors of its permanent home, the historic Custom House in Hamilton’s north end.

Our home – the Custom House, built in 1860 to handle trade flowing through Hamilton harbour and fanning out into Upper Canada, found itself in a period of transition after the Customs Department left in 1887. Over the years many different companies used it. In 1985, WAHC was able to purchase the Custom House and over the last 15 years has worked toward the restoration of this beautiful and historic building.

WHAT WE DO
WAHC provides an array of exhibitions, educational programs and services, guided tours, rental space for meetings and community events, travelling exhibits, online exhibits and events in partnership with unions and community groups. Our first floor is host to a number of permanent exhibits, including Workers in the Custom House, Punching the Clock, Working in Canadian Factories 1840s-1980s, Made in Hamilton Industrial Trail and 9-5: A History of Office Work. We also have a contemporary gallery showing work by local and national artists.

In addition, we also work with unions on a fee for service model to document, archive and record their histories.

For more information visit us at www.wahc-museum.ca, on Facebook, Twitter or call us at 905-522-3003.
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

There are five categories of individual annual membership. Please select the category that best fits you.

STUDENT/UNWAGED/RETIRED $15 □

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E-mail: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

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Payment options:

□ VISA  □ MASTERCARD  □ AMERICAN EXPRESS  □ I have attached a cheque payable to Workers Arts and Heritage Centre

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Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

You may also donate online through our website at www.wahc-museum.ca

At the end of the calendar year, a receipt for income tax purposes will be issued by WAHC to reflect the amount of your charitable donation. For questions about any tax receipts, please refer to registered charity # 13844 4633 RR0001

Please send this completed form with your contribution to:

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Sisters and Brothers,

I’m writing to all locals in Ontario about an incredible organization that could really use your support.

The Workers’ Arts & Heritage Centre (WAHC), located in Hamilton Ontario, is the only venue of its kind in Canada with a mandate to preserve, honour and promote the culture and history of all working people.

The Centre’s work points in the social justice direction, the union direction and the community activism path to inspire future generations to follow.

What could be more important to our movement, especially now when there are powerful forces amassing their divisive messages against unions, trying to make our own members and their neighbours forget the rich history of achievements that unions have gained for all working people in our country?

This incredibly important centre needs our help. Funding from government, in these times of austerity budgets, is disappearing. The Centre relies heavily on donations from union locals and individuals to meet its obligations – including those to the employees of WAHC, who are members of CUPE Local 1281.

CUPE Ontario is a member of WAHC, and we make a standard yearly donation of $2,000 to support their important work. But that isn’t enough.

I’m writing to ask you to do two concrete things to ensure our Workers’ Arts & Heritage Centre survives and thrives:

1. Make a sizable first donation from your local union to the centre – $500 to $1,000 range would be great, but whatever you can afford is important.
2. Become members of the Centre and ensure that contributions from our members continue to flow to keep WAHC strong for years to come. Become an individual member (I am!), get others to become members and consider a supporting membership from the local union.

Take a look at the attached materials for more information on the Workers’ Arts & Heritage Centre, and thanks in advance to the support that I know you will show to their important work.

In solidarity,

Fred Hahn
President

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