



DAREarts Snapshot

2008



Above - Albert Schultz, Founder of Soulpepper Theatre Company, and George Chuvalo, former Canadian heavyweight champion.

A Message from the Founder

Ah, summer! As the long, hot days of relaxation and recuperation stretch out in front of us all, we at DareArts are reflecting on the biggest and best DAREarts year yet! From violins to b-boying, painting, drawing, singing, dancing, acting, photographing, building.... hundreds more children in high-risk communities are now standing tall and smiling broadly, proud that they have DARED themselves to accomplish!

Thank you sincerely for your generous support that has made this all possible. We particularly admire those supporters who are coming up with creative ways to help the DAREarts kids. Directors, Deborah Robinson and Paul McCague held a draw in their office. A ladies' lunch in Caledon was created by The Ascot Room, Beaver Mills Design and Gallery Gemma. Gary Pottruff donated his prize from the annual golf weekend hosted by Lombard Canada back to DAREarts. Others have donated to DAREarts in honour of special birthdays and graduations. Some of the kids themselves held a carwash.

Read more details here in this expanded newsletter, created by our summer student, Lisa-Marie Norton. Enjoy your summer!

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Leadership Awards Gala

The DAREarts Leadership Awards Gala was a very successful night hosted by CTV's Marci Ien. **George Chuvalo**, former Canadian heavyweight boxing champion, and **Albert Schultz**, actor and founder of Soulpepper Theatre Company were presented with the **DAREarts Cultural Award 2008** in recognition of their outstanding work in helping disadvantaged youth raise their sights to new horizons. Sixteen graduates of the DAREarts program were presented **DAREarts Leadership Awards** and education scholarships. Four hundred guests and corporate leaders enjoyed the company of many notable celebrities including recording artist **Ronnie Hawkins**, tenor **Michael Burgess**, Toronto City Council Speaker **Sandra Bussin**, author **William Stevenson**, **Gillian** and **Sean Danby**, widow and son of artist Ken Danby, artist **Charles Pachter** and **Libby Znamier** of Classical 96. Presenting Sponsors were **Lombard Canada**, **Guy Carpenter & Company LLC** and **Scotiabank**. Other key sponsors were **BMO Bank of Montreal**, **CIBC**, **HKMB-HUB International** and **TD Financial Group**.

Save the date - The next Leadership Awards Gala will be on April 22nd, 2009, from 6-10 pm at The Liberty Grand.

Governors Council Film Premiere

On Thursday January 24th 2008 **DAREarts** hosted the Toronto Film Premiere of **Willard – The Hermit of Gully Lake**, a film rated 5-stars at the Atlantic Film Festival, directed and produced by Amy Goldberg with music by Randy Bachman. The evening also included a trailer for **DAREarts Road to Webeque**, a film which focuses on the DAREarts team's creative activities with the small isolated First Nations community of Webeque in Northern Ontario. Thanks to Sun Life Financial, DAREarts and the community's youth created and staged a multi-media performance in just one week! The DAREarts team has been invited to return to Webeque this fall.

Below - Richard Patina, President and CEO of **Lombard Canada** presents DAREarts Founder and President Marilyn Field and the Board of Directors with a cheque for \$104 900. From left to right: J.C. Pennie, James Westcott, Ryan Pennie, Marilyn Field, Richard Patina, Monika Jensen Stevenson, Paul McCague, Deborah Robinson, Theo Caldwell, and Adam Markwell. Absent from photo: Robert Bissett, Sandra Bussin, Donald Callahan, Stan Elkind, Elisabeth Kriegler, Julian Sale, and Paula Smith.



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Above - Two grade 5 DAREarts students enjoy tea on Fashion Day.

DAREarts and **Back to the Underground** have come together with the shared vision of developing a stronger positive youth culture for students in high-risk areas. The Dare 2 B program puts young dance instructors into inner city schools to motivate and teach the students about B-Boy culture and dance, ultimately leading to a year-end battle / showcase that puts students in a positive and friendly competitive environment.

Two schools participated in our pilot Dare 2 B program: Elmbank and Greenholme. Grade seven students from both schools performed at the John Bassett Theatre on Sunday June 15th in the form of a B-Boy "battle." The battle was won by Greenholme, but all in attendance agreed that the bigger battle of individual achievement was won by all students. We are currently looking for a sponsor for 2009.



Above - Dare 2 B dancers posing on stage.

DAREarts Expansion Program

On Friday, February 22nd, **DAREarts** showcased sixty students from seventeen Toronto District schools in North Etobicoke as part of the expansion of the DAREarts program into the Northwest 1 area of Toronto known as Jamestown. The grade five children explored world cultures of the past and present through activities in which they themselves painted, sculpted, sang, danced, composed, designed, wrote, acted and created, guided by a group of leading arts professionals. The students engaged in the arts of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, gained leadership skills by returning to their schools and teaching their classmates what they learned. DAREarts had an extremely positive impact on the students of the participating schools. Many students have come out of their shells, showing more confidence in their work, and are asking to be a part of the program next year. Parents stated how proud they are of the success of their children and their appreciation of the opportunity.

Below - Grade 5 DAREarts students pay close attention to the opera instructor on Music Day.



DAREarts String Zings

The **Herman Smith Music Trust** was established to honour the late Mr. Herman Smith, a patron of DAREarts Foundation for Children. The String Zings program taught several students violin lessons using instruments generously donated by the Remenyi House of Music and the Kwan family. The students met weekly under the teaching of renowned Canadian violinist Moshe Hammer, honing their skills and gaining discipline through practice. Their talents have been showcased at both Holiday Cheer events as well as the Promenade Through Time 2008. This has spawned a new program launched this spring called **From Violence to Violins**, with 30 children in two of our schools in high-risk areas.

All-the-Arts Spring 2008

DAREarts maintained our innovative and highly successful multicultural, multi-arts program, with lead teachers actor Jennifer Gillespie and retired teacher / artist Ann Lyons along with almost 70 arts professionals-as-teachers. From March to May, 150 children, aged 9 to 14, from 30 Toronto area schools, explored and experienced the arts in downtown Toronto. The youngsters then returned to their respective school communities to 'teach' their school classmates and teachers.

Artists-as-teachers included artist **Charles Pachter**, tenor **Colin Ainsworth**, soprano **Rachel Clelland-Ainsworth**, violinist **Moshe Hammer**, actor **Adam Waxman**, jazz pianist **Joe Sealy** and musician **Charlie Kert**. Education partners included the **Bata Shoe Museum**, the **Canadian Opera Company**, **Gardiner Museum**, the **National Ballet School**, **Opera Atelier** and **The Textile Museum**, amongst others. St. Matthews United Church generously accommodated our classes.

"Your vision and hard work have changed the world for the better and helped many young people become leaders."
- Frances Wright, Founder of Famous 5 Foundation

"I think DAREarts is invaluable for developing children and hope that directors can maintain or expand the quality of programs."
- parent

Save the Date - November 4th is **Sip and Shop** at Chateau Windrush from 1~ 8 pm. **Holiday Cheer in the Country** will be held on November 27th. Please give us a call at 905-729-0097.

Promenade Through Time 2008

The 2008 **Promenade Through Time** year-end performance earned accolades on the evening of Friday, May 30th at Monarch Park Collegiate. Parents and the public were treated to an extraordinary performance by over 150 talented DAREarts students ranging from grades 4 to 8. Students, teachers, actors, and a stage crew worked together to make the night a huge success. Volunteers, including many DAREarts graduates, helped make the night run smoothly. You are welcome to volunteer your strengths and skills at upcoming DAREarts events! Just call us at 905-729-0097.

Top right - A grade 4 DAREarts student plays a tin whistle on Music Day

Middle right - Marilyn Field presents DAREarts student Kevin Courtney with the Judith Teller Award.

Bottom right - DAREarts students perform with Abby Zotz at Promenade 2008.



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"It helped me overcome my fears and be a stronger person, as well as being a better leader." - student

"This program deserves to expand to involve more schools. My child really enjoyed it." - parent

"Our grade 5 delegates were counting down the days until DareArts started and they had a fantastic time ... Thanks again for your support." - Cheryl Howe, Principal

Events

Three performances by **The National Ballet** were all well-received by hundreds of DAREarts students and parents. **Sunlife Financial** provided 150 tickets for The Nutcracker on December 7th, 2007, 260 tickets for Cinderella on May 27th, and for Italian Straw Hat on February 27th.

DAREarts is proud to report that through a new partnership with **DanCap Productions**, four schools attended the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee on January 30th, 2008 despite uncooperative weather.

In order to save trees and make your donations go farther, we are offering our correspondences electronically. If you would like to receive information from DAREarts electronically, please e-mail info@darearts.com.

Would you like to support DAREarts?

Yes! I/We would like to support DAREarts using arts education to empower 'at-risk' children. See the benefits of membership at www.darearts.com.

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Statistics

All-the-Arts students reported...

93%

average approval rating of the DAREarts program

84%

had no difficulty catching up on missed homework

79%

average approval rating of all activity days

74%

average approval rating of leadership skills developed

String Zings students reported...

88%

average approval rating the violin lessons

80%

average approval rating to continue in September

Upcoming Events

The **DAREarts Summer Drama Camp** will run from Friday, August 8th to Friday, August 16th with DAREarts teacher-actors Adam Waxman and Jennifer Gillespie. The \$20 registration fee includes an exciting trip to Stratford to see 'Romeo and Juliet' on August 13th. You are invited to see the DAREarts youths' own performance of Romeo and Juliet on Friday, August 16th.

DAREarts and **The Design Exchange** have again partnered to send a limited number of our delegates to their design-based summer camps for free! The children have the opportunity to enjoy expanding their arts knowledge and skills over the summer.

July 26th is Youth Day 2008, hosted by **KPYO**. DAREarts students have been invited to open the show at noon in Nathan Phillips Square along with Carlos Morgan by singing O Canada. Be prepared for a fantastic performance!

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