

Marilyn Field Recognized for Work with First Nations and At-Risk Youth

Add **Marilyn Field, M.S.M**, to the Wikipedia list of the **Town of Caledon's Walk of Fame** alongside **Norman Jewison, Conn Smythe, Robertson Davies and Farley Mowat**.



Marilyn Field (Pennie) inducted into **Caledon's Walk of Fame** on June 15, 2013, joins the ranks of recipients who have made significant contributions to Canada. **Marilyn Field** is nationally and internationally acclaimed as founder of the charity **DAREarts Foundation for Children**.

On the stone is scribed: ***Marilyn Field, M.S.M Teacher, Musician, Volunteer Executive and Visionary. Founder of DAREarts – Empowering children in all walks of life to ignite change. The arts provoke personal discovery and dare kids to unlock their potential as leaders. Dream, believe, achieve, lead.***

At the Nobel Peace Prize's 100th Anniversary in Oslo, she conducted a choir of children representing 23 countries and shared the stage with **Paul McCartney, Meryl Streep** and **Liam Neeson**. She also worked with **General Rick**

Hillier and the Canadian Forces' junior ranger camps in northern Ontario to bring the arts to Aboriginal teens from remote communities. She has been awarded the Canadian Meritorious Service Medal by the Governor General and both the Queen's Gold and Diamond Jubilee Medals.

Ms. Field said, ***"It is the duty of all of us to inspire our youth to find the leader within them that will ignite change and make our world a better place."*** The Walk of Fame ceremony was hosted by **Caledon Mayor Marolyn Morrison**. Participating were Headwaters Arts President **Wayne Baguley, Sylvia Jones MPP**; and a **David Tilson MP** representative.

Rt. Hon. Paul Martin Engages DAREarts

Recently, DAREarts and the **Martin Aboriginal Educational Initiative** announced a plan to work together in **First Nations communities** as they **bridge financial literacy and arts educational programs** as critical tools that build life skills.

At the DAREarts Leadership Awards **Fabian Richenberger**, President of Northbridge Insurance and Vice-Chairman of DAREarts, with President, **Marilyn Field**, presented the 2013 DAREarts Cultural Award to **Rt. Hon. Paul Martin**.



Justin Trudeau: “With hope and audacity, we can have the Canada we want.”



Marilyn Field, DAREarts Founder and President, and Vice-Chairman **J.C.Pennie**, with a special gift for **Justin Trudeau** on June 27, 2013.

Together they shared DAREarts concerns for Canada’s kids and their futures. “I brought the children with me tonight,” Marilyn said, as she handed Justin a Dream Catcher inspired work of art. On it was a message from 11 year old Martha. “*My Wish is that you make wise decisions.*” It was the result of an Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal bridging program which has created empathy among Canadian children of different cultural backgrounds to dare to dream together.

Mr. Trudeau had, according to Ms. Field, “An eloquent practicality with an ability to engage us all in dreaming big for our country.” This is something that DAREarts believes in, too. 170,000 kids across the country have hope because of DAREarts principles. They too believe in greater possibilities within themselves and their world to dream, to achieve, to lead others.

J.C.Pennie had the chance to ask Justin about his vision for Aboriginal youth: “In view of the need for education and training for the exploding First Nations young population, to address this and other issues, First Nations leaders have proposed to scrap the Indian Act and start over. How do you feel?” Mr. Trudeau agreed that we must address the education needs of First Nations but he favoured looking back to the Royal Proclamation of 1763, as well as the Kelowna Accord, as initiated by Prime Minister Paul Martin.

DAREarts Helps First Nations youths win “So You Think You Know Mining” OMA Video Award

In June, The **Ontario Mining Association**, with **Noront Resources**, brought youths from **Webequie FN**, **Marten Falls FN** and **Long Lake #58 FN** to Toronto for the OMA’s “*So You Think You Know Mining Video Awards.*”

Last summer, mentored by artists-teachers from **Noront Resources**, **DAREarts** and **Engage Learn**, the youngsters from all three communities became directors, actors, rap stars, cameramen and editors in ‘**Mining-Movie-Making**’ **Youth Camps** that were held in each community.

Living in the community, each morning, DAREarts teacher **Linda Carson** went door to door to get the young stars up.



In Toronto, on June 5, 2013, as ‘*Mining and My Community*’ by **Marten Falls First Nation** was called out for the last award of the night, a few tears were shed. Having all five boys wanting to take turns for the acceptance speech, including thanking the DAREarts teachers for “*knocking on their doors each day*”, is a very big difference from the boys DAREarts saw on the first day of camp last summer. Seeing them climb off stage with confidence is a sight that DAREarts Founder, **Marilyn Field**, will cherish for a very long time. See the video and speeches on www.Mikawaa.com.