

## You can be a DAREarts School – Winter 2008



In its 12<sup>th</sup> year, DAREarts offers elementary schools help with their arts education. Developed by fellow teacher, Marilyn Field, the program has been a huge success and you can participate!

Students in Grades 5 and 6 will learn about the arts outside of the classroom in new and exciting ways. Working with renowned musicians, artists, dancers, directors and poets, they participate in 'hands on' activities. They visit concert halls, museums, art galleries and rehearsal studios. Exploring world cultures through time, they act, sing, dance, build, write, paint, etc. and then – most importantly – share what they've learned with their own school classmates.

DAREarts empowers children with positive self-expression and risk-taking. It builds self-esteem and leadership skills, giving children the tools necessary to make wise choices in their lives.

DAREarts 2008 Winter Session runs from Mid-January to late February - TBC:

Grade Five	17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> c.	Wednesday & Thursdays	January 16, 23, 24, 30, 31, February 6, 7, 13, 14
Grade Six	19 <sup>th</sup> c.	Monday & Tuesdays	January 15, 21, 22, 28, 29, February 4, 5, 11, 12

\*Public Presentation Rehearsals:  
Grade 5 – February 20<sup>th</sup>, Grade 6 – February 19<sup>th</sup>

\*Public Presentation: February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Delegates will participate in the program for ten school days (from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm) over a period of six weeks. After each DAREarts Day, the Delegates will return to their classrooms as leaders to teach what they've learned to their fellow classmates. **Following each DAREarts day, your classroom teachers must agree to provide 10 minutes for the Delegate to present what they have learned to their classmates.** This is an extremely important part of the program! DAREarts Days are held at St. Matthews United Church, 729 St. Clair West, just west of Christie; plus at various downtown arts venues. A detailed schedule for each grade will be sent after acceptance to the program.

Your school responsibilities are:

- \$20 registration fee per child
- Transportation to and from DAREarts classes (some bussing & subway travel partners available)
- 10 Minutes classroom presentation time for the DAREarts Delegate on every return day

Select two children for each of Grades 5 and 6 to be 'DAREarts Delegates'. **Please strongly consider selecting children who do not ordinarily have access to the arts and/or may be 'at risk' in some way.**

To register, **simply fax the attached School Form ASAP**; space is on a first come first served basis! **Note: Once we receive your school registration, we will send out the materials for the student registrations.**

For more information or to arrange a meeting with us at your school, please call **905-729-0097**.

Sincerely,  
DAREarts Foundation

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