

ARTs Education Update

May 2022

Welcome to our ARTs Education Update, we hope this will be a useful place for you to find support for the awesome care that you give to our kids!

A Quick Glance Inside . . .

New Updates

- AFK Fall Teaching Exhibit Announcement, planning for next year!
- YAOW, last 2021-2022 submission DUE May 20th
- FESTIVALS at NVSD next year, let's get ready!
- AFK Spring Exhibition at the Gordon Smith Gallery
- Music at the Smith, an invitation
- Arts Ed Pro D Series
- Registration for the Paradise Valley School of Visual Art is now **OPEN**
- Registration for the 2022 Summer Intensive is now **OPEN**

Arts Fall Teaching Exhibit Announcement!

Did you know that NVSD is probably the only school district in Canada that owns and operates an art gallery that is home to an extensive collection of Canadian Art, representing a significant cultural asset to our community? The gallery is our place, beyond our vibrant schools. It is a welcoming place for our community to share their stories and to learn from each other. It is a place of memory and experience that we are incredibly grateful to have to welcome each other across the district.



We are all about to take a much needed summer break! We wanted to share with you though, our preliminary work for the upcoming Fall Exhibition to have in the back of your mind while you are doing all things summer! The gallery is a place to support you in the extraordinary work that you do with your students. We invite you to think about the possibility of collectively, learning together next year through this lens.

Paths

"Paths are the habits of a landscape. They are acts of consensual making. It's hard to create a footpath on your own...Paths connect. This is their first duty and their chief reason for being. They relate places in a literal sense, and by extension they relate people.

Paths are consensual, too, because without common care and common practice they disappear: overgrown by vegetation, ploughed up or built over (through they may persist in the memorious substance of land law). Like sea channels that require regular dredging to stay open, paths NEED walking."

– Robert MacFarlane, *The Old Ways: A Journey on Foot*

What story does a pathway tell? How do paths connect us? Paths, the 2022-2023 teaching exhibition at the Gordon Smith Gallery will feature artwork by over 20 Canadian artists exploring paths, both real and imagined, through the mediums of painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, collage, and printmaking. The works in the exhibition will show us that a path can be used to communicate a direction, a line of thought, or a plan for action. Paths can also be seen in representations of the natural world, taking the form of forest trails, migratory patterns, maps, and water ways. We invite you to join us at the Gordon Smith Gallery this fall to explore Paths, an exhibition offering opportunities for cross-curricular, place-based inquiry as well as rich connections to social and emotional learning.





Young Artist of the Week!!

The [Young Artist of the Week](#) program provides recognition to student artists and raises public awareness of the importance of the diverse Arts education offered in schools across the North Vancouver School District. The program has expanded to include [visual arts, music, dance and drama](#). Students who have been nominated by their schools will be recognized on the AFK and NVSD websites and social media channels. Each nominated student will receive a letter of congratulations, a YAOW certificate and a printed professional portrait, all with the aim to recognize and celebrate their arts.

Our third and LAST round has now started! Nominations will be accepted until [May 20th, 2022](#). A photo shoot will be held on at the Gordon Smith Gallery on [May 30th from 11:30am - 1:00pm](#). More information can be found [HERE](#) on how to nominate a student.

District Arts Calendar for 2022-2023!

Let's get excited about the return of our festivals and events next year! If you are interested in getting involved, please take the first step in marking your calendar with our District Arts Events for the next school year. Super excited!!

September 24, 2022 – AFK Fall Exhibit Opens, Gordon Smith Gallery

December 1 2022 – AFK Spring Break Camp Registration Opens

February 1, 2023 – AFK Summer Camp Registration Opens

February 1, 2023 – Seylynn Strings Festival

February 11, 2023 – Secondary Jazz Festival

February 27 – March 2, 2023 – Secondary Choral Festival

March 6 – 9, 2023 – Intermediate Music Festival (mornings only)

April 15, 2023 – Spring Exhibit Opens, Gordon Smith Gallery

May 5 – 19, 2023 – Art from 44, District Art Show

May 30 – June 1, 2023 – Primary Days of Music

May 9 – 12, 2023 - Arts Week



Gordon Smith Gallery Spring Arts Exhibit

We are excited to welcome K-12 classes to the Gordon Smith Gallery for the spring exhibition, *We Can Only Hint at This With Words*.

Teachers can sign up for a half-day gallery visit. Artists for Kids art educators will lead classes in an interactive tour of the exhibition and a hands-on artmaking activity.

Classes can visit from 9:30am-11:45am or 12:30pm-2:30pm on select dates from April 27-June 24. Visit [this website](#) to find the registration link.

The exhibition *We Can Only Hint at This With Words* features large scale, multi-surfaced mixed media paintings by Russna Kaur, shaped cut-out paintings by M.E. Sparks, and mixed media sculptures and stop-motion video by Andrea Taylor. The exhibition runs from April 23 to June 25. Learn more about the exhibition [HERE](#).

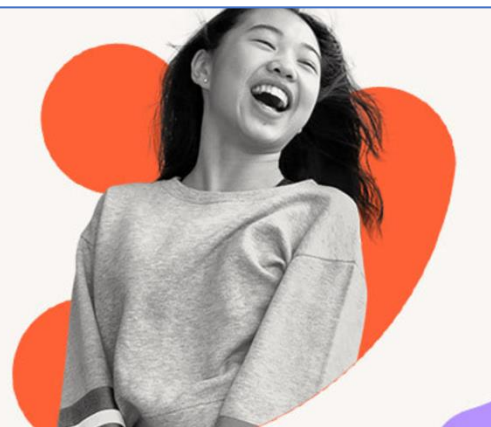
Arts Ed Pro D Series

National Culture Summit and ARTS ALIVE

The NAC helps students and teachers across Canada bring the performing arts alive through workshops, performances, artist residencies and professional development. For more information, check out their site [HERE](#)

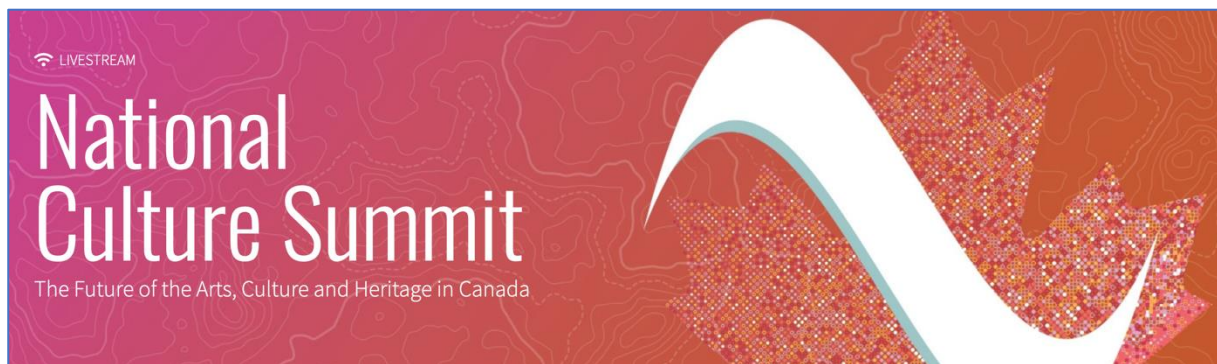
ARTS ALIVE SCHOOL AND HOME LEARNING

The NAC helps students and teachers across Canada bring the performing arts alive through workshops, performances, artist residencies and professional development.



Canada's arts, culture and heritage sectors play a fundamental role in building a stronger, more cohesive, and resilient society. These sectors are not only significant drivers of Canada's economy, but also critical contributors to Canada's identity and wellbeing. Arts, culture, and heritage create connection across differences and provide a forum for intergenerational, intercultural and international exchange and understanding. They help us create meaning and forge a stronger shared identity based on shared values. However, to achieve these beneficial effects, there needs to be a renewed and shared understanding of these sectors' fundamental roles and value, a coming-together to enable common goal-setting and targeted action. This is the opportunity that the Summit presents.

The National Culture Summit: The Future of Arts, Culture and Heritage in Canada will mobilize these sectors around positive economic and social outcomes for Canada and discuss ways to support their own recovery and long-term growth and competitiveness. The Summit will bring together leaders from across the country from these sectors for a national conversation on resilience, sustainability and transformation of the arts, culture and heritage sectors in Canada



Kodaly Orff

Based on the ideas of Carl Orff and Gunild Keetman, Orff Schulwerk has taken root around the world, inspiring teachers globally. This child-centred approach to music and movement education encourages creativity and play, where the enjoyment of group music making, improvisation, and composition are the focus. Using speech, movement, singing, and child-accessible instruments



Orff Schulwerk advocates teaching that relies on the creativity, imagination and musicianship of the teacher.

Orff training is available through [workshops](#) and [teacher education courses](#) including an [Introduction to Orff Schulwerk](#), [Level I](#), [Level II](#), [Level III](#), and [Post Level III courses](#). The BC Orff Chapter also offers opportunities for profession development through member Sharing Sessions and Children's Day events. Understanding and implementing the Orff philosophy of creative education is a lifetime pursuit, requiring the experience of teaching children while taking the courses to understand and implement the ideas.

The BC Orff Chapter is committed to providing these opportunities for teachers.

Green Thumb Theatre

STILL / FALLING

BY RACHEL ABERLE

Beaming live from our studios, directly to you with a SD44 Discount!

Back by popular demand, this piece is now available featuring either a male or female actor in the lead role.

What do you do when you have a great life – wonderful family, good marks, and awesome friends – but getting up and facing each day feels like a battle? Green Thumb's award-winning hit show offers a realistic, honest, and bitingly funny look at the difference between 'teen angst' and mental illness. Reimagined for a digital format in the style of a confessional online video, STILL • FALLING is performed by a single actor portraying Nina or Nick as they find themselves slipping into a dark reality they cannot understand, and as they search for a light to lead them out of the dark. In the wake of a pandemic and rising levels of depression and anxiety in young people, STILL • FALLING is a timely and important conversation starter.

Every show is performed live and is followed by a Q&A period. When you book a performance of STILL • FALLING, you also receive our comprehensive study guide, with pre and post show activities, questions, and resources for further support. Check out the site [HERE](#).



Whistler Children's Festival



After two years of running the festival online, the Whistler Children's Festival is back in person over the last two weekends in May (20-22 & 27-29).

New for 2022, the Maury Young Arts Centre will be jam-packed with 14 unique theatre performances and 12 creative workshops. The festival will ignite kids' imaginations, inspiring them to let loose and get creative- we're talking dance parties, yoga, circus acts, song writing, magic shows, breakdancing and internationally acclaimed children's performers! There are also many FREE activities to enjoy every day of the Fest – from Family Art Adventure Tours to entertainment on the Village Stroll and surprise activations along the Cultural Connector. You can view

the full festival schedule [HERE](#)

Paradise Valley School of Visual Art SUMMER VISUAL ARTS CAMP is BACK!

Registration for our 27th summer camp is now OPEN!! Young artists 8-14 will explore their surrounding with artist Annie Canto in the beautiful setting of Paradise Valley! For more information, check out the details [HERE](#)

We are SO EXCITED!!!!



AFK is pleased to offer its Summer Visual Arts Intensive!!

It's BACK! Students aged 14-18 will explore drawing, painting and printmaking with artist Janet Wang in the beautiful setting of the Gordon Smith Gallery, to develop a body of work throughout the week that can be added to their personal portfolio. For more information, please visit the AFK website [HERE](#)

Please check out our next [ARTs Education Update June 3rd!](#)