

# Land Acknowledgment

## **UARTS LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

We recognize and acknowledge the land on which the University of the Arts stands as the ancestral homeland of the Lenape, a territory known as Lenapehokink. We take this opportunity together to honor the Lenape as the indigenous stewards of this land, and to be mindful of the legacy of colonization, erasure and oppression that informs the history of our nation, our city and our institution. The presence and resilience of the Lenape continues to this day in Lenape nations spread across the country and continent through forcible displacement, as well as through individuals and communities representing the Lenape who remained in Lenapehokink.

The University of the Arts is committed to continuing and nurturing our relationship with the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania through friendship and collaboration that honors this land and the communities that it supports.

## **WHAT IS A LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT?**

A Land Acknowledgment is a formal statement that recognizes the unique and enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories.

Source: <http://www.lspirg.org/knowtheland>

## **WHY DO WE RECOGNIZE THE LAND?**

Acknowledging the land serves as a gesture of respect and gratitude to the Indigenous communities whose territories we inhabit. This act honors their relationship with the land and prompts us to reflect on our roles within its historical and ongoing narrative. Land acknowledgments aren't merely retrospective; they remind us that colonialism persists in real time, urging us to consciously engage in the present. Furthermore, it's essential to recognize that land acknowledgment is rooted in Indigenous customs and protocols.

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## **WHOSE LAND ARE WE ON?**

If you are interested in knowing more about the land where you are, you can use the Native Land app or visit <https://native-land.ca/>