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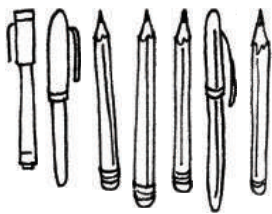
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DEAR COMMUNITY OF SUPPORTERS,



This annual report highlights the accomplishments of ArtStarts in Schools in 2015. We hope this information demonstrates the impact we are making in young people's lives in British Columbia by providing them with the artistic experiences to explore the arts and their own creativity.

This year, ArtStarts invited us all to *discover*. I have accepted that invitation in my personal and professional life over the past year, and looked for ways to discover new skills and ideas to spark my own creativity. It has been an honour also to discover inspiration, connections and community impact within our arts and education communities and our Board of Directors.

Our Board of Directors is comprised of talented and dedicated community members who contribute their experience and expertise to the development and governance of ArtStarts. The deliberate balance of artist, educator, and community member perspectives catalyzes engaging and rewarding discussions, supporting the organization to achieve artistic and organizational growth.

Thanks to all those who have been involved in ArtStarts over the years, our longstanding vision and mission are clear, well understood and strongly supported by Board members, staff and other stakeholders. We currently have a well-developed three year Strategic Plan in place to guide the Board and staff to ensure the organization's health and sustainability, and to support programs that promote the value of arts in education.

We sincerely appreciate the support of our generous funders, sponsors, donors, volunteers and staff. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank each individual for contributing their time, talent and treasure to advancing the cause of ArtStarts' mission.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to create meaningful opportunities for young people to thrive in and through the arts.

Warmly,
Lynda Gerty

Board President
ArtStarts in Schools



DISCOVER was a guiding theme for ArtStarts throughout 2015.

For us, discovery is not a goal—it is a journey. To discover is to look at the world in a new way, to try new things, to experiment, to engage with the unknown. It means being open to learning, to embracing unexpected outcomes. It is the creative process.

At our annual ArtStarts Showcase and Conference, delegates discovered a diverse range of talented performing artists to bring into their schools and communities across British Columbia and beyond. They were eager to discover how their students would engage with these artists—and how they would be inspired to discover their own creative talents.

Through professional development opportunities and in classrooms, artists and educators discovered how working together can inspire new ideas and spark creativity for students of all ages—including themselves.

Exhibitions in the ArtStarts Gallery highlighted many examples of creative discoveries, including the learning that took place in our Infusion Cohort program, in which teachers learned and collaborated with professional artists to discover how arts integration could infuse their practice.

The arts are an invitation to take the first step on your own journey. Who knows what you might discover?

ARTSTARTS IN 2015

\$1,196,903

disbursed as grants to schools and school districts to support artistic activity throughout BC

2,442

people visited the ArtStarts Gallery for exhibitions of young people's art and community events

187

artists listed in 2 ArtStarts directories

1

new grant was launched

2,327

young people and their families attended free workshops at the ArtStarts Gallery and River Market

17,868

students participated in projects supported by Artists in the Classroom grants in the 2014-15 school year

1,953

performances in urban, rural and remote BC schools

217

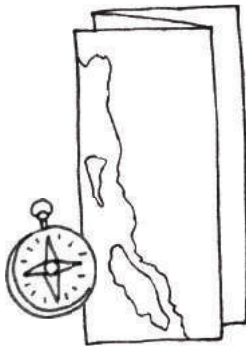
volunteer hours to install ArtStarts Gallery exhibitions

587

people wove on our community loom outside the ArtStarts Gallery

\$1,555,417

income earned by 86 touring artists performing across BC



ABOUT ARTSTARTS IN SCHOOLS

Our Reach

Founded in 1996, ArtStarts in Schools is a not-for-profit organization that promotes art and creativity among British Columbia's young people.

From Kindergarten to Grade 12, in public and private schools throughout the province, ArtStarts supports a wide range of arts-based experiences that activate learning for young people.

Our administrative hub is located in downtown Vancouver, above the ArtStarts Gallery, the first gallery in Canada devoted to young people's art. We gratefully acknowledge the City of Vancouver for granting us this facility as part of their Cultural Amenity Bonus program.

Our Mission

ArtStarts in Schools provides innovative arts programs for young people, practical resources for teachers and artists, and leadership in advocacy for arts in education.

Our Vision

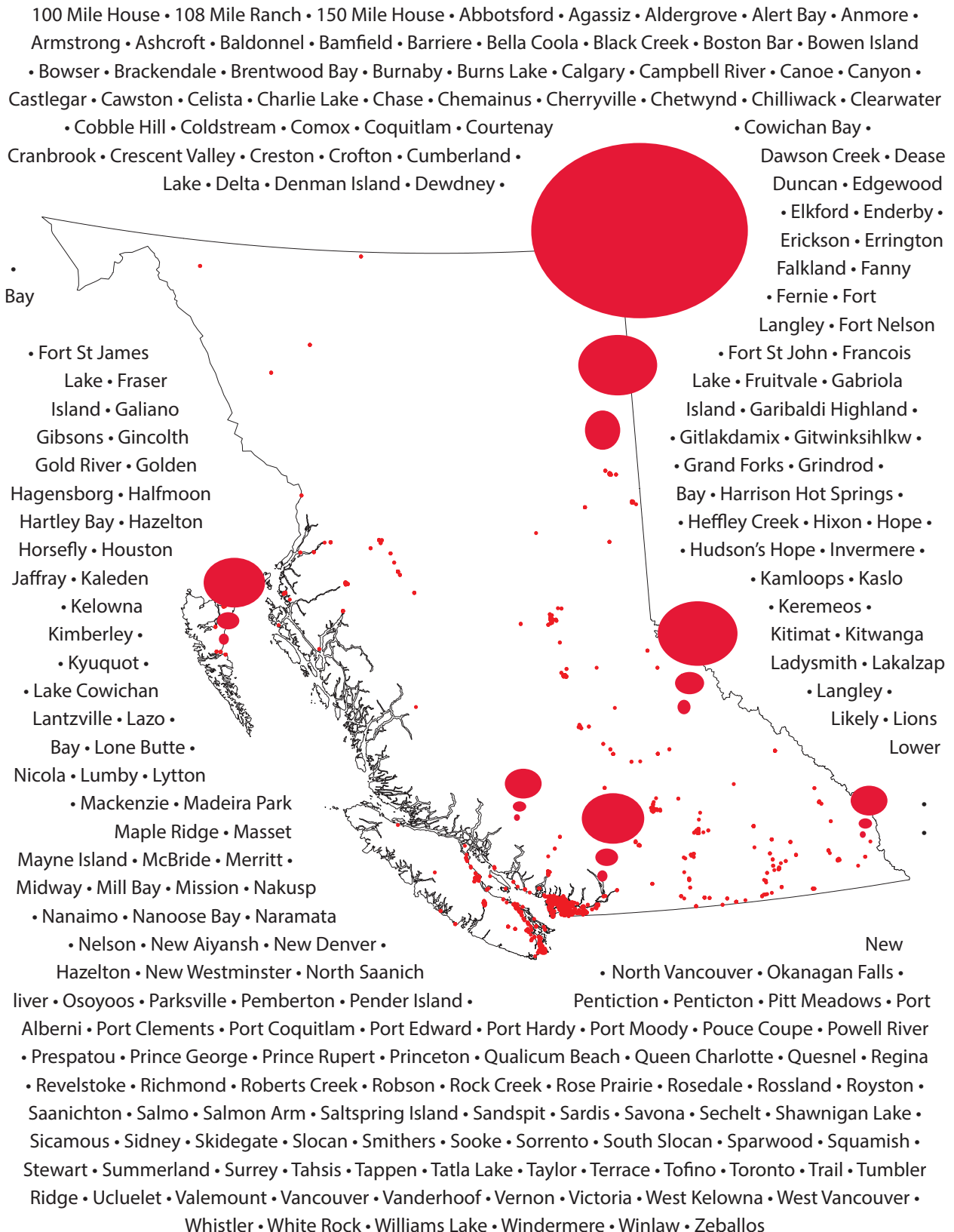
ArtStarts envisions a society where the arts are regarded as an essential part of educating young people and a catalyst for creating innovative, engaged and contributing members of society. ArtStarts in Schools has a leadership role in transforming the way children and youth are engaged, in and through the arts, and in promoting the value of the arts in young lives.

Our Core Values

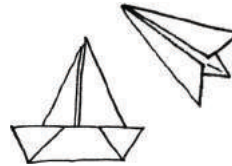
What matters most to ArtStarts are accessibility, diversity, quality and integrity. These core values inform everything we do.

Each year, ArtStarts provides over 640,000 unique arts experiences for young people in urban, rural and remote communities across British Columbia.

ARTSTARTS IS ACTIVE IN OVER 200 COMMUNITIES ACROSS BC



BOOKING AND TOURING



Each year ArtStarts' Booking and Touring program brings close to 2,000 performances into schools and communities across BC.

With a roster of over 80 professional performing artist groups, ArtStarts provides schools and communities in urban, rural and remote regions of BC with access to high quality, professional artists. ArtStarts is the bridge that connects schools to new and exciting performers, and likewise connects artists to new audiences for their work.

Juried by a selection committee of educators, artists and arts administrators, presenters can rest assured that the artists on the ArtStarts roster are of the highest quality and suitable for their young audiences.

ArtStarts offers an efficient, convenient and cost-effective booking and touring service, taking care of the logistics and administration of bringing artists into schools and communities.

Through this program, schools can expose their students to a wide range of arts performances and workshops, allowing young people to experience new art forms and new perspectives. We hope these experiences will inspire young minds to try something new, explore new ways of thinking and spark their own creativity.

Artists in the ArtStarts directory represent an outstanding range of cultural traditions and disciplines, including music, dance, theatre, storytelling and interdisciplinary arts. High-calibre artistic experiences of all kinds are waiting to be discovered in ArtStarts' Artists on Tour Directory, from traditional Chinese instrumental music to contemporary hip-hop and rap; from Aboriginal storytelling to spoken word poetry; from classical ballet to free-style modern dance, and much, much more...

artstarts.com/aotd



Artists on Tour 2014–15

Aché Brasil • African Stages Association of BC • Andy the Musical Scientist • Anne Glover • Axé Capoeira • Axis Theatre Company • Aytahn Ross • Ballet Victoria • Blues Berries • Boris Sichon • Brendan McLeod • Cadence • Canadiana Musical Theatre Company • Compaigni V'ni Dansi • Dancers of Damelahamid • Dianna David • Digital Guise • DuffleBag Theatre • Dumpsta Dragons • Erik de Waal • Fana Soro • Faustwork Mask Theatre • Flyin' Bob • Foothills Brass Quintet • Gérald Laroche • Goh Ballet Youth Company • Green Thumb Theatre • Grupo América • Heath Tarlin Entertainment • HOJA • Infinitus • Iskwew Singers • Ivan Coyote • Jacky Essombe • Jamie Oliviero • Kellie Haines • Khac Chi Bamboo Music •



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE ARTISTS PERFORM AT YOUR SCHOOL?

... TO INSPIRE PEOPLE AND OPEN A PATH TO THEIR DREAMS.

... PERFORMANCES HELP CONNECT STUDENTS TO THE POSSIBILITIES OF A CAREER IN THE ARTS – A CHANCE TO HAVE ROLE MODELS IN THE ARTS.

... IT INTRODUCES US TO NEW CULTURES WE HAVEN'T SEEN BEFORE.

... TO UNDERSTAND AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE DIVERSITY OF ART AND CULTURES IN THE WORLD.

– GRADE 9 STUDENTS AT LORD BYNG SECONDARY, VANCOUVER



Kikeyambay • Kinnie Starr • KUNDA African Culture Music and Dance • Kung Jaadee (Roberta Kennedy) • Lapis • Les Bûcherons • Lowry Olafson • Luv2Groove Dance • Marimba Muzuva • Masabo • Mat Velvet and Charlie Show • Melanie Ray • Metaphor • Michael Mitchell • Milton Randall • Monster Theatre • Motivational Magic with Steve Harmer • Pangaea Arts • Paul Silveria • Project Soul • Purple Pirate Entertainment • Red Sky Performance • Rock the Arts • Rumba Calzada • RupLoops • SAM2 by ScrapArtsMusic • Sand Northrup - One Woman Circus • Shameless Hussy Productions • Shaun Boothe • Sheldon Casavant • Silk Road Music • South Asian Arts • Speed Control • Story Theatre Company • TapCo • Teddy Anderson • The Kerplunks • The Wheat in the Barley • Théâtre la Seizième • Tiller's Folly • Trent Arterberry • Tribal Vision Dance • Unison • Uzume Taiko • Vancouver Chinese Music Ensemble • Vancouver TheatreSports League • Vazzy in New France • West Coast Chamber Music • Will Stroet and his Backyard Band



ARTSTARTS SHOWCASE AND CONFERENCE

The ArtStarts Showcase and Conference is Western Canada's most important performing arts showcase and conference for arts programmers interested in booking performances for young audiences.

Ninety delegates attended this year's event from February 25 to 27, 2015, representing 47 school districts and 12 community arts organizations.

Thirty professional artist groups showcased excerpts from their performances, representing a broad range of disciplines and cultural traditions. Delegates were able to further interact with artists in the Contact Room, new in 2015.

Delegates and artists took part in hands-on workshops such as *Arts Integration through Music and Theatre*; *Gallery as Classroom*, *Classroom as Gallery* and *Don't Yuck My Yum! Creativity is Messy*, presented by keynote speaker Melanie Rothschild. Regional lunches, receptions and an evening social event allowed delegates to connect with fellow arts champions.

artstarts.com/showcase

Read more

artstarts.com/stories/artstarts-showcase-and-conference-2015

**I FOUND THE SHOWCASES
RE-ENERGIZING IN THAT MY OWN
CREATIVE PROCESS RECEIVED A
KICKSTART AND I HAD A MILLION
IDEAS RACING THROUGH MY MIND.**

— SHOWCASE DELEGATE



Showcasing Artists in 2015

* New Artist

Dance • Dancers of Damelahamid • Goh Ballet Youth Company • Jacky Essombe • Paul Silveria* • TapCo • Tribal Vision Dance

Music • Andy the Musical Scientist* • Blues Berries • Boris Sichon • Digital Guise • Foothills Brass Quintet* • Lapis • Metaphor • Unison*

Storytelling • Brendan McLeod* • Ivan Coyote

Theatre • Axis Theatre Company • Monster Theatre • Red Sky Performance • Story Theatre Company • Vancouver TheatreSports® League

Interdisciplinary • Aché Brasil • African Stages Association of BC • Aytahn Ross* • Mat Velvet and Charlie Show • Motivational Magic with Steve Harmer • Purple Pirate Entertainment* • Rock the Arts • Shaun Boothe* • West Coast Chamber Music*

Workshops for Teachers and Artists

Artists in the Classroom: Writing a Successful Grant Application • Arts Integration through Music and Theatre • Born to Sing and Dance • Don't Yuck My Yum! Creativity is Messy • Gallery as Classroom, Classroom as Gallery • Media that Matters: Technology, Creativity and Empowerment • Mind Craft: Innovative Word Play, Poetic Forms and Story Starters for Inspired, Improvised and Improved Writing • Our Story: A Transformational Journey of a Catchment School to an Emerging Arts-Based School • Transferring Everyday Objects into Art



INFUSION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Through professional learning opportunities for artists and teachers, Infusion provides practical resources and approaches that can enhance the way artists, educators and young people are engaged in and through the arts.

artstarts.com/infusion

THIS WORKSHOP REALLY GOT ME THINKING ABOUT HOW WE APPROACH CREATIVITY AS A TOPIC IN THE CLASSROOM.

— TEACHER

Making Spaces: Transforming a Classroom Through the Creative Process

On October 23, 2015, ArtStarts welcomed 51 educators to take part in the annual province-wide teacher professional development day. Artists Caroline Ballhorn and Jenny Lee Craig of Tin Can Studio led a workshop on zine-making and shared insights into their own experiences working in schools, and ArtStarts Program Manager Elfred Matining facilitated *Gallery as a Classroom, Classroom as a Gallery*, exploring how to activate spaces through a curatorial and design-thinking approach.

Art Fundamentals

In November 2014, ArtStarts launched Art Fundamentals, a series of monthly workshops for teachers and artists that explore various artistic disciplines in visual and performing arts. These hands-on workshops led by professional artists were an opportunity to explore the theory and practice behind basic art forms, grow creative confidence and discover ways to implement arts-based activities in the classroom.

Seven Art Fundamentals workshops were held in 2015: *Movement and Long Exposure Photography* with Julia Carr and Meghan Goodman • *A Daily Creative Practice* with Marisa Pahl • *Fun, Focus and No Apologies* with Susan Bertoia • *Born to Sing and Dance* with Anna Baignoche • *Looking Around* with Cathy Stubington • *Education in Motion* with Lee Kwidzinski • *Collective Creativity* with Colette Lisoway





I APPRECIATE
THE REMINDER
THAT ART CAN BE
USED AS A TOOL
TO EXPRESS
LEARNING. PAPER
AND PENCIL
NEED NOT
DOMINATE OUR
CLASSROOMS.

– TEACHER

Arts Integration Learning Labs

Two Arts Integration Learning Labs were held in 2015. In March, artists from BC's North gathered in Prince George for a five-day professional learning event. Starting in November, artists from in and around the Lower Mainland attended the first of five monthly sessions, running through to March 2016.

Grounded in principles of arts integration, these events are designed to support artists' capacity to work with educators and students in meaningful and relevant ways.

Professional Development in Schools

This year, ArtStarts collaborated with many BC schools to design and deliver professional development opportunities for teachers and administrators in their own schools. ArtStarts staff and professional artists worked together to meet the individual needs of various school communities interested in learning more about arts integration.

Infusion Cohort Program

The Infusion Cohort Program was an intensive and sustained professional learning program for artists and teachers focused on arts integration in schools across BC. From 2012 to 2015, six schools across the province partnered with six professional artists to discover and develop ways to bring arts integration based practices into their classrooms.

Learning and artwork resulting from the Infusion Cohort Program was featured in an exhibition at the ArtStarts Gallery entitled *At the Intersection: Where Art and Education Meet*, from April to September 2015.

I HAVE NEW AND
EXCITING IDEAS FOR
HOW TO EXPLORE
ARTS INTEGRATION –
AND EMPLOY
MEDIUMS AND WORK
WITH PARTNERS
THAT I HAD NOT
CONSIDERED BEFORE.

– ARTIST

***Read the Arts Integration
in Action guest blog***

artstarts.com/stories/tag/action

THIS EXPERIENCE
WAS A TRUE GIFT,
FEEDING MY NEED
TO BRING MY ART
PRACTICE INTO THE
CLASSROOM.

– ARTIST

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

ARTSTARTS GALLERY

The ArtStarts Gallery is the first in Canada devoted exclusively to young people's art. Since the gallery opened in 2006, our exhibitions have celebrated the exciting artwork that emerges when students, educators and professional artists work together to deepen learning, creativity and community connections. The ArtStarts Gallery is free for visitors of all ages to explore.

In 2015, we began opening the gallery to the public on Sundays to allow more families in the community the opportunity to visit on weekends.

Photos and videos of exhibitions can be viewed in our virtual gallery at artstarts.com/gallery

At the Intersection: Where Art and Education Meet

April 25 to September 27, 2015

This exhibition featured the Infusion Cohort Program, in which six professional artists collaborated with a team of educators in six elementary schools across BC over three years to discover and develop ways to bring arts integration practices into the classroom.



Start: A YoungStarters Exhibition

September 9 to 27, 2015

YoungStarters is a free arts mentorship program that invited teens in the foster care system to take the lead in individual art-based projects. *Start*, an exhibition of their artwork, was featured on the second floor of the ArtStarts Gallery.



Common Ground

October 17, 2015 to March 27, 2016

Students explored their local landscape and its relationship with the people, animals and plants that live there. Dynamic environments and ecosystems became hubs for artistic investigations. Experiential learning provided opportunities for students to engage in diverse art forms such as drawing, weaving, felting, printmaking and embroidery.





LOVE WHAT YOU
CONTRIBUTE TO THE
COMMUNITY! CREATIVITY
MAKES LIFE WORTH LIVING!

I LOVE THE FUN AND
INTERACTIVE BITS OF THE
GALLERY. EVERY KID HAS
PRODUCED WONDERFUL
WORK AND HERE'S TO
SEEING MORE!

I LEARNED SO MUCH! WHAT
AN AMAZING AND SPECIAL
PLACE.

THE ARTWORK HERE
IS A WONDERFUL
REPRESENTATION OF
TALENTED KIDS AND YOUTH
IN OUR COMMUNITY.

— GALLERY VISITORS



**Read our feature on the
TATE Gallery's Art Exchange**

tate.org.uk/learn/bpartexchange/featured-gallery



FREE ARTS WORKSHOPS FOR FAMILIES

Each month, ArtStarts presents free workshops for families with some of the best children's artists across artistic disciplines and cultural traditions.

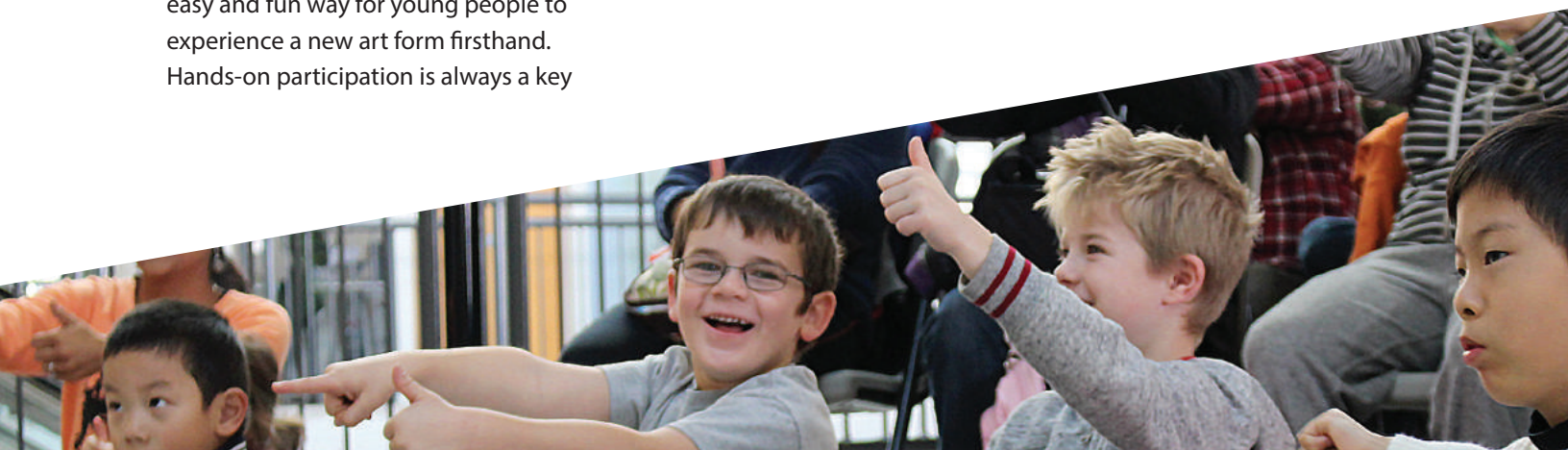
ArtStarts on Saturdays is held on the last Saturday of the month at the ArtStarts Gallery in downtown Vancouver and **ArtStarts at River Market** takes place the following day in New Westminster.

These accessible events bring the community together and offer an easy and fun way for young people to experience a new art form firsthand. Hands-on participation is always a key

part of the day, and kids head home with a new or enlivened passion for the arts.

Each event brings families together to enjoy the arts. In 2015, **2,327 kids and their families** took part in these creative workshops.

artstarts.com/events



COMING TO ARTSTARTS IS ALWAYS
THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEKEND.

– PARENT



WHAT A GREAT
WAY TO TEACH
INQUIRING MINDS
ABOUT LIFE.

– PARENT



THIS WAS FANTASTIC TO EXPOSE KIDS TO MUSIC.
YOUR GROUP IS SO ENGAGING AND EXCELLENT AT
GETTING THE KIDS – AND PARENTS – TO PARTICIPATE!

– PARENT

Workshops in 2015



Fun and Play! with Vazzy — *Interdisciplinary*

The Little Prince with Monster Theatre — *Theatre*

My Space as a Self-Portrait Collage with Kyra Kelpin — *Visual Arts*

Storytelling Improv with Carmel Amit and Theatrical Wonderland — *Interdisciplinary*

The Art of Capoeira with Axé Capoeira — *Interdisciplinary*

Musical Adventures of Marco Polo with Boris Sichon — *Music*

Exploring the Reggio Approach with Collage Collage — *Visual Arts*

Music for Movies, Games and Videos with Digital Guise — *Music*

Hamelin: A New Fable with Axis Theatre Company — *Theatre*

Seeds for Bees with Lori Weidenhammer — *Visual Arts*

Elements with Metaphor — *Music*

**Watch a video about the community impact
of our monthly workshop series**

artstarts.com/stories/westminstersavings-rivermarket



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The community is invited into the ArtStarts Gallery and Resource Centre for interactive events such as Family Day, Canada Day, National Aboriginal Day, Vancouver Draw Down, Culture Days and A Good Book Drive. Tours of the ArtStarts Gallery, as well as joint tours with our neighbours at the Contemporary Art Gallery, are available to schools and other groups. Tours with hands-on workshops are also offered.

Our resource library is stocked with books on arts integration, activating creativity and other topics, and our reading corner for kids invites visitors to curl up with a good book. The Gallery, Lab and Cherniavsky Boardroom are also available to rent by the community to host events.

Family Day

This day-long celebration of families brought participants of all ages together to take part in yoga, storytelling, art-making and a movie.

Vancouver Draw Down and National Aboriginal Day

Our *Draw and Tell* event led by Aboriginal artists engaged families through Northwest Coast storytelling and making their own button blankets.

River Fest

ArtStarts joined Westminster Savings at River Market for a community celebration of the Fraser River. We invited families to learn about local varieties of salmon and try their hand at printmaking.



YOUNGSTARTERS

I LOVED SHARING
MY IDEAS AND
THOUGHTS
WITH EVERYONE
AND HEARING
OTHER PEOPLE
SHARE THEIR
EXPERIENCE.

— YOUNGSTARTER

YoungStarters is a free arts mentorship program that invited teens in the foster care system to take the lead in individual art-based projects. In 2015, nine teens gathered at the ArtStarts Lab over the course of seven days to explore creativity, different art practices and what it means to be a part of a community.

Local artists facilitated exploratory workshops in painting, writing, photography and slam poetry.

The teens worked individually on art projects, re-grouping to discuss their creative process. *Start*, an exhibition of their artwork, was featured on the second floor of the ArtStarts Gallery.

artstarts.com/youngstarters



ART CONNECTION

Art Connection was a series of workshops designed with elementary students and their families in mind. Activities revolved around the theme of the exhibition, *At the Intersection: Where Art and Education Meet*, which explored how learning in different subject areas can be activated through the arts. Can you learn Pi and geometry while drawing mandalas? Can you learn the science behind various local insects through printmaking?

Over the course of four Saturdays from May to July, families gathered at ArtStarts for hands-on workshops to explore arts integration and to build strong community connections.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

FOR SCHOOLS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS & ARTISTS

ArtStarts in Schools disburses a variety of grants to schools, school districts and artists across British Columbia to help ensure that the arts remain an essential part of educating young people.

ARTS IN EDUCATION COUNCIL OF BC FUND

The Arts in Education Council of BC Fund offers grants of **up to \$500** to support teachers' professional development in the arts.

These grants can be used to assist in the presentation or attendance of professional development workshops, clinics or seminars designed to increase the appreciation of the arts for Kindergarten to Grade 12 teachers in BC schools.

Application intakes took place in April and October 2015. ArtStarts disbursed **\$1,000** in 2015.

This fund is a legacy of the Arts in Education Council of BC.

artstarts.com/aiecbc



Davis Bay Elementary (Sechelt)	\$300
École Mountainview (Terrace)	\$200
Hastings Elementary (Vancouver)	\$500





CHERNIAVSKY'S MR MUSIC FUND

Cherniavsky's Mr Music Fund encourages and assists young people to attend quality live performances of classical and traditional music, opera and ballet. Grants of **up to \$500** are available to support schools in purchasing tickets for students.

ArtStarts disbursed **\$16,878** to **48 schools** to support **5,615 students** to attend classical and traditional performances in 2015.

Supported by the Cherniavsky Junior Club for the Performing Arts Society, Cherniavsky's Mr Music Fund was named after an endowment created by Jan Cherniavsky, a world-renowned classical pianist.

artstarts.com/cherniavsky



Bayview Community Elementary (Vancouver)	\$288.00	Stawamus Elementary (Squamish)	\$153.00
Black Mountain Elementary (Kelowna)	\$500.00	St Pius X Elementary School (North Vancouver)	\$495.00
Credo Christian Elementary (Langley)	\$198.00	Twelfth Avenue Elementary (Burnaby)	\$500.00
Dorothea Walker Elementary (Kelowna)	\$500.00	Urban Academy (New Westminster)	\$500.00
École les Aiglons (Squamish)	\$500.00	Valleycliffe Elementary (Squamish)	\$500.00
Ellison Elementary (Kelowna)	\$500.00	Vermilion Forks Elementary (Princeton)	\$180.00
Family Montessori School (Vancouver)	\$63.00	West Heights Elementary (Mission)	\$490.20
Forest Grove Elementary (Burnaby)	\$500.00	West-Mont School (Victoria)	\$450.00
Immaculate Conception School (Delta)	\$500.00	Westside Montessori Academy (Vancouver)	\$117.00
James Cameron School (Maple Ridge)	\$207.00	Aspenwood Elementary (Port Moody)	\$500.00
John Knox Christian School (Burnaby)	\$184.50	Bench Elementary (Cowichan Bay)	\$180.00
Kelowna Waldorf School (Kelowna)	\$396.00	Devon Gardens Elementary (Delta)	\$216.00
King's Christian School (Salmon Arm)	\$147.60	Gilmore Community Elementary (Burnaby)	\$500.00
Lord Roberts Annex (Vancouver)	\$500.00	Herbert Spencer Elementary (New Westminster)	\$500.00
Mount Pleasant Elementary (Vancouver)	\$500.00	Simonds Elementary (Langley)	\$274.50
Mulgrave School (West Vancouver)	\$500.00	Studio 9 Independent School of the Arts (Kelowna)	\$194.40
Nanaimo District Secondary (Nanaimo)	\$112.50	Captain James Cook Elementary (Vancouver)	\$99.00
Our Lady of Good Counsel (Surrey)	\$283.50	M V Beattie Elementary (Enderby)	\$100.80
Our Lady of Lourdes School (Westbank)	\$468.00	Concordia Lutheran School (Penticton)	\$133.20
Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Vancouver)	\$500.00	Blacklock Fine Arts Elementary (Langley)	\$500.00
Our Lady of Sorrows School (Vancouver)	\$274.50	Alexis Park Elementary (Vernon)	\$500.00
Our Lady of the Assumption School (Port Coquitlam)	\$500.00	School District 62 (Victoria)	\$500.00
Penticton Community Christian School (Penticton)	\$133.20		
Renfrew Elementary (Vancouver)	\$364.50		
Richmond Christian School (Richmond)	\$337.50		
Sir Matthew Begbie Elementary (Vancouver)	\$337.50		

COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST: AIC & CREATIVE SPARK COLUMBIA BASIN

In 2015, Columbia Basin Trust through the Kootenay Columbia Cultural Alliance supported Artists in the Classroom grants, disbursing **\$14,000** to support professional artists working with students in schools in BC's Columbia Basin region.

artstarts.com/aic



Eileen Madison Primary (Invermere)	\$3,611
Nakusp Elementary (Nakusp)	\$2,340
Blewett Elementary (Nelson)	\$1,515
Elkford Secondary (Elkford)	\$2,226
Kootenay Orchards Elementary (Cranbrook)	\$2,310
T M Roberts Elementary (Cranbrook)	\$1,998

In addition, a new grant was launched called Neighbourhood Small Grants: Creative Spark. This new opportunity provides grants of **up to \$1,000** and supports professional artists in all disciplines living and working in the Columbia Basin region to engage young people in schools and communities in arts-based projects.

ArtStarts disbursed a total of **\$10,975** in Creative Spark grants to artists, which reached **381 young people**.

artstarts.com/creativesparkcolumbiabasin





ARTISTS IN THE CLASSROOM

Artists in the Classroom grants bring professional artists into schools for rich learning experiences. These grants support projects in schools across BC that demonstrate artistic excellence, high levels of student engagement, strong curricular connections and an active partnership between an educator and a professional artist.

Kindergarten to Grade 12 educators, school administrators and PAC representatives in BC are eligible to apply.

Grants of **up to \$3,500** for small to medium scale projects and grants of **up to \$10,000** for large scale projects are available. AIC grants can fund up to 70% of total project costs.

Artists in the Classroom grants are funded by BC Arts Council and the Government of British Columbia's Creative Futures program.

artstarts.com/aic



BRITISH
COLUMBIA



BRITISH COLUMBIA
ARTS COUNCIL
An agency of the Province of British Columbia



WE LEARNED HOW TO USE THE SKILLS OF ACTING, SINGING, DANCING TO REPRESENT OUR LEARNING. – STUDENT



IT WAS INCREDIBLY REWARDING TO SEE STUDENTS TAKE A MASSIVE IDEA... AND WORK TO BRING IT TO LIFE OVER THE COURSE OF WEEKS AND MONTHS. I WAS THRILLED TO SEE HOW PROUD THEY WERE OF THEIR FINAL PRODUCT. – TEACHER



WE LEARNED TO SEE OUR OWN GIFTS, THROUGH EMBODIED LEARNING, EXPLORATION AND ART. – TEACHER

ARTISTS IN THE CLASSROOM

In 2015, ArtStarts disbursed **\$479,050** in funding to support Artists in the Classroom projects taking place in schools across BC. The 2014–15 school year saw **17,868 students** participate in hands-on creative projects with professional artists.

Alexander Elementary (Duncan)	\$3,290	Edwin S Richards Elementary (Mission)	\$3,500
Artemis Place Secondary (Victoria)	\$4,900	Elizabeth Buckley School (Victoria)	\$3,150
ASIA - Sumas Mountain Middle School (Abbotsford)	\$10,000	Ellendale Elementary (Surrey)	\$3,500
Bamfield Community School (Bamfield)	\$2,450	Eric Hamber Secondary (Vancouver)	\$7,728
Bankhead Elementary (Kelowna)	\$1,907	Family Montessori School (Vancouver)	\$140
Beachcombers Community School (Fanny Bay)	\$1,645	Fulford Community Elementary (Salt Spring Island)	\$3,524
Belgo Elementary (Kelowna)	\$3,447	Gabriola Elementary (Gabriola Island)	\$1,346
Bella Coola Elementary (Bella Coola)	\$3,500	Galiano Community School (Galiano Island)	\$9,600
Belmont Secondary (Victoria)	\$2,930	Gilpin Elementary (Burnaby)	\$3,500
Black Mountain Elementary (Kelowna)	\$1,953	Gleneagles Elementary (West Vancouver)	\$3,500
Blessed Sacrament School (Vancouver)	\$2,730	Gordon Terrace Elementary (Cranbrook)	\$5,125
Blundell Elementary (Richmond)	\$3,500	Grand Forks Secondary (Grand Forks)	\$2,240
Boundary Central Secondary (Midway)	\$1,400	Guildford Park Secondary (Surrey)	\$6,055
Britannia Elementary (Vancouver)	\$3,500	Gulf Islands Secondary (Salt Spring Island)	\$5,700
Britannia Secondary (Vancouver)	\$4,235	Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw School (Port Hardy)	\$3,500
Brockton Preparatory School (North Vancouver)	\$3,500	Hastings Elementary (Vancouver)	\$3,178
Burnaby Mountain Secondary (Burnaby)	\$3,500	Heffley Creek Elementary (Heffley Creek)	\$3,500
Burnaby North Secondary (Burnaby)	\$3,500	Heritage Christian School (Kelowna)	\$3,500
Cariboo Hill Secondary (Burnaby)	\$1,900	Hudson Road Elementary (West Kelowna)	\$1,960
Central Middle School (Victoria)	\$10,000	Inquiry Hub (Coquitlam)	\$3,500
Coal Tyee Elementary (Nanaimo)	\$2,479	Island Pacific School (Bowen Island)	\$2,404
Collaborative Education Alternative Program (Qualicum Beach)	\$3,500	James McKinney Elementary (Richmond)	\$840
Courtenay Elementary (Courtenay)	\$9,436	Kaleden Elementary (Kaleden)	\$1,400
Cowichan Valley Open Learning (Duncan)	\$3,500	Kitsilano Secondary (Vancouver)	\$1,475
Cumberland Community School Society (Cumberland)	\$2,520	Kootenay Orchards Elementary (Cranbrook)	\$1,662
David Thompson Secondary (Vancouver)	\$3,255	L V Rogers Secondary (Nelson)	\$3,472
Dewdney Elementary (Dewdney)	\$1,260	Ladysmith Secondary (Ladysmith)	\$10,000
Dover Bay Secondary (Nanaimo)	\$1,137	Lake Cowichan Secondary (Lake Cowichan)	\$10,000
Dr D A Perley Elementary (Grand Forks)	\$3,687	Lakewood Elementary (Victoria)	\$3,402
East Side Alternate Program (Vancouver)	\$1,659	Lions Bay Community School (Lions Bay)	\$1,380
École Millstream Elementary (Victoria)	\$1,750	Lord Strathcona Elementary (Vancouver)	\$3,495

Lord Tennyson Elementary (Vancouver)	\$2,100	S J Willis Educational Centre (Victoria)	\$1,250
Lord Tweedsmuir Elementary (New Westminster)	\$1,302	Salt Spring Elementary (Salt Spring Island)	\$3,500
Lucerne Elementary Secondary (Nakusp)	\$3,220	SD 10 Arrow Lakes (Nakusp)	\$10,000
Manoah Steves Elementary (Richmond)	\$1,627	SD 42 Maple Ridge (Maple Ridge)	\$7,990
Mark Isfeld Secondary (Courtenay)	\$3,500	SD 71 Comox Valley (Courtenay)	\$3,500
Mayne School (Mayne Island)	\$15,896	Sea to Sky Learning Connections (Squamish)	\$2,068
McBride Centennial Elementary (McBride)	\$2,450	Sensysusten House of Learning (Westbank)	\$1,750
McBride Elementary (Vancouver)	\$3,500	Seycove Community Secondary (North Vancouver)	\$3,500
Meadowbrook Elementary (Coquitlam)	\$5,022	Shaughnessy Elementary (Vancouver)	\$10,000
Mennonite Educational Institute Middle School (Abbotsford)	\$385	Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary (Skidegate)	\$3,070
Montgomery Centre (Coquitlam)	\$3,500	Skaha Lake Middle School (Penticton)	\$2,388
Mount Prevost Elementary (Duncan)	\$7,070	South Park Elementary (Victoria)	\$9,100
Nanaimo District Secondary (Nanaimo)	\$10,000	St Michaels University School (Victoria)	\$3,500
Nestor Elementary (Coquitlam)	\$1,383	Star of the Sea School (Surrey)	\$784
New Westminster Secondary (New Westminster)	\$9,300	Stawamus Elementary (Squamish)	\$2,100
Nootka Elementary (Vancouver)	\$3,500	Stein Valley Nlakapamux School (Lytton)	\$3,500
Okanagan Landing Elementary (Vernon)	\$3,340	Studio9 Independent School of the Arts (Kelowna)	\$7,000
Pacific Spirit School (Richmond)	\$1,800	Sun Peaks Elementary (Kamloops)	\$2,450
Parkland Middle School (Cranbrook)	\$4,610	Sunshine Coast Alternative School (Gibsons)	\$2,142
Pemberton Secondary (Pemberton)	\$1,201	T M Roberts Elementary (Cranbrook)	\$5,939
Pinecrest Elementary (Campbell River)	\$3,400	Twin Rivers Educational Centre (Kamloops)	\$1,420
Prince of Wales Secondary (Vancouver)	\$3,822	University Hill Elementary (Vancouver)	\$1,820
Quadra Elementary (Victoria)	\$2,837	Uplands Elementary (Penticton)	\$3,675
Queen Charlotte Secondary (Queen Charlotte)	\$2,446	Valemount Elementary (Valemount)	\$2,450
Queen Margaret's School (Duncan)	\$2,331	Victoria High School (Victoria)	\$3,500
Queen Mary Elementary (North Vancouver)	\$1,389	Walter Moberly Elementary (Vancouver)	\$3,500
Queensbury Elementary (North Vancouver)	\$2,739	Wells-Barkerville Elementary (Wells)	\$1,400
Qwam Qwum Stuwixwulh School (Nanaimo)	\$3,346	West Heights Elementary (Mission)	\$3,588
Rayleigh Elementary (Kamloops)	\$5,833	West-Mont School (Victoria)	\$3,500
Riverside Secondary (Port Coquitlam)	\$3,500	Westside Montessori Academy (Vancouver)	\$3,500
Robron Centre for Life Long Learning (Campbell River)	\$3,500	Westview Elementary (North Vancouver)	\$4,570
Rocky Mountain Elementary (Elkford)	\$2,374	Windermere Secondary (Vancouver)	\$2,300
Royal City Alternate Program (New Westminster)	\$2,800	Windsor Elementary (Burnaby)	\$2,400
		Winlaw Elementary (Winlaw)	\$3,500
		YouLearn.ca (Oliver)	\$3,100

ARTISTS IN EDUCATION



Artists in Education grants support artistic programming in schools across BC, including performances, workshops and residencies. This district-level grant is allocated to all BC school districts, the Federation of Independent School Associations and the First Nations Schools Association. Each allocation considers the number of schools, number of students and geographic location of each district or association.

Artists in Education grants are funded by BC Arts Council and the Government of British Columbia's Creative Futures program.

In 2015, ArtStarts disbursed **\$675,000** to BC school districts, as listed below.

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SD 05 Southeast Kootenay	\$11,200	SD 53 Okanagan-Similkameen	\$5,800
SD 06 Rocky Mountain	\$7,720	SD 54 Bulkley Valley	\$7,200
SD 08 Kootenay Lakes	\$11,110	SD 57 Prince George	\$31,800
SD 10 Arrow Lakes	\$5,750	SD 58 Nicola	\$7,260
SD 19 Revelstoke	\$5,750	SD 59 Peace River South	\$14,800
SD 20 Kootenay-Columbia	\$7,920	SD 60 Peace River North	\$17,910
SD 22 Vernon	\$10,180	SD 61 Greater Victoria	\$18,825
SD 23 Central Okanagan	\$19,750	SD 62 Sooke	\$8,010
SD 27 Cariboo-Chilcotin	\$12,464	SD 63 Saanich	\$6,370
SD 28 Quesnel	\$12,450	SD 64 Gulf Islands	\$6,370
SD 33 Chilliwack	\$7,715	SD 67 Okanagan Skaha	\$8,020
SD 34 Abbotsford	\$12,350	SD 68 Nanaimo	\$18,115
SD 35 Langley	\$12,140	SD 69 Qualicum	\$8,145
SD 36 Surrey	\$33,980	SD 70 Alberni	\$8,270
SD 37 Delta	\$10,500	SD 71 Comox Valley	\$10,300
SD 38 Richmond	\$15,025	SD 72 Campbell River	\$12,360
SD 39 Vancouver	\$28,200	SD 73 Kamloops/Thompson	\$19,155
SD 40 New Westminster	\$4,474	SD 75 Mission	\$4,840
SD 41 Burnaby	\$15,625	SD 78 Fraser-Cascade	\$6,590
SD 42 Maple Ridge	\$9,550	SD 79 Cowichan Valley	\$10,810
SD 43 Coquitlam	\$20,075	SD 82 Coast Mountains	\$15,960
SD 44 North Vancouver	\$10,475	SD 83 North Okanagan	\$8,960
SD 45 West Vancouver	\$4,830	SD 84 Vancouver Island West	\$6,385
SD 46 Sunshine Coast	\$7,700	SD 85 Vancouver Island North	\$7,310
SD 47 Powell River	\$6,415	SD 91 Nechako Lakes	\$14,000
SD 48 Sea to Sky	\$5,441	SD 92 Nisga'a	\$6,385
SD 49 Central Coast	\$6,200	SD 93 Francophone	\$5,660
SD 50 Haida Gwaii	\$6,900	First Nations Schools	\$20,739
SD 51 Boundary	\$6,200	Independent Schools	\$22,552
SD 52 Prince Rupert	\$8,010		



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

ArtStarts' total revenues for 2015 amounted to **over \$3 million** from government bodies, foundations, corporations, individuals and earned income from our programs and services. Approximately **40%** of our total budget was disbursed to schools, school districts and artists in the form of arts grants. The remaining expenditures included supporting our BC-wide network of professional touring artists, presenting the annual ArtStarts Showcase and Conference, offering professional development for artists and educators, operating the ArtStarts Gallery of young people's art, engaging the community in arts-based programming and overall program services and support.

Revenue

Public Funding

Federal Grants	\$88,000
Provincial Grants	\$294,750
Municipal Cultural Facility	\$23,407

Private Funding

\$274,902

Earned Income

\$266,643

Program Delivery

School Performances	\$885,432
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Funding Programs

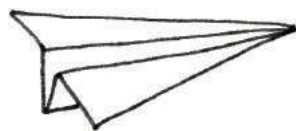
BC Arts Council: Artists in Education and Artists in the Classroom	\$1,150,550
Cherniavsky Junior Club Fund	\$16,000
Columbia Basin Trust	\$29,500

Expenses

Programs and Events	\$227,598
Services and Support	\$656,555
Marketing and Outreach	\$14,474
Facility Expenses	\$34,274
School Performances	\$885,347
Consultant Fees	\$21,752

Funding Programs

Artists in Education	\$675,000
Artists in the Classroom	\$479,050
Cherniavsky Junior Club Fund	\$16,878
Arts in Education Council of BC Fund	\$1,000
Columbia Basin Trust	\$24,975



IN 2015, **\$1,196,903**
WAS DISBURSED AS GRANTS TO
SCHOOLS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS
AND ARTISTS TO SUPPORT
ARTISTIC ACTIVITY IN BC

MEET THE TEAM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ArtStarts in Schools' Board of Directors is made up of members representing the education, artistic and business communities. We strive to include members from regions across BC with a diverse range of experience in finance, community engagement and other areas.

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*ArtStarts Board and Staff
gather at the 2015 AGM*

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Board Committees *as of Dec 31, 2015*

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Juries and Selection Committees

**Showcase Preliminary Review Panel,
October 2015:** Susan Carberry (SD 91
Nechako Lakes), Jacquie Dawson (SD 47
Powell River)

**Showcase Selection Committee,
November 2015:** Bob Oldfield (SD
22 Vernon), Peggy Bochun (SD 39
Vancouver), Damon Fultz (SD 33
Chilliwack), Derrick Milton (Foothills
Brass), Julie Ali (Axé Capoeira), Kellie
Haines (Kellie Haines & Co)

**Artists in the Classroom Directory
Selection Committee, May 2015:**
Deanna Robertson (Educator), Heather
Korlak (Artist) • **November 2015:** Leslie
Stark (Educator), Susan Bertoia (Artist)

AIC Jury, May 2015 Intake: Kairyn
Russell-Janecke (Educator, North),
Paula Scott (Artist, Interior), Terry Taylor
(Educator, Kootenays), Tina Farmilo (Artist,
Vancouver Island and Coast), Marisa Pahl
(Artist, Lower Mainland) • **October 2015
Intake:** Laura McGregor (Artist, North),
Leslie Bolin (Artist, Interior), Theresa
Browning (Educator, Kootenays), Karen
DeCicco (Educator, Vancouver Island
and Coast), Kevin Ault (Educator, Lower
Mainland)

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Volunteers play an integral role in our society. At ArtStarts, volunteers apply their passion and skills to take on a range of activities including gallery reception and tours, exhibition installation, administrative support and help with special events.

Thanks to our volunteers!

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AND CONSTANTLY EXPERIENCE
NEW WAYS TO STAY CREATIVE.
— STELLA, VOLUNTEER

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ArtStarts Staff
as of Dec 31, 2015

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Returning July 2016

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BECAUSE I ALSO SHARE THE VISION OF
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A Passion for Arts and Learning

Supporting ArtStarts in Schools sends a strong message that the arts are important. You want to keep the arts alive in communities across BC. You want our young people to grow and thrive.

ArtStarts supporters invest in creating more opportunities for young people to experience the arts. You bring young people in direct contact with professional artists and expose them to new experiences and diverse cultures. Through your support, you ignite a passion for the arts—and a passion for learning.

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There are many ways to get involved.

Pledge your ongoing support by becoming a **monthly donor** or by making a **donation** to ArtStarts.

Host a **fundraiser** to raise funds and awareness about our programs. Contribute proceeds from donation drives, auctions or events.

Contribute your skills by joining ArtStarts as a **volunteer**. The support, dedication, enthusiasm and talents of our volunteers help drive us forward.

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– VOLUNTEER

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