

# Learn More About ArtStarts

Founded in 1996, ArtStarts in Schools is a not-for-profit organization that provides innovative arts programs for young people, practical resources for teachers and artists, and leadership in advocacy for arts in education. ArtStarts' many services—including artists directories, bookings and tour coordination, performing arts showcase, and funding programs—contribute to the audience development of an estimated 500,000 young people in over 1,500 BC schools each year. ArtStarts is proud of the fact that programs and services benefit hundreds of communities throughout BC. From kindergarten to grade 12, in public and private schools across the province, ArtStarts ensures community access to music, visual arts, dance, theatre, storytelling and more. ArtStarts not only contributes to the artistic and market development of emerging and professional artists, but also to the creative and audience development of the next generation of British Columbians.



### Innovative Arts Programs for Young People

- Artist Performances
- Artist Residencies

**ArtStarts** 

- Free Weekend Workshops
- **provides...** Gallery Exhibitions

Quality

Integrity

## Practical Resources for Teachers + Artists

- ArtStarts Showcase
  and Conference
- Artists Directories
- Funding Programs
- Professional Development
- Booking and Touring Service
- ArtStarts.com

## Advocacy for Arts in Education

- ArtStarts Gallery Canada's first public gallery for young people's art
- Networking with the broader arts community



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.



# **How Your Support Helps**

ArtStarts in Schools depends on the generous support of people like you who are passionate about fostering the creativity and imagination of young people. Research from the last twenty years alone indicates that students who engage in arts based practices show enhanced levels of achievement, have higher persistence in their programs of study and demonstrate increased motivation. They are more likely to collaborate effectively, be socially tolerant and show high levels of self-confidence.

You can ignite a passion for the arts — and a passion for learning.

Your support sends a strong message that the arts are important. Get involved today and help us create meaningful opportunities for young people to thrive in and through the arts.

Your fundraising event directly benefits the work that ArtStarts is doing in multiple ways:

### Fundraise for an organization you believe in

The funds raised by your event support and grow the many programs we offer for young people, educators and artists across BC. Your contributions make possible a wide range of meaningful arts experiences that activate learning.

### Foster support in your community

We need your help to spread the word about the importance of arts in education. By including ArtStarts as part of your event, you create an opportunity for a wide network people to learn about our organization and what we strive to achieve.

### Be a champion of the arts and build awareness for the cause

Not everyone recognizes the importance of arts in young lives. Your public support of ArtStarts communicates the message that you value the vital role of arts in education, and the impact that creative experiences can have on young people in learning and in life.