

## Showcasing Artists

We are excited to share that **65%** of the artists are brand new to ArtStarts and the remaining **35%** are showcasing a new show!

### Dance

Grupo America Dance Company  
Just Us - Jo Jo Dancer & Erica Dee  
Las Sombras Flamenco

### Interdisciplinary

Heath Tarlin Entertainment Inc.  
Epoch Youth Project

### Music

Bushido  
Fana Soro  
Francis Arevalo  
Ginalina West Coast Music  
Krystle Dos Santos  
Rhythm Resource  
The Blues Berries  
Tic Toc  
Twin Kennedy  
Zac Gauthier

### Theatre

Hip Hop Hoop Dance  
Stephanie Morin Robert  
Vancouver TheatreSports League

### Storytelling

Kellie Haines Ventriloquist  
Shayna Jones

## What's New

ArtStarts is actively working to **increase representation of equity-seeking artists in order to ensure that young people see themselves represented** in arts programming at school. This year, we prioritized the following equity-seeking groups during the Showcase application and selection process:

- Artists of colour, especially Indigenous and Black women
- Artists who identify as LGBTQ2QIA\*, especially LGBTQ2QIA artists of colour
- *\*Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Two-Spirit, Queer or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual*
- Artists living with a visible or invisible disability, especially disabled artists of colour

We are committed to providing students with accessible arts-based experiences in their schools and consider an intentional representation of equity groups an important part of this commitment.

We believe the artists in this year's Showcase are reflected through this mandate and believe that you will be inspired by their multifaceted performances.