

Investing in Durham Region's Local Music Industry

DURHAM REGION – The Ontario government is supporting the Durham Region through an investment of \$10,000 to protect and strengthen the economic and cultural growth of Ontario's music industry.

Mighty Entertainment Group Inc. will receive \$10,000 through Ontario Creates, an agency of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming. The announcement was made by Lorne Coe, MPP for Whitby.

"The Government recognizes the important role that the music industry plays in fostering dynamic and thriving communities across Ontario," said Lorne Coe, MPP for Whitby, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security, and Children, Community and Social Services. "This support will help Mighty Entertainment Group Inc.

continue to create more opportunities for talented emerging artists, like Omega Mighty, to showcase their talent, boosting the economic potential of Ontario's vibrant artistic landscape."

The Ontario Creates' and the Ontario Music Investment Fund is designed to support business activities that are focused on: expanding artist rosters; investing in professional recording and production; facilitating job creation; undertaking export market development; enhancing business capacity; and increasing and strengthening diversity within Ontario's music industry. In the Durham Region, this funding will enable Mighty Entertainment Group Inc. to provide critical support for music production, content creation, and touring expenses associated with

their artist's latest release. "Ontario's vibrant music industry works hard to showcase a diverse range of talented artists in every genre while creating good jobs and building strong communities across the province," said Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming. "I'm pleased the government is providing Mighty Entertainment Group

Inc. with the funding it needs to continue its great work in the Durham Region, driving long-term growth and sustainability in the music industry."

This funding is part of the government's plan to protect Ontario by supporting workers, businesses, communities and jobs in the face of ongoing economic uncertainty, while creating a solid

foundation for a strong, resilient and competitive future. "Mighty Ent thanks Ontario Creates for its investment in Black artist-led organizations and the creative voices emerging from Durham Region. This support is critical to building sustainability, infrastructure, and visibility for our organization, our artist roster and artistic job creation in Ontario."

- Omega Mighty

• Ontario Creates is an agency of the Government of Ontario that promotes, enhances and leverages investment, jobs and original content creation in the province's book publishing, film and television, interactive digital media, magazine publishing and music industries.

\$1.5 million to Support 2026 Wheelchair Basketball World Championships

The Ontario government is investing \$1.5 million to support the 2026 International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) World Championships. Hosted in Ottawa, the championship event will run from September 9th to September 19th, 2026, and is expected to attract more than 100,000 total visits, generating \$25 million in economic activity for the region. This investment is one more way the government is delivering on its plan to protect Ontario by attracting visitors, creating jobs and strengthening local economies through sport tourism.

"Ontario is proud to host the 2026 IWBF Wheelchair Basketball Championships – one of the premier inclusive sporting events in the world, and a true global showcase of athletic talent and competition," said Neil Lumsden, Minister of Sport. "We look forward to welcoming teams, fans and visitors from across the globe to see firsthand why Ontario is where the world comes to compete."

The IWBF Championships is held every four years and is the largest international wheelchair basketball competition featuring the best men's and women's teams from around the world. The upcoming event will showcase 28 national teams, with 336 elite athletes competing in nearly 100 games over 11 days. The government's \$1.5 million investment will help Wheelchair Basketball Canada deliver a world-class experience that supports inclusion, accessibility and high-performance sport, while creating economic benefits and reinforcing Ontario's reputation as a premier destination for major sporting events.

leadership and investment in the 2026 IWBF Wheelchair Basketball World Championships," said Wendy Gittens, Wheelchair Basketball Canada CEO. "Their support not only brings a world-class sporting event to our communities, but also strengthens our shared commitment to advancing inclusive sport and celebrating athletic excellence. This investment will fuel meaningful impact by growing access to sport, inspiring new participants and strengthening wheelchair basketball for future generations."

In 2024, the government invested over \$54 million in Ontario's sport and recreation industry to support grassroots participation, high-performance sport, promote healthy and active lifestyles and strengthen local economies.



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