



# DAREarts Snapshot

## 2009

### Leadership Awards Gala

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the 7<sup>th</sup> annual **DAREarts Leadership Awards** the DAREarts Cultural Award 2009 was presented to Canadian hockey legend **Paul Henderson** and to Artistic Director of the National Ballet, **Karen Kain**. **Marci Ien** of CTV's Canada AM hosted the evening. Canadian artist **Charles Pachter** unveiled his latest culturally significant painting "**Moose Lake Pas de Deux**," depicting two Canadian icons, Karen Kain and the majestic moose. Six DAREarts teens were awarded scholarships to aid their future success.

**DAREarts** is a charity that empowers at-risk youth through arts education. Visit [www.darearts.com](http://www.darearts.com) or call 1-888-540-ARTS.

**Save the date now** - The Leadership Awards 2010 will be on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at The Liberty Grand.

### Thank you, Lombard Canada!

**Lombard Canada** has once again shown tremendous generosity to DAREarts by encouraging donations from the Lombard Inner Circle golf weekend.



Left to right - Lombard Inner Circle golfers Jacques Gregoire of Pratte Morrisette, Marty Hughes of HKMB HUB, DAREarts Chairman Rick Patina, President and CEO of Lombard Canada, and Rick Purdy of Cowan Insurance.

### Passion is Not Optional

From the Founder - Marilyn Field, M.S.M.

Passion is an essential precondition for business and success. Beyond his faults, **Michael Jackson's** passion led to a worldwide change in the way people see music and dance. Barcelona's architect, **Antoni Gaudi**, turned a passion for nature into a unique style of architecture that continues to influence over a century later.

"What is your passion?" DAREarts mentor, **Charles Pachter**, asks our DAREarts children as they tour his studio. DAREarts challenges our at-risk children to find their own passion. Then there is no place for apathy, drugs and gangs. Passion drives action. Take 14 year old Kathleen. When her school did not participate in DAREarts this spring, she wanted so much to be part of the graduating class that she pleaded her case directly to me. Tears flowed as she accepted her graduation medallion and 150 other children took inspiration from her leadership.

Let's watch our young people take charge of their lives and ignite their world for the better.

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Marilyn Field, Founder and President of DAREarts, presenting the DAREarts Cultural Award to Canadian hockey legend Paul Henderson.



Marilyn Field with Karen Kain, Canada's prima ballerina and recipient of the DAREarts Cultural Award.

### Moose Lake Pas de Deux

After the stunning unveiling of this culturally significant painting, DAREarts is now offering signed limited edition prints of **Charles Pachter's** latest masterpiece, '**Moose Lake Pas de Deux**', pictured below. Only 50 prints have been produced on French handmade archival paper, matted and framed in silver or natural ash, with a picture size of 16 x 24 inches. Each print is \$2,500, a low price for a beautiful portrayal of Canadian culture by such a prominent Canadian artist. Call 905-729-0097. All credit cards accepted.



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## 'Road to Webeque' Documentary



A photo taken during the Air Nakina flight to Webeque.

The DAREarts documentary about DAREarts' education program in the fly-in only aboriginal community of Webeque is nearing completion. After premiering a trailer for the film at Cineplex last year, the long rough cut of the film was featured at the Alliston Aboriginal Fest at the Gibson Centre on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Now we are in need of funding to complete a commercial version of the film. To help, please call us at 905-729-0097. This documentary will help other isolated communities to use the DAREarts template to motivate their own youth.

*"DAREarts let me express my feelings through painting."*  
– Grade 6 Delegate

## Delegate Blogging

Inspired by Zoe Ludski, **DAREarts** delegates have taken to a new medium that allows them to openly express their opinions: blogging! With blogs becoming more and more central to communication, our delegates posting their art and ideas for the world to see is a huge step forward! Go to <http://darearts.blogspot.com>.



Read more about the grade eights' arts adventures on their blog!

## Human Spirit Values

Based on nine crystal sculptures by Mark Raynes Roberts donated to DAREarts five years ago, the DAREarts Human Spirit program inspires students to find those values within their own selves... like trust, passion, hope, faith, balance and honesty. This forms the basis for DAREarts' Aboriginal program. But it started first in a daycare in inner city Toronto where it is still going strong as a special summer project, lead by the daycare's principal Thea Cappellacci and aboriginal teacher, Shea Last.

*"There's no doubt that the children's attitude and behaviour are improved when they are in DAREarts and after."*  
– Aldona Volunge, principal

## Herman Smith Music Trust

After trying out playing the violin during a DAREarts Music Day with world renowned violinist Moshe Hammer, a new group of DAREarts 11-year-olds are excited to begin weekly violin lessons starting this summer.

Grade 5 delegates learn Commedia del Arte on Drama Day.



## DAREarts Summer Drama Camp

The DAREarts Summer Drama Camp is once again fast approaching and Elmbank JMS in Northwest Etobicoke offered their school as this summer's location! With teacher-actors **Adam Waxman** and **Cathy Elliott**, DAREarts teens will participate in an intense camp focused on the classic musical 'West Side Story'. Delegates will visit Stratford and tour the Stratford Theatre, before being treated to a performance of 'West Side Story' and meeting key performers. After seeing the play, the delegates will then work together to produce their own version.

*"The students are always totally excited about the program and what they are doing."* – Helen Bryce, principal

## All-the-Arts Spring 2009

Students are called delegates because they represent their schools as “at risk” but having leadership potential. DAREarts challenges the children with the job of going back to their schools to teach their peers what they learn in DAREarts. The spring program maintained DAREarts’ commitment to multicultural, multi-arts education with lead teachers **Geneviève Anthony** and **Ann Lyons**. Along with almost 70 arts professionals-as-teachers, 150 children from Toronto schools learned about the arts as an alternative to gang violence and peer pressure.

Artists-as-teachers who inspired the children included artist **Charles Pachter**, soprano **Rachel Cleland-Ainsworth**, violinist **Moshe Hammer**, actors **Adam Waxman** and **David Langlois**, jazz pianist **Joe Sealy**, musicians **Charlie Kert** and **Tara Sloane**, and many others.

This year DAREarts proudly welcomed new teachers with far-ranging experience including **Joanna Hogan**, at the Guggenheim Museum, NY, **Geneviève Anthony**, in Iran, **Noelle Scorrano** in California and **Helen Anderson**, who is an internationally published PhD student at OISE.

*“I liked that we had opportunities. We had to go to different places and learn about different arts.” – Grade 8 Delegate*

## Delegate Spotlight

One of the most important aspects of DAREarts is helping the children to find their creativity and leadership ability. After one of the Drama Days that featured Shakespeare, lead teacher Geneviève was approached by DAREarts delegate Kyle, a grade four leader who enthusiastically shared his own original rhyme: “William Shakespeare from another hemisphere; wrote about Ceasar, not the one you eata. Romeo and Juliet, all about life and death; if you wanna hear more let me hear you ROAR!”

Kyle’s talent for the spoken word is not going unnoticed and he is currently pursuing auditions. Go Kyle!

*“I learned that I can be a leader.” – Grade 5 Delegate*

## Promenade Through Time 2009

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, the 2009 **Promenade Through Time** year-end showcase wowed parents and teachers. Over 150 talented DAREarts students from grades 4 to 8 showcased some new skills and knowledge they had gained from the DAREarts All-the-Arts program. Working together to dazzle the crowd were the students, their teachers, arts professionals and volunteers. DAREarts graduates came back from high school and university to volunteer and help make the night run smoothly. You too are welcome to volunteer your strengths and skills with DAREarts! Just call us at 905-729-0097.



Grade 6 delegates learn to dance at the National Ballet School.



A grade 4 delegate creates her hat for Promenade.



Grade 8 delegates learn about photography on Architecture Day.

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## Children for Peace

Our Children for Peace card project is well underway. Thousands of children are making beautiful, one-of-a-kind cards to sell and help support our troops helping children in Afghanistan, in addition to the children orphaned by war in Nairobi, Kenya. **You can purchase cards by calling us at 905-729-0097.** You can also drop by the Alder Centre in Orangeville on **Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**, where over 3,000 hand-made cards will be on sale!



*"DAREarts changed our child's life. In school people see her as 'different'. DAREarts challenged her, showed her that she has potential, appreciated her and made her feel valued."*  
– Marie Foley, parent

## DAREarts Grad Performs at COC

DAREarts graduates are constantly accomplishing goals. Our latest ambitious graduate in the spotlight is Nathanael Moir, who recently took to the stage in the opera **Simon Boccanegra** by the Canadian Opera Company.

Nathanael writes "I wish to thank DAREarts for giving me this amazing chance to be a part of the opera Simon Boccanegra. It truly has been a once in a lifetime experience for me ... I hope DAREarts continues to prosper."

Yes! I would like to support DAREarts using arts education to empower 'at-risk' children. See benefits at [www.darearts.com](http://www.darearts.com).

- I/We wish to join the Governors Council with a \$1,000 gift
- I/We can empower a child with a \$450 gift
- I/We can empower a child with a \$100 gift
- I/We can empower a child with a \$50 gift
- I/We can empower a child in the amount of a \$\_\_\_\_\_ gift

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Please make cheques payable to: DAREarts Foundation Inc.  
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## NW1 Statistics

- 100% of parents want their child in the program again.
- 100% of parents' expectations of the program were met.
- 100% of teachers want students in the program again.
- 93% average rating of the program by students.
- 90% rating of communication improvement seen by parents.
- 87% average rating of the program by teachers.
- 85% rating of behavioural improvement seen by parents.
- 85% rating of responsibility improvement seen by parents.
- 83% of teachers expectations of the program were met.

## Auctions Go Online

Vantage Magazine is generously presenting an online auction to raise funds for DAREarts programs that empower at risk children. Go to [www.vantagemagazine.com](http://www.vantagemagazine.com) to find real deals on art, jewellery, trips, celebrities, dinners, golf... we dare you!

Waddingtons too is offering an online art auction that will benefit DAREarts children. Go to [www.waddingtons.ca](http://www.waddingtons.ca).



Grade 8 delegates get creative on Photography Day.

## Coming Soon ...

Help! With a little more funding, DAREarts All-the-Arts program will be part of **Vancouver 2010**, where we expect the same amazing results in changing at risk childrens' lives. To donate call 905-729-0097.

**Save the date** of November 26<sup>th</sup> for the DAREarts annual **Holiday Cheer!** For details call 905-729-0097.

If you would like to receive DAREarts newsletters electronically, please e-mail [info@darearts.com](mailto:info@darearts.com).

This newsletter created by our summer student, Lisa-Marie Norton.



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