



DAREarts Snapshot

2009

Masked Players Steal The Show

The DAREarts Winter Showcase took place on February 26th to a responsive audience. Proud parents and the public were greeted with large and bright displays of artwork created by grade six children in the TDSB NW1 group of schools.

The showcase was a culmination of everything the children learned while attending DAREarts' out-of-school All-The-Arts program. Studying the arts and culture of the 17th and 19th centuries, the children went on many excursions and discovering activities that included hunting gargoyles at Casa Loma, touring the Bata Shoe Museum, waltzing at the National Ballet School, sculpting clay shoes at the Gardiner Museum of Ceramics and playing violin under the guidance of Moshe Hammer.

DAREarts Grade 8 delegates from Greenholme JMS used the showcase as an opportunity to premiere their own play 'Our Jamestown', written by the delegates after they were inspired by the Shaw festival production of 'Wonderful Town' to which they were treated last fall through the generous support of Lombard Canada. Native musician and actor, Cathy Elliott, assisted with the creation and production of this unique performance.

The showcase concluded with closing remarks by rock star Tara Slone and a reception for teary-eyed parents and teachers.

Grade 6 DAREarts Delegates from the TDSB North West 1 school performed for an excited house at North Albion Collegiate Institute on February 26th.



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Jazzing With Legend Barry Harris

DAREarts, international jazz legend, Barry Harris, and his protege, Howard Rees, worked together with DAREarts for four months to empower 300 TDSB youth with the power of jazz rhythms. The 'We Are One' concert took place on January 22nd at the Toronto Centre for the Arts and featured the youth, known as the DAREarts Jazz Ensemble and Chorus, along with Dr. Barry Harris and special guest saxophonist, Charles McPherson, in a night of music and youth empowerment.

Prior to the performance, DAREarts Governors' Council patrons were treated to a VIP reception where they had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Harris and discuss his passion for jazz and children alike.

Members of the DAREarts Jazz Ensemble and Chorus performed at the Toronto Centre for the Arts to a sold out audience.



A Message from the Founder: No Ghettos Here

Much government funding has gone into programs that activate youth within the confines of their local community. While this sounds good and does reap some benefit, you have to wonder about the longterm effectiveness when statistics like those for Vancouver's Downtown East Side show not much change.

DAREarts is going down a different path by taking children out of numerous less advantaged communities and gathering them together in locations that are new and inspiring. There, they find a wider world of possibilities as, each DAREarts Day, they encounter new sights, new insights and new creative challenges. This develops their enthusiasm for learning while it builds their sense of possibilities. Then they feel empowered to go back to their respective school communities with greater self worth and capacity to become leaders amongst their peers.

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"Please, can we have more DAREarts?"

Robbie, 12

"DAREarts has truly transformed our students..."

Aldona Volunge, principal

"Violins Are Cool!"

In January and February, grade 6 children from 12 schools in the north west area of Etobicoke attended the DAREarts' out-of-school program. With bussing generously provided by the TDSB, the students studied the 17th and 19th centuries. They enjoyed DAREarts Days of dance, music, fashion, visual arts, architecture and literature that were full of adventures relevant to the time periods being studied. They made shoes, clay gargoyles, still life paintings, top hats, bonnets and jewelled vests which they showed off at their yearend performance and showcase on February 26th. After each DAREarts Day, the children returned to their school where they shared their experiences with their classmates as part of their leadership building.

This was the second year that DAREarts has expanded to children in the Jamestown and Rexdale areas. DAREarts hopes to enable more children to have these valuable experiences in the arts by further expanding the program in 2010 to include grade seven students from this very at-risk area of Toronto.

Violinist Moshe Hammer shows a DAREarts delegate the correct way to hold a violin during their Music Day at Long & McQuade.



Grade 6 Delegates at the Gardiner Museum of Ceramics creating shoes, inspired by those they saw at the Bata Shoe Museum earlier.



Teatime, a global tradition, at Spadina House where delegates learned about this historical home and the fashion of the 19th century.

Springing Into The Arts

The Spring All-the-Arts program is well under way with 150 children representing 23 schools engaged in learning about arts and culture from the 15th century through to today. Some of these children have never left their neighbourhood, making their experiences with DAREarts all the more meaningful and inspirational to them. In the next few months, the children will be exploring museums, art galleries, theatres and many other venues across the GTA and then returning to their classroom to share what they have learned - becoming leaders in their own right!

All this culminates with their yearend showcase, 'Promenade Through Time' on June 5th. For more details, visit www.DAREarts.com.

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7th Annual Leadership Awards

On April 22nd, the 2009 Leadership Awards Gala will take place at The Liberty Grand, Exhibition Place, Toronto.

This year, DAREarts is pleased to announce that the Cultural Award will be presented to two outstanding Canadians - ballet legend Karen Kain and hockey great Paul Henderson.

Our hosts for this exciting night of celebrities and gourmet cuisine will be CTV Canada AM's Marci Ien & DAREarts mentor and acclaimed artist, Charles Pachter.

Both Karen and Paul helped expose Canada to the world while performing in the Soviet Union: Paul for his winning goal as a member of Team Canada in the '72 Canada vs Russia hockey series; Karen through her ballet silver in Russia and her ensuing dance partnership with Nureyev. Join us as we honour these two remarkable contributors to Canadian culture.

History will be made this evening with the unveiling of a painting by Charles Pachter that pays homage to Karen and a venerable symbol of Canada. This will be sold on the spot in a special live auction with the help of Joyner Waddington's. Already, this work has been called "a Canadian landmark" by professional appraisers. For your own sneak peak or to arrange your bid, call DAREarts at 905-729-0097.

Our hosts for this year's Leadership Awards will once again be Charles Pachter, Marci Ien and DAREarts Founder & President, Marilyn Field.



Cultural Award co-winners, ballet legend, Karen Kain...



...and Canadian hockey legend, Paul Henderson.

Teen Leaders

Throughout the evening of April 22nd, DAREarts will be presenting six DAREarts graduates with scholarships to assist them in furthering their education. These former delegates of DAREarts have become leaders in their own right, taking the skills they acquired during their time with DAREarts and applying them to their day-to-day lives. They have overcome their own challenges to become young adults of whom we can be proud. Join us as we celebrate their accomplishments. Hear their inspirational stories of how DAREarts helped give them skills to enable change in their lives.



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Canadian Kids - Global Reach

Children for Peace cards created by thousands of Canadian Children were purchased by generous individuals and corporations - like you! Funds raised from this year's project were used to help support Graceland Mission Home and School in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya.



Two thousand Children for Peace cards created by Canadian children are on their way to the troops in Afghanistan, thanks to students at Westside SS, Orangeville, who put messages of peace & love in Pashtu & English into each card. Representatives from the Canadian Armed Forces were on hand to thank the students and ensure the cards make it overseas to our troops.

"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

Help DAREarts empower at risk kids!

Yes! I/We would like to support DAREarts using arts education to empower 'at-risk' children. See the benefits of membership at 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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Thank you!

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Statistics

Principals reported...

- 100% approval rating of DAREarts programs
- 86% saw improvement in students' attitude
- 68% of students' academic marks improved

Save the Date



The 2009 DAREarts Leadership Awards is April 22nd at The Liberty Grand. Canadian cultural icons, Karen Kain and Paul Henderson receive DAREarts Cultural Awards. To reserve your place for a truly inspiring evening, call 905-729-0097.

The spring showcase, 'Promenade Through Time' is June 5th. Join 150 delegates as they exhibit their artwork and showcase their talents.

Visit www.DAREarts.com for all upcoming events.

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