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Snapshot

Children with Love, Children for Peace

Inundated with thousands of imaginative cards, we are currently in the midst of another successful Centipede Children For Peace card project. The Headwaters sales event at The Alder Centre in Orangeville on October 17th earned over \$800 for children in Afghanistan, and we are continuing to sell original cards at local craft shows, The Alton Mill and Theatre Orangeville. Through the creativity and generosity of almost 3,000 local students we will once again be able to send cards to children in Afghanistan, communicating their messages of peace and friendship across the globe. Our students have a tenacious desire to improve the lives of children in need - they just need your support to make that difference. To purchase cards, please call us at 905-729-0097.



Season's Greetings

One of thousands of original Children For Peace cards

All That Jazz

Having doubled in size from its inaugural season, the children's choir is surpassing all expectations! We are currently empowering over 400 children to build their confidence and sense of community through the shared discovery of jazz music. With master musicians Howard Rees and Brian Katz at the helm, children are actively experiencing the beauty and creative power of music in a safe, inclusive environment that nurtures their own artistic energies, self-awareness and imagination. Most have little access to music education and we are proud to watch as their feelings of discomfort and resistance shift to confidence and pride. At Koerner Hall at 7pm on Thursday, January 28th, 2010, jazz legend Dr. Barry Harris will be our special guest as the children perform with students from St. Joseph's College School, St. Michael's Choir School, Earl Haig S.S., the Toronto Jazz Chorus and Howard Rees' Trio.

Dr. Barry Harris, jazz legend, and Marilyn Field, Founder & President of DAREarts, inspire the children at their first choir rehearsal



Over 400 children are taking part in this year's Jazz Choir

A Message from the Founder

Change is life's reality. For 14 years, DareArts has been introducing arts programs to change the lives of at-risk Canadian children. We knew that violence in our schools was one result of the arts being let go. Over the years, we have made a difference to over 100,000 kids, proving that the arts do allow our children to arm themselves with tools like self-esteem, confidence, curiosity and passion to make positive change in their lives.

In "Toronto's Vital Signs," the Toronto Community Foundation brought to light how socioeconomic disparities across the GTA have far-reaching consequences. In 2008, half of all Toronto District School Board students from JK to Grade 6 came from lower-income families. One quarter of those children had no after-school activities. "Between 3 to 6 p.m., unsupervised children are more likely to engage in gang-related or delinquent behaviour, or become victims of crime," the report showed.

Recently, other organizations have joined DareArts' grass roots approach in taking on this challenge so that, now, there are numerous after-school arts programs available for children across the GTA.

But this is just the beginning. It is still our task in this shaky, violent world to 'dare' more of our children to create positive change in themselves and in those around them. Please help us in helping our children who just need a nudge in the right direction.



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"This program changed our child's life." - Marie Foley, parent

DAREarts in Webequie - Year 3

Once again, a team of DAREarts artist-as-teachers visited the remote aboriginal community of Webequie to work creatively with the students of Simon Jacob Memorial Education Centre. Actor & artist Cathy Elliott, Juno award winning songwriter Glenn Marais, filmographer Peter Elliott and videographer John Cowling. Unique photo artwork and the song "Don't Stop" resulted.

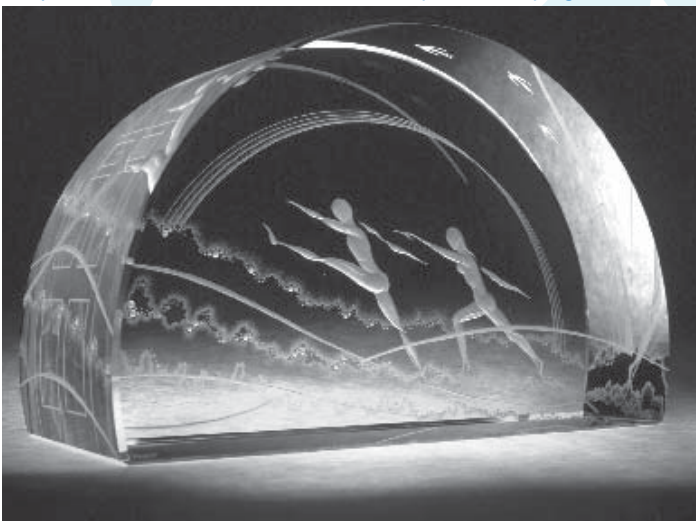
Thirty teens were armed with both digital and video cameras to capture images from their environment. They were then taught how to manipulate the images using computer software. The results are amazing! As well, the youth wrote, performed and recorded an original song. A video montage combined the photos and song. See the results in the multimedia section of www.darearts.com.

All three DAREarts visits have been filmed by Peter Elliott and the children. A full length documentary is currently in the works. Three years ago, these children did not even want to make eye contact with our team; this year, they gave interviews in which they spoke of their hopes and goals for the future. With your help, DAREarts can continue to change the lives of these children and others whose communities have been scarred by the devastating effects of poverty, alcoholism, isolation and suicide.

DAREarts' Human Spirit Values

During the summer, Garrison Creek Daycare participated in DAREarts' Human Spirit Values program. Each week emphasized one of the values – Empathy, Respect, Honesty, Kindness, Confidence, Persistence, and Health. The children demonstrated these values through art and in play and were encouraged to use them throughout each day. When problems arose on the playground, they discussed which value could have been used to avoid the problem. They discussed how to continue these values at school, home and daycare. At the end of summer, an awards ceremony acknowledged each child and what value the child demonstrated the most during the summer.

Leap of Faith, from the DAREarts' Human Spirit Values program



The youth from Webequie created music and poetry which was then recorded and edited



Webequie teens share photos taken during the visit from DAREarts

All the Arts 2010

We are currently gearing up for a strong fourteenth 'All the Arts' season, empowering 300 at-risk Canadian children to become leaders in their communities through arts education. Registrations are coming in, artists and venues are booked (including the AGO, CBC, ROM, Design Exchange, and Toronto Public Library), and the NW1 delegates are getting excited! The Winter Program begins on Monday January 11th, culminating in a Year End Performance at 7pm on Friday, February 26th at North Albion Collegiate Institute. To see this inspirational smorgasbord of dance, drama, music, fashion, design, literature, and visual arts please call 905-729-0097.

The Spring program begins in March and already requests are coming in from students and parents to participate. It won't be long before a waiting list forms, with the demand for the program far exceeding our current capacity. Through your generosity, we hope to expand to meet this demand. There are still so many vulnerable children who need this program as an alternative to the violence and gangs that ravage their neighbourhoods.

Design Community Gives Back

The 'Weavers Art ERA Rug Design Competition' was developed by Johane Lefrançois-Deignan of JNSQ Design, and Catherine Shea of Weavers Art, to showcase Canadian talent. The result will be a silent auction featuring the top 10 winning carpet designs at the 2010 Interior Design Show, January 21st to January 24th. DAREarts is proud to be the recipient of proceeds raised by the auction, along with RugMark who promote ethical carpet and rug production. The rugs will then be on exhibit at Weavers Art Contemporary Culture. Orders will be taken for a limited number of rugs with a percentage of all sales to be donated to DAREarts and RugMark. For more details, visit the Events section of www.DAREarts.com.

West Side Story

This summer, twenty-five DAREarts teens participated in our week-long drama camp, lead by teacher-actors Adam Waxman, Cathy Elliott and Joanna Hogan. The campers related 'West Side Story' to the gangs and violence of their own neighbourhoods. A trip to Stratford to see the play and meet with two of the actors gave them the materials they needed to script a new ending, a performance of which was their camp finale.

Born Yesterday

The results are in: The 2009 DAREarts Shaw Festival Trip was a huge success! Our teens were given a backstage tour, pre-show drama workshop, and Q&A session with Allan the Stage Manager. After a deliciously healthy lunch, everyone settled in to watch the critically acclaimed production of 'Born Yesterday'. The teens were thrilled; their learning and delight were proven by the animated and topical discussions that filled the bus on the way home. This theatrical escape from the city had most delegates asking for more - through the fun, they were able to connect to the relatable themes of power, violence against women and the importance of believing in yourself. Thanks to Lombard Insurance for their generous sponsorship.

DAREarts teens were inspired by a day in Niagara-on-the-Lake courtesy of Lombard Canada.



'West Side Story' bound teens tour Stratford's costume warehouse.



Drama exercises make everyone the centre of attention!

New Champion Mentors

We are pleased to welcome three new Champion Mentors to DAREarts, inspiring even more children to become leaders in their own right:

Morgan Freeman, Actor & Producer

Gen. Rick Hillier (Ret.), Former Chief of Defence Staff

Peter Oundjian, Director, Toronto Symphony Orchestra

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You can now donate directly to DAREarts through our website using PayPal - a safe and secure way to donate online. You will receive a tax receipt for the full amount of your donation when you use PayPal.

Vancouver 2010

After fourteen years of success across Canada, DAREarts' remarkable arts education program is coming to the children of Vancouver! With the help of local sponsor OPUS Art & Design Media, DAREarts will be running a one week program for at-risk children during June, 2010. If you would like to support this initiative, please call 1-888-540-2787. Together we will bring DAREarts to the kids of Vancouver.

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.



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Save These Dates

January 21st - 24th
2010 Interior Design show featuring ERA winning carpet designs with proceeds to DAREarts

January 28th, 7 pm
The Howard Rees/DAREarts Jazz Choir will perform in the new Koerner Hall of the Royal Conservatory of Music. Enjoy the power of over 500 voices!

April 29th, 5:30 pm
The Leadership Awards Gala will take place April 29th at The Liberty Grand. This is an exciting night of celebrities, gourmet cuisine and DAREarts. Six graduates will receive scholarships to assist them in furthering their education plus the Cultural Award will be presented to an outstanding supporter of Canadian culture.

For ticket information, please call 905-729-0097 or 1-888-540-2787.

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