

crisp editorial & design

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PROFILE

crisp editorial and design is a communications consultancy specializing in fundraising research and preparation/submission of funding applications for non-profit organizations. Principal **Steen (Christina) Starr** is an award-winning filmmaker, published writer, playwright and performance artist who excels in producing effective and engaging content for a wide range of applications. Specializing in arts, non-profit and social justice fields, clients of **crisp editorial** include or have included: Inside Out LGBT Film Festival, Cinéfranco International Film Festival, Toronto Arts Foundation, West Neighbourhood House, YWCA Edmonton, MISCELLANEOUS Productions Society, Regent Park Community Health Centre and Yonge Dundas Square.

SELECTED CONTRACTS

Inside Out LGBT Film Festival (Ongoing)

- Grant Researcher / Writer
Research, writing and submission of proposals to private and public funding agencies; to date successfully secured over \$700,000 in funding to support operations and programming in Toronto and Ottawa
- Project Manager, Industry Accessibility Advisory Initiative
Secured funding from the Canada Council for the Arts and managed a project to produce a set of accessibility standards for the film festival industry as well as a workbook for implementation (Festival Guide to Access).
- Co-Project Coordinator, Reel Access
Secured funding from the Toronto Arts Council and co-coordinated a year-long project to improve accessibility at film festivals across Toronto
- Volunteer Coordinator (2009-2018)
Seasonal contract to recruit, train, coordinate and manage all festival-specific volunteers for Inside Out's annual 11-day festival

Cinéfranco International Film Festival (Ongoing)

- Grant Researcher / Writer
Research, writing and submission of proposals to private and public funding agencies; since contract commencement in August of 2019, successfully secured close to \$100,000 in funding to support operations and programming

The CREATE Institute (2020 - 2021)

- Researcher / Writer
Prepared, compiled and completed an application for Educational Program Recognition from the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario, resulting in successful professional recognition of the CREATE Institute in 2022.

YWCA Edmonton (2015 - 2019)

- Grants Researcher / Writer
Research, writing and submission of proposals to private and public funding agencies for women's and girls' programming including mental health counselling, violence recovery, outdoor education, leadership and personal growth; successfully secured over \$580,000 to support operations and programming

Judy Brown Music (2019)

- Grants Researcher / Writer Research, writing and submission of applications to public funding agencies for an independent Canadian blues singer/songwriter. Successfully secured \$7000 to support 2019 performances and touring

MISCELLANEOUS Productions Society (2018)

- Grants Researcher / Writer
Research, writing and submission of proposals to private and public funding agencies for theatre and multi-disciplinary performance training for culturally and socially diverse, at-risk, multi-barriered youth in Vancouver and across BC. Secured \$10,000 to support operations and programming

Toronto Arts Foundation (2019 - 2021)

- Facilitator / Editor / Copy-editor
 - Content and copy editor for [Arts in the Parks Toolkit](#) (produced in partnership with the Ontario Trillium Foundation)
 - Content and copy editing of *Transforming Communities Through the Arts: a study of three Toronto neighbourhoods*, the final report for a SSHRC-funded project to study arts impact on communities
 - Co-facilitator of community forum “Art at the Hub: A Symposium on Making Art Locally”; content and copy editing of forum report, *Art at the Hub*
 - Content and copy editing of The Creative City symposium report, *The Creative City, Block by Block: Creators and Communities*

West Neighbourhood House (2014 - 2019)

- Community Researcher / Final Report Author
 - Conducted community research (identified subjects, conducted interviews, compiled and synthesized interview findings) for a Metcalf-funded project on the Informal Economy
 - Compiled, wrote, edited Final Reports for Phase I and Phase II, *Tracking the Informal Economy* and *Advancing Economic Opportunities in Our Local Economy*, submitted to the Metcalf Foundation and distributed to all project stakeholders

Resonance Creative Consulting Partners & the Ontario Arts Council (2010 - 2012)

- Community Researcher / Writer
 - Conducted demographic research with community arts councils in Ontario; carried out content and copy editing of final report, *Community Arts Councils in Ontario: A Review*

EDUCATION / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**SOAR Leadership Workshop**

- Fusion Strategic Consultants, Toronto, ON

Artist Educator Foundations Course

- Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto, ON

Summer Lab Intensive (Theatre)

- One Yellow Rabbit, Calgary, AB

Author Wrights (Theatre)

- Equity Showcase Theatre, Toronto, ON

Fundraising for Non-Profits

- Independent Press Association, Ghost Ranch, New Mexico

Master of Arts, English Literature

- York University, North York, ON

Bachelor of Arts, English Literature (Honours, First Class Standing)

- University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB

TALKS / JURIES

Inside Out Industry Days, 2022

- Panel presentation of the Festival Guide to Access

Rainbow Bridges Program, Sunshine Centre for Seniors, 2019

- Film presentation and facilitated Q&A

Reel Access Discovery Forum, 2019

- Coordinator and facilitator of one day conference on accessibility at Toronto film festivals

Cineffable: Paris International Lesbian & Feminist Film Festival, 2018 & 2019

- Artist Q&A (in French), « 30 Nuances de Gouines »

aluCine Latin Film + Media Arts Festival, 2018

- Jury Member, Best Feature, Short, Documentary, Animation, Experimental and Local Film Awards

THIRD ACTION Film Festival, 2018

- Speaker, “We’re Not Going To Take It” Program

ReFrame Documentary Film Festival, 2018

- “Older Than What?” Post-screening Discussion

New Age of Queer, U of T Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies, 2017

- Panelist, “Queer Aging and Community Health”

Rainbow Youth Forum, Ottawa Carleton District School Board, 2017

- Workshop Presenter, “Aging and LGBTQ Identity”

Mississauga Arts Awards, 2015 and 2016

- Jury Member, Media Arts and Performing Arts

KM Hunter Foundation Artists Awards, 2013

- Jury Member, Film and Video Award