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Performing Arts for All: Utopia or Destiny?

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The Value of Presenting study

- To identify, understand and communicate the value and benefits of performing arts presentation for Canadians.
- To define and raise awareness of the role of the presenter in the arts ecosystem, in communities, in society with the next 20 years in mind.
- To identify commonalities and differences ٠ among the diverse presenting field.
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Who comes to performances you put on?

Based on your community's demographic composition: Who is missing in your audience?





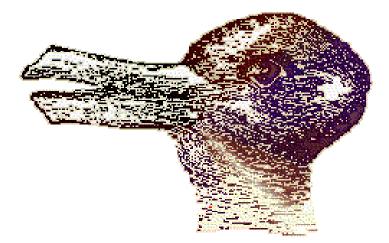
Why do people come to shows you organize?

Based on your experience: Why do some people not attend your events?



How we interpret information



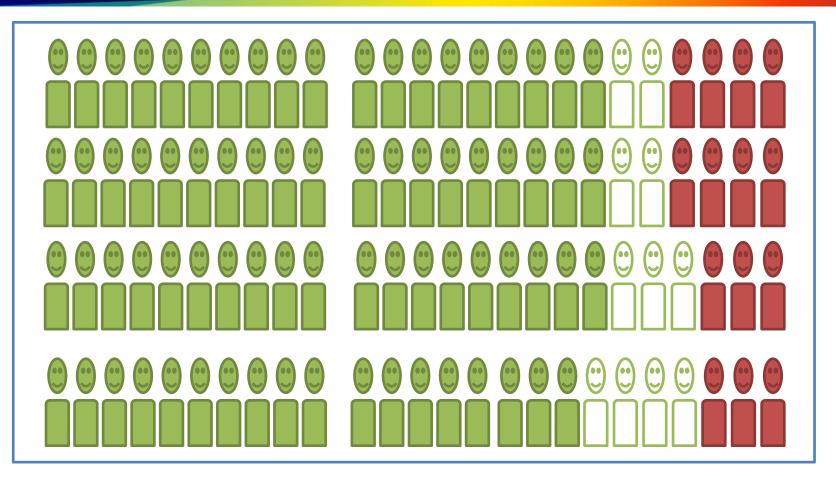


Different people see different things: What the human eye sees is interpreted by the brain in ways that varies from person to person.

Our brain selects and interprets stimuli

- It's hard wired
- Follows the path of least resistance
- Relate new info to known categories; first impressions are important





75% Canadians attended in 2011 + 11% ever attended = 14% never attended

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Source: Value of Presenting-Survey of the General Public, 2012, www.valueofpresenting.ca

2 in 3 Canadians who

- earn less than \$40,000 or
- do not have university education or
- live in communities with a population under 25,000

... attended in 2011.

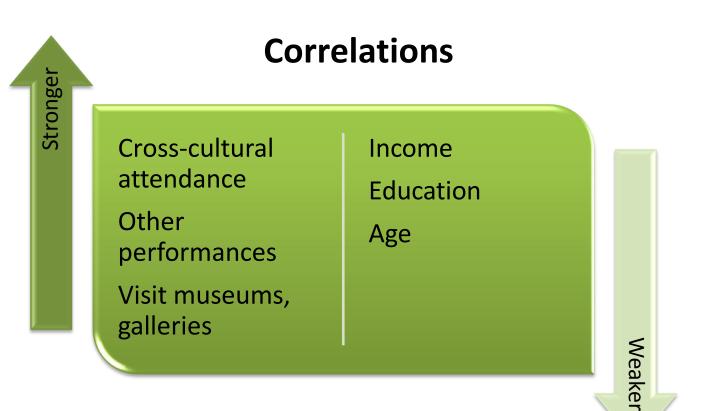


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The more someone attends performances, the more they will attend





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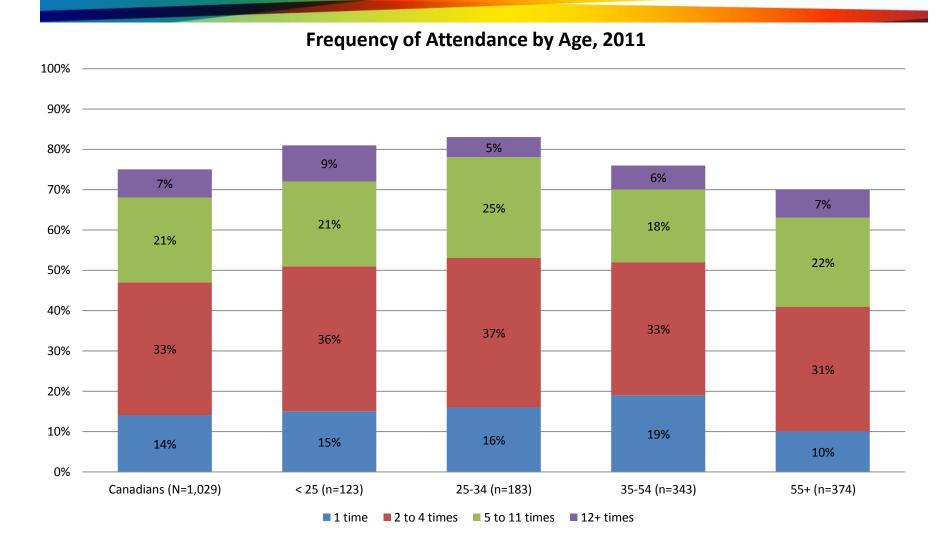
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Younger Canadians attend more

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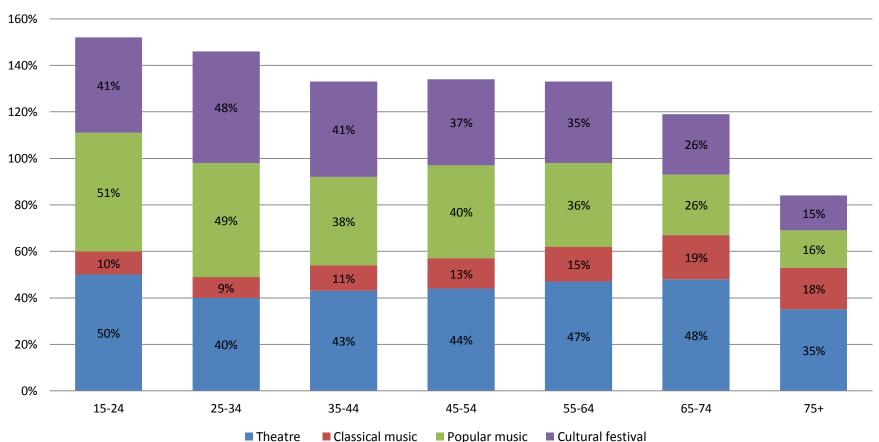
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Age profile by art form





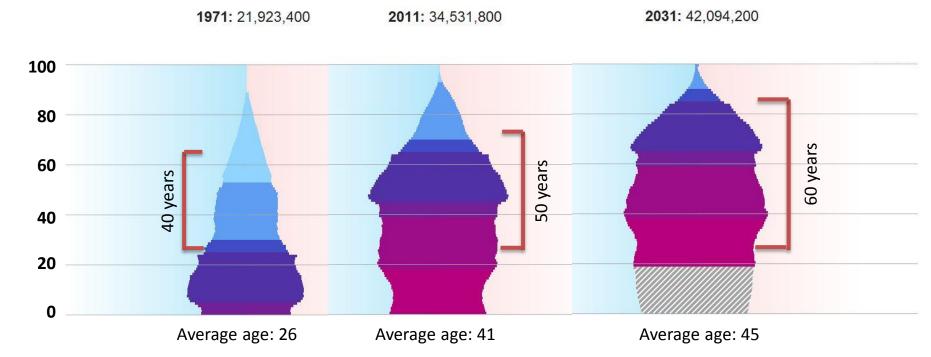
Attendance in Canada in 2010 by age group



Source: Factors in Canadians' Arts Attendance in 2010 (Published Sept 2012), Hill Strategies, based on Statistics Canada's General Social Survey

Demographics = opportunity





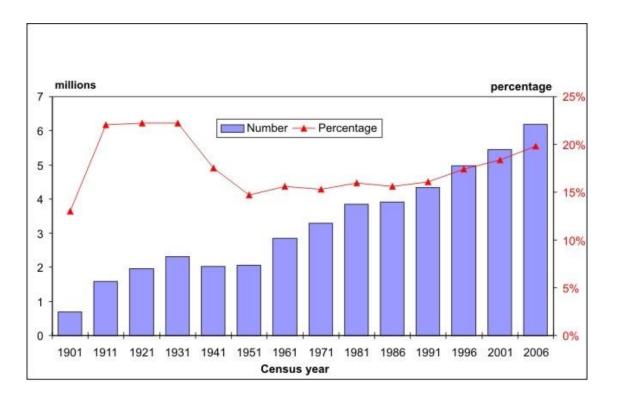
- Population doubles over 60 years.
 - Ratio of 65+ will be 3x higher; but the number is 5.5x larger from 1.7 to 9.7 million.
- Life expectancy much higher = more generations
- Geography matters

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• Sidney = 57, Harrison Hot Springs = 54, Salmon Arm = 48, Victoria = 42, Vancouver = 39; Prince George = 38

Number and share of the foreign-born population in Canada, 1901 to 2006



• 1 in 5 born outside Canada and rising.

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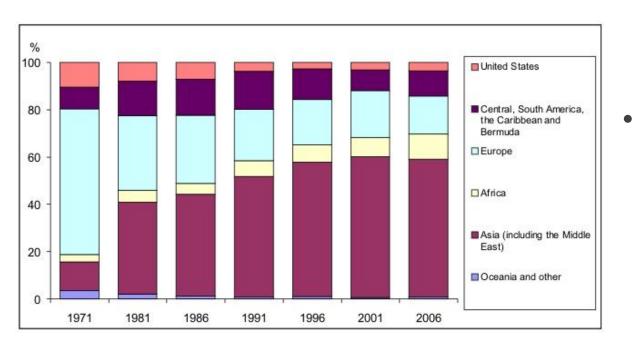
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- Immigration drives population growth.
- Immigrants are highly educated and skilled.
 - Income gap to
 Canadian-born is
 widening.
 - Children of immigrants most successful in education and earnings power.





 Face of immigration has been changing

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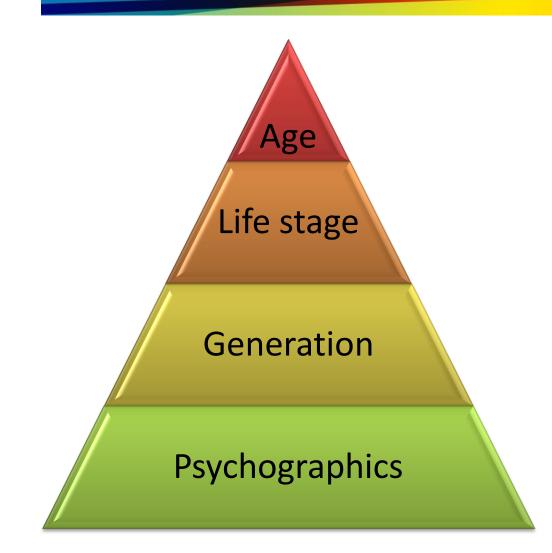
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European-based artistic models operate among increasingly diverse cultural and artistic backgrounds



Target audience dimensions: go deep



• Understanding informs

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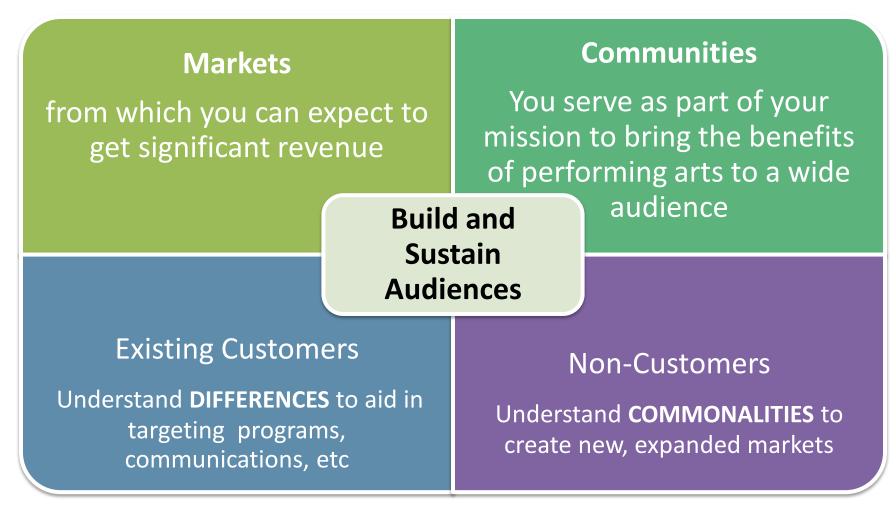
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- Programming
- Access
- Marketing channels
- Message
- Offers
- Call to action

Audience segmentation concepts







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