



## DAREarts History at a Glance

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- ❑ In 1994, Marilyn Field founded DAREarts with a dream of using the arts to nourish the inner spirit of at risk children and empower them to become leaders in their own communities.
- ❑ DAREarts is a registered not for profit organization based just outside of Toronto, ON and operates programs in Toronto and across Canada.
- ❑ DAREarts is based on **D**iscipline, **A**ction, **R**esponsibility and **E**ducation through the **arts**.
- ❑ Through local professional artists, children are engaged in activities such as painting, sculpting, dancing and designing to develop self confidence and leadership skills. We dare children to be what they dream.
- ❑ DAREarts' core 'All-The-Arts' program involves over 60 schools and operates from January to June. During this time children come together on a weekly basis in an intensive out-of-school immersion. Our goals are to expand the program for more children plus extend the program over the entire year.
- ❑ Annually, each participating school selects two children from each of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Through our interactive curriculum, children study numerous cultural eras and arts forms:  
Architecture ~ Culinary Arts ~ Dance ~ Drama ~ Fashion ~ Literature ~ Music ~ Visual arts.
- ❑ The All-The-Arts program has an annual completion rate of 99%.
- ❑ To further encourage teen graduates, DareArts has established the yearly Leadership Awards as scholarships for six youth who continue to show leadership in their own life challenges.
- ❑ In response to an unmet community need, we formed the DAREarts Children's Choir. The choir extends involvement in the arts to year round and enables children who are on the waiting list for DAREarts to develop their musical talents. The choir has appeared in concerts featuring Barbara Hendricks, Maureen Forrester, Richard Bradshaw and The Nylons, including the Nobel Peace Prize 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert in Oslo, Norway, with Paul McCartney. This past year, we became the 'We Are One' Jazz Choir of 250 voices, mentored by jazz legend, Barry Harris.
- ❑ DAREarts children are annually involved in the 'Children for Peace' card making project. Working with the NATO peace-keeping forces, funds raised from the children's original cards go directly to help children in need around the world.
- ❑ World renowned crystal sculptor, **Mark Raynes Roberts**, donated his 'Human Spirit Collection' to DareArts. The nine crystal sculptures challenge youngsters to question their values and pursue excellence in their own lives. Fifteen year old Caleigh Minshall wrote a book based on the sculptures, illustrated by children across Canada. DareArts has initiated a program with northern aboriginal communities using these values to empower the children.
- ❑ Since its inception, DAREarts has exposed over 130,000 at risk children to the arts.