



Jeanne Beker and Waneek Horn-Miller to receive the 2015 DAREarts Cultural Award

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TORONTO, ON. – DAREarts is pleased to announce that broadcaster **Jeanne Beker, C.M.**, and Olympian and Pan Am gold medalist **Waneek Horn-Miller** will be the 2015 recipients of the **2015 DAREarts Cultural Award** that they will receive at the 13th **annual DAREarts Leadership Awards**.

The gala **celebrations** hosted by **Marci Ien**, co-host of CTV's Canada AM, will take place on **Thursday, April 16, 2015, 5:30 pm** at the **Allstream Centre**, 105 Princes' Blvd, Toronto.

The DAREarts Cultural Award is presented each year to individuals who have led the way and ignite change in advancing culture for youth across Canada.

"Jeanne and Waneek are both true examples of the Canadian role models who we strive to honour and celebrate," says Marilyn Field, founder of DAREarts. "Much like we do at DAREarts, these women seek to motivate, empower and inspire excellence in the lives around them as well as their own."

Six amazing DAREarts graduates will also receive financial scholarships, **Leadership Awards** and a chance on-stage to tell their personal stories, sharing life's challenges and how they are igniting positive change in their communities.

Proceeds from this event will benefit 13,000 Canadian at-risk young people, aged 9 – 19, exposed to DAREarts programs. The diverse DAREarts programs empower youth in under-served communities with self-confidence and life skills to become leaders.

The gala celebrations will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and awards at 7:00 p.m. and an after party at 9:30 p.m. Seats are \$250 per person and tables of 10 are available via various sponsorship packages from \$3,000. Join us and help DAREarts transform at-risk kids into leaders by igniting change.



Jeanne Beker

Jeanne Beker is an internationally renowned Canadian television personality, fashion designer, newspaper columnist and author. Beker is best known for her work on *Fashion Television* and most recently for her new show *Style Matters* on The Shopping Channel. She is highly praised for her influence in the international fashion industry, her on-going community involvement and her support in numerous charitable causes.



Waneek Horn-Miller is an Olympic athlete and human rights advocate from the **Kahnawake Mohawk territory**, located in Quebec. Waneek famously graced the cover of **TIME Magazine** during her participation in the 2000 Sydney Olympics and took home gold at the **1999 Pan Am Games** as leader of the women's water polo team. She continues to travel the world as speaking about her life both in and out of sports as well as advocating for Aboriginal rights and the creation of strong and healthy communities.

Waneek Horn-Miller

About DAREarts:

DAREarts is a Canadian not-for-profit organization, which stands for “Discipline, Action, Responsibility and Excellence”. DAREarts' empowerment programs work with 9-19 year olds from schools in underserved communities, using the arts to empower them to become leaders.

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