



### Vancouver Program Demonstrates Teamwork

Fifty young teens from four Downtown Eastside schools quickly became friends during the DAREarts 2012 Vancouver program as they developed team-building and leadership skills together. They explored First Nations teachings, creating traditional button blankets. Their performance and collage interpretation of Mozart's "The Magic Flute" at the Vancouver Opera was well-received by parents and the public.

[Click here to read more](#)



### Webequie Youth Rock their Mocs!

Webequie was buzzing for the 6th year of the DAREarts Nee-Tum-Ochi-Bek First Roots program. Working with their elders, local artists and the DAREarts team of artists-as-teachers, highschool students created handmade moccasins with traditionally tanned skins and fur. These were displayed at a special community feast where they performed a b-boy dance and debuted a song they wrote in Oji-Cree called "STAND UP".

A group of younger students also created acrylic paintings on canvas through an OAC visual arts grant.

[Read more...](#)



### Check out our Website and Meet the YAAC!

Thanks in part to the Ontario Trillium Foundation, our website has a fresh look and improved functionality, featuring more information on our programs, teaching team, board of directors and advisory councils. Our newest initiative, the Youth Action Advisory Council (YAAC) is spearheaded by DAREarts alumni who provide valuable insight from a youth perspective. Members of the YAAC connect regularly from across Canada through online conferencing. We thank Wardell Professional Development in Vancouver for enabling our last YAAC meeting.

[Meet the DAREarts YAAC!](#)

**SAVE THESE DATES: DAREarts Annual General Meeting - Jan 14, 2013**  
**2013 Leadership Awards honouring Rt. Hon. Paul Martin - May 2, 2013**  
For details, call 905-729-0097 or 1-888-540-2787 | Visit [www.darearts.com](http://www.darearts.com)

follow us on  
**twitter**



[Visit our Blog](#) | [Donate](#) | [Contact Us](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)

LEAD SUPPORTERS:

