

## TESTIMONIALS

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*“All I wanted was a place to keep my cars safe... Kathleen gave me so much more than that.*

— Carl A. DiNardo, Covington & Majesty

**2015**

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*“Thanks to you I have lots to do and think about when not swimming or basking, and Lampman is coming along well on nearly all fronts. I do hope you will consider signing on again in the fall!”*

— ***Dr. D.M.R. Bentley***

***(2015)***

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“Kathleen has been working with me on the Home County Music and Arts Festival History Project for over four months now. Her dedication and resourcefulness is inspiring. I look forward to the exciting years on the HCM&AF Project and would attend or support any arts event she energized.”

— ***Daniel Ebbs, Artistic Director of Crazy, Beautiful People (2015)***

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Mon, Jul 27,  
2015, 1:18 PM

**Annette Dutton**

to me

Thank you very much Kathleen.

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Tue, Jul 28, 2015,  
10:42 AM

**Lyn Tremblay**

to me

Hi Kathleen:

Thanks for all you are doing to help Art with Panache!

Lyn

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**Elizabeth Song**

Sun,  
Aug 30,  
2015,  
12:09 PM

Hey Katt!

Thank you for being our supervisor and colleague for these past years; as well as for improving Canadian Poetry with the amazing amount of effort and dedication that you gave.

Best,  
Elizabeth

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Sat, Nov 21,  
2015, 9:45 AM

**audrey cooper**  
to me

Hi Kat,

I hope everything is going well for you. I know you have been working with John Maurer and have had some success with his writings and research. You are a talented artist.

As for AWP it remains much the same. Your skill set was very much adored at the gallery this year among all the artists, but we don't have enough funding to continue your contract.

If something comes up for you I will let you know.

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“I can't even begin to explain the difference Kathleen has made in my life. She is my biggest inspiration, an inspiration for us all, and I don't know where I'd be without her.”

— *The Liquid Entertainer (2016)*

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“Kathleen is an innovative thinker and talented writer.”

— *Phil Sisson, PhD. (2016)*

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“I had interest in growing my career, but wasn’t exactly sure how I would make my movements, so I turned to **Kathleen** for her writing and business expertise so that I could find the tools I needed to succeed. **Kathleen** was able to help me considerably in branching out to different markets with different skill sets, and I am not sure if I would have had the foresight to get to where I am without hers.” — *Shaquille McIntosh*

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**Lindsay McGhie**

**Centennial Windows & Doors**  
to me

Wed,  
Jan 20,  
2016,  
4:28 PM

Hi Kathleen,

I hope that you had a wonderful holiday and that 2016 is off to a great start.

Thanks for your help and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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**Daniel A.**

to me

Aug 13,  
2016,  
4:02 PM

Hi Kathleen,

Your designs for the women’s apparel line are very unique.

Your style shines through as cool and trendy, while still being affordable.

Your materials are also versatile for different weather patterns, an important factor for Canadians.

I am very proud to see you flourish in the arts with this work and that you have connected many young persons like yourself to comfortable yet fashionable clothing.

You have successfully incorporated all the elements important to the company in your work and it has come out looking wonderful on top of that.

I am happy to have these as part of the upcoming seasonal line.

Best,  
Daniel

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I have been acquainted with Kathleen for the last 18 months or so. During that time she was involved with helping to organize the workings of an art gallery I have been associated with over the same period of time. Kathleen was assisting the owner of the gallery with some organizational aspects of the business as well as directing changes to web site currently in use but not effective. Kathleen provided good insight into moving forward with events and day to day happenings. As she was only working on a voluntary part time basis, I believe she contributed ample suggestions to the owner on how to make the most of both the work presented and accommodating the poorly designed customer base. Because she took on a contract position in marketing with a local firm, she was unable to continue with her efforts at the gallery.

During the time she was helping she was responsible for developing personal profiles for each of the resident artists including myself. During that discussion I related a project that I was working on with completion in 2017. Kathleen was

very interested in what I was doing and offered to help with both the packaging and promotion of the project. We agreed that she would provide research in a number of areas of interest and help develop a plan to market the project both digitally and in print. To date we are part way through the process and I have found Kathleen's assistance a valuable addition to my efforts. She is able to flush out leads and input on direction for the project. She is extremely well organized and keeps on top of things by documenting briefing sessions and reporting the discussion in a very professional manner. She is more than capable to develop both a marketing approach and a plan of action.

Presently we are investigating means of promoting the project online and looking at both a book project and an educational component when completed. Kathleen's tenacity and knowledge of how to search and find things in an electronic world are invaluable to me as I try to spend the majority of my time painting. It's nice to have someone do the legwork and help with matters that are important to the project's success but beyond my own ability to get necessary parts accomplished.

I believe she has a gift for writing and wishes to pursue that field while exploring other related options. I believe she would make a great educator as her use and knowledge of the language and its philosophy would be beneficial especially in terms of teaching English as a second language. I also believe that Kathleen has both the credentials and the will to reach her goals. Whatever happens long term I know she will be successful and I am personally proud to be associated with her. I look forward to further discussions and planning for my project and value her attention to detail.

John Maurer ~

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**Laura Meloche**

**Tutor Doctor**

Wed, Apr 26,  
2017, 11:12 AM

to me

We touched base with Spencer's family to see how things are going and they said you're off to a great start!

Spencer really likes working with you, and the family thinks things are going very well.

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**Ivan Thompson**

Mon,  
Jul 10,  
2017,  
11:33  
PM

to me

Thank you for working with me.

I am very happy with our working relationship.

Collaborating with Kathleen has been a fun, educational time that I have really enjoyed while learning a lot from her as well.

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**Wed, Apr 25, 2018, 5:20 PM**

Thank you, I appreciate that.

Unfortunately, this biz requires thick skin. You have that.

Keep your chin up and note that on every creative endeavor (I've ever worked on) hardships are always present. They're different in each case, but the level is always the same.

From what I can gather, it seems to be this way everywhere. (When I encounter one that's easy, I'll let you know :)

Just focus on the project(s). If they succeed, you'll build a career for yourself.

— *Geoff Hart, on working as a team*

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**Thiago Martins**  
to me

Aug 13, 2018,  
4:06 PM

This is awesome, thanks!

I really appreciate the time that you spent in doing this for me!



## **MISTA JONES**

It's great to see other young artists like myself putting themselves out there.

The industry is tough, and it can be hard to get recognized.

I support Kathleen in her art career and am happy to have met her while on tour.

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## **Flankaboi G.K.E**

JUNE  
2019

I started Ghetto Kids Entertainment back in high school with my best friends and family.

I believe a man gets his success from strong women. The first in my life was my mother. The second is Kathleen.

With Kathleen's direction the group is on its way to success since the beginning over 10 years ago.

Kathleen has been there since the start of my career and will always be there to help guide me in the arts.

I appreciate all that she has ever done and will continue to do for me.

Ghetto Kids Entertainment would not be the same without her.

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**JUN 10, 2019, 9:06 AM**

Erenice replied to your story

Happy birthday Kathleen, I hope you have a new goal to strive for everyday!

You are an amazing person, don't ever forget that.

This world is a hard place, but you can pull through. You are stronger than you think!

Stay awesome. Stay here new and stronger.

You can do it! You can show us you are stronger than Club 27. You have so much more to teach us!

I am so thankful for the English you have taught me.

You are so inspiring!

... parabéns! Deus te abençoe cada dia mais e mai  
(Congratulations! God bless you more and more every day)

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I have known Kathleen professionally for two years. She has been working diligently with me on a book project *ORIGEN: A True Story of Evil*. After interviewing a series of different writers, I knew she was the only one for the job.

*Peter J. Perry*  
**August 28, 2019**

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“Thank you so much for your eye for detail.

I couldn't believe we had errors in our work before Kathleen came along.

She has helped make the right corrections so that future tourists can have the full experience of Aruba with El Tours.”

— **EL Tours** Employee, ARUBA (*SEPT. 2019*)

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Sat, Sep 14,  
9:58 PM 2019

**Gianfranco Bino**

to me

I would like to extend my gratitude on a job well done!

Kathleen's attention to detail and care for her work has improved the quality of my paper tenfold.

I would highly recommend Kathleen to anyone and will definitely consider her for future work.

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Gianfranco Bino,  
Ph.D Candidate - Applied Mathematics  
Office MC275F, University of Western Ontario

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3:35 AM  
(September 16,  
2019)

## **Riu Hotels & Resorts**

to me

Dear Ms. Sumpton,

Thank you for your letter concerning your stay at our hotel.

We are very pleased to have you as our guest, and that you have decided on your last vacation for a RIU Hotel & Resort.

At RIU Hotels & Resorts, our customers should experience an enjoyable stay and quality service.

To meet this demand, we highly appreciate our clients' feedback.

Please rest assured that RIU Hotels & Resorts gives great importance to the satisfaction of our guests.

Dear Ms. Sumpton, we thank you once again for your helpful email.

We look forward to welcome you again in one of our RIU Hotels & Resorts.

We remain with kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

**Francesca Pinder**

After Travel RIU Customer Service

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**May 5, 2020**  
**8:38 pm**

I had a talk with Kathleen last December and she shared with me about her book project and her publishing plans.

Her poetry books sounded promising and inspiring.

A few months after that, she finally decided to start the publishing process with us.

I am more than happy and excited for her, so she can now easily accomplish her goals and aspirations.

Thank you for your trust and confidence you have given us.

Best of luck in your future endeavours!

Thanks,

**Celeste Guevarra**  
*Publishing Consultant*

**Tellwell Publishing**  
[www.tellwell.ca](http://www.tellwell.ca)

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***"From homeless teen and drug addict to Author & MBA, Kathleen's success story is one for the books."***

— Kathleen's Former Educator, 2020

“I love Kathleen’s artwork and how she touches on the form of ideas. Her style has unique combinations of other great Canadian and international artists but what sets her apart is her symbolism,”

— Art Buyer, Critic, and Collector, Fall 2020

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**“It’s always wonderful to have Kathleen involved with discussion and groupwork. She always brings new ideas to the table with something unique to say,”**

— Fellow Athabasca MBA Student, Spring 2021

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