



DAREarts Snapshot

2008

Moving Beyond Suicide

DAREarts recently returned from the remote aboriginal community of Webequie in northern Ontario! Last year, DAREarts worked with high school youth of this First Nations community who were struggling with suicides of their schoolmates. Together, they created a dynamic, multi-media work of art - in just one week! After this success, DAREarts was invited to return to Webequie this year.

In September, Webequie hosted DAREarts with the goal of building on what was done last year. This year, DAREarts helped thirty grade 6, 7, and 8 students create a movie based on the story created by last year's students. By the second day, the movie production was well under way. At the end of the week, the movie was shared with the community at a Friday evening feast.

The DAREarts-Webequie team included DAREarts founder Marilyn Field, aboriginal director - musician - actor Cathy Elliott, filmmaker Peter Elliott, and filmmaker John Cowling. Special thanks to David J. Woods Productions.

Call DAREarts at 905-729-0097 for a copy. *Filmmakers Peter Elliott and John Cowling demonstrate camera logistics to two of the thirty Webequie youth.*



A Message from the Founder

This fall, more has fallen than the leaves. As Rudyard Kipling wrote, "When you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you, you'll be a man, my son." That is what DAREarts does for at-risk kids. For them, today's challenges are especially tough; so, with your critical help, we continue to empower them. We continue to create leaders for tomorrow, such as our grad, Shamin Mohamed Jr., who just returned from China where he spoke at a UN sponsored conference. We thank you, our cherished supporters, and, despite falling skies around us, we encourage you to stay the course and help us hold at-risk children to believe that their dreams have no limits!

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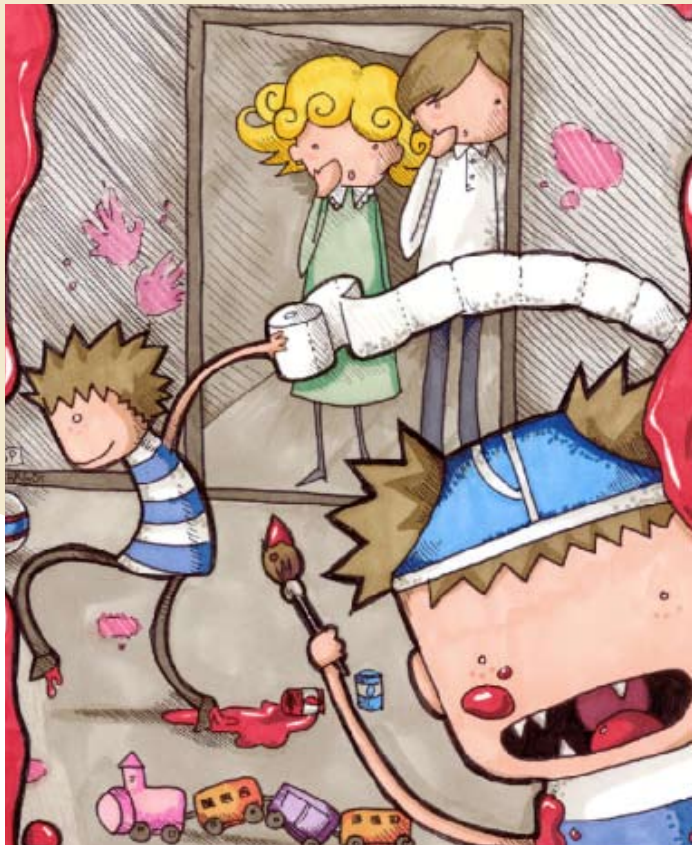
10,000 Kids Take Action

With world markets falling and families in turmoil, Canadian children are coming to the rescue through DAREarts' Children for Peace card project. In partnership with the international Centipede Children for Peace movement and NATO peace keepers, 10,000 children across Canada have each hand-painted a card to sell and help another child in need.

October 11th was Children for Peace Day in Orangeville with 3,000 children participating. December 1st was Children For Peace Day in Alliston with 1,000 children plus the local TNT Hornets hockey team participating! Many parents and public commented on how much talent and passion went into creating the cards to help others less fortunate.

Give your friends and clients a card with meaning this season! Boxed sets of the children's cards are available on our website at www.darearts.com or by calling 905-729-0097 or 1-888-540-ARTS. All proceeds this year go directly to helping schools in Afghanistan and Nairobi, Kenya.

A Children For Peace card created by Jessica Palmer from Georgetown, Ontario: "changing the world - one card at a time".



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“We Are One” with Barry Harris

DAREarts is honoured to welcome international jazz legend, Dr. Barry Harris, as generous patron, along with the Toronto District School Board, of a new jazz choir program for youth taking place in the North Etobicoke area of Toronto known as NW1.

Upwards of 300 children in grades 3 to 12 from the area are actively involved. Since the beginning of October, the children have rehearsed weekly with conductor Brian Katz and Howard Rees. Every second week, Dr. Barry Harris flies to Toronto from his home in New York to work with the children!

The jazz choir and accompanying band and singers from Earl Haig School are being featured in numerous media stories throughout December and January. Their must see performance will be January 22nd, 2009, 7 p.m. at the Toronto Centre for the Performing Arts.

Ticket information is available on our website at www.darearts.com or call us at 905-729-0097.

“The best thing about being a DAREarts delegate was all the interesting trips and projects and people.” student

“Give more children this wonderful chance to discover their personal relationship with culture and redefine their perception of the world.” parent

DAREarts delegates from the NW1 area of Toronto unite with jazz legend, Barry Harris, to form a jazz choir, conducted by Brian Katz.



Several delegates eagerly anticipate the release of the new DAREarts website.

DAREarts' New Web Site

Through the creative efforts of AF Creations, www.darearts.com has been remodelled from top to bottom. The new site interface focuses on stunning, user-friendly visuals, allowing for easy access to plenty of information and exciting multimedia about DAREarts programs and events. DAREarts.com is host to many photo galleries of current and past events, allowing any visitor to see what DAREarts has accomplished and the bright smiles resulting from it!

Thank you, Lombard Canada!

A special thanks to Lombard Canada, particularly Richard Patina, President & CEO, for their ongoing support as our Lead Sponsor. The annual Lombard Golf Tournament raises over \$100,000. Together with everyone, we are investing in our future by challenging our children to embrace a wider world of possibilities.

Founder Marilyn Field thanks Richard Patina, President and CEO of Lombard Canada, for being DAREarts lead sponsor.





DAREarts NW1 delegates at the Festival Theatre in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Shaw Sparks 'RexTown'

Early morning, October 1st, 60 DAREarts teens from across the GTA boarded two Coach Canada busses for Niagara-on-the-Lake to experience the Shaw Festival. The delegates were greeted by Haley Batemen of the Shaw Festival and were given a backstage tour of the Festival Theatre. In a highly informative conclusion to the tour, the delegates were treated to a Q&A session with Shaw's Sr. Mgr. of Education Suzanne Marian. Lunch was generously provided by Lombard Canada.

The delegates then attended the excellent performance of "Wonderful Town," after which the delegates met several cast members and thanked all Shaw Festival personnel for their hard work before boarding the busses back to Toronto. Now inspired, the Greenholme P.S. students are scripting their own adaptation of 'Wonderful Town'!

DAREarts thanks Lombard Canada and Coach Canada for sponsoring this opportunity and Shaw Festival for their hosting.

Save the Date!

January 22, 7 pm -
Barry Harris & DAREarts Jazz Choir
 at the Toronto Centre for the Performing Arts. \$10 - \$75

April 22, 6 pm -
2009 Leadership Awards Gala at 'The Liberty Grand'. \$225
 tables \$2,500 to \$10,000

For more information, call us at 905-729-0097.



DAREarts delegates perform William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet at the DAREarts Summer Drama Camp.

"...O Romeo..."

DAREarts ran a summer camp for twenty DAREarts teens in August. Teacher-Actor Adam Waxman took on the challenge of prepping our delegates to perform their own version of William Shakespeare's 'Romeo & Juliet' after only one week of practice! The camp concluded with a trip to Stratford to see a live performance of Romeo & Juliet.

Upon arriving in Stratford, a town located southwest of Toronto known for its connection to the works of William Shakespeare, the delegates were treated to tours of the costume warehouse before enjoying the performance, made more alive by the kids' own acting experiences. The delegates then shared a private Q&A session with actors Timothy D. Stickney and Melanie Keller.

DAREarts thanks Stratford Festival and Coach Canada for supporting this educational opportunity for our delegates.



Delegates "rescue" actor Adam Waxman from beneath the Coach Canada bus in Stratford.

“Together As One”

A talented choir of DAREarts children performed the national anthem beautifully as the opening act of Youth Day 2008 on July 26th. The choir was accompanied by Carlos Morgan, a local musician. The event took place at Nathan Philips Square Toronto City Hall before a huge turnout of local attendees. DAREarts thanks KPYO for hosting the event and giving the choir an opportunity to perform.

Statistics

The children reported...

- 4.6 out of 5 rating for the trip to Stratford
- 4.8 out of 5 fun rating of DAREarts' Drama Camp
- 4.9 out of 5 memorable rating of the Drama Camp



The DAREarts choir proudly sings O' Canada to open Youth Day 2008, accompanied by Carlos Morgan.

“Attending the opera with DAREarts was the most amazing experience, which we would never be able to afford. I am so thankful that my daughter is a part of DAREarts, for the life-changing experiences it has provided to all of us.” - parent

“This is our future.

We cannot cut back on our future generation!” - Ildiko Hencz

Coming Up

The 2009 DAREarts Leadership Awards Gala will take place on April 22nd at The Liberty Grand. It is an exciting night of celebrities, gourmet cuisine and stories. Six DAREarts grads will win scholarships to encourage leadership in their lives. Our Cultural Award recipients, **Karen Kain** and **Paul Henderson**, will be honoured for helping to define Canadian culture.

Would you like to help?

Yes! I/We would like to support DAREarts empowering at-risk children. See the benefits of membership at www.darearts.com.

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January 22nd - DAREarts-Barry Harris Jazz Choir. See page 3.

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