



Focusing on portraits and objects, students in an Artists for Kids' photo enhancement session try different lighting and shooting techniques. PHOTOS MIKE WAKEFIELD



*Photography mentoring program*

# Artists for Kids

Artists for Kids offers various programs that support focused training for elementary and secondary students with professional artists at the AFK Studios. Each year, in the Mentoring Emerging Young Artists programs, North Vancouver secondary students participate in three-day intensive programs, focusing on a specific topic. Fashion photography, landscape and the built environment have all been explored in previous years by students in the AFK photography mentorship. This year students have been given the opportunity to work with portrait photographer Birthe Piontek and a variety of industry professionals. Some of the work will be published in the North Shore News on March 1 prior to the exhibition launch of their work at Artists for Kids in the Gordon Smith Gallery on March 7.



Victoria Jackson (left, from Carson Graham) and Rockridge's Ophir Barzilay are among the students working with portrait photographer Birthe Piontek (right) in the Artists for Kids program.