

# ARTs Education Update

January 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!

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## First Annual NVSD Arts Week!

The North Vancouver School District is pleased to host the 2022 Arts Festivals virtually, within one SPECTACULAR week, from April 4-8, 2022!

The **NVSD Arts Week** is a celebration of the Arts K-12 and includes professional development opportunities for staff.

The week will feature K-12 student and professional performances and keynotes, within each of the Arts' disciplines.

During this week, NVSD Educators will have access to links via the Arts Education webpage, that bring performances and presentations to the classroom, to celebrate what the Arts look like in all forms, from all schools.

Celebrating what the Arts looks like in **ALL** forms\*,  
we are inviting Educators K-12  
to submit an expression of interest for your class or cohort,  
to virtually present during the **NVSD Arts Week!**

\* **Dance / Drama / Digital Media / Music / Band and Strings / Poetry in Voice**

We will do our best to include as many proposals as we can in the **NVSD Arts Week** to represent all schools and all art forms. With this, not all proposals can be accepted.

Selected proposals will have a videographer visit their school to record their performance during the months of February and March.

To submit, please complete the following **FORM**.

**Deadline** for expression of interest is **January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**.



## Art from 44 Visual Arts Exhibit

Schools that are interested in participating in this year's Annual Art from 44 Visual Art Exhibit at the ESC, are asked to submit an [expression of interest](#) by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

For teachers, [click here](#) to book a time to use the matte cutter at the ESC.

## Arts Ed Pro D Series

Online

The Audain Art Museum (AAM) launches Season 3 of the immensely popular [Tuesday Night Talks](#) (TNT) that offer a unique opportunity for online participants to simultaneously enter the Museum and the artist's studio or home during the evening, while learning about key works in the AAM's Permanent Collection directly from their respective makers. Levi Nelson presented this past Tuesday, it was awesome! Watch the recording [HERE](#)



In 1993, four Black creators created [Milestone Comics: a new universe of Black Super Heroes](#), brought to life by Black creators and other artists of color. Milestone didn't just change the way our heroes looked. It built a pipeline for talent who had been excluded and marginalized for too long, and an ecosystem in which Black creativity could thrive. Now, with the relaunch of [Milestone Comics](#) and the creation of The Milestone Initiative, we want to honor the creators of Milestone by continuing their mission.



## Community

[The Navigators Education Programme](#) connects educators and teachers to ideas and resources to engage students Grades 6 to 12 (middle to high school) in learning about the culture, heritage, geography, and diversity of Vancouver's North Shore while offering a unique opportunity for place-based learning. The downloadable guide was developed in consultation with North Shore teachers and educators. It mirrors key topics in the BC curriculum and features activities, resources, and ideas for field trips and further exploration. You will find the Navigators Education programme at this [LINK](#).

## NDVD

Join AFK lead workshop with visual artist, Sarah Khan on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Sarah will be working as well with student in our upcoming Secondary Enrichment hosted in March. Join us for a virtual artist talk and Q&A session (on MS Teams) with artist Sara Khan. Come learn about Sara Khan's meticulous watercolour paintings that feature layers, patterning, and rich colours and explore themes that are both autobiographical and surreal. In her talk, Sarah Khan will discuss her artistic process, inspiration, and techniques. Teachers will then have the opportunity to ask questions and to engage in discussion.

Born in England, raised in Pakistan, and now based in Vancouver, Khan creates paintings that explore her relationship to absence and presence and that often feature fantastical, uncanny creatures. Sara Khan holds a BFA (with honours) from National College of Arts, Lahore (2008). Her works have been featured in several national and international group exhibitions. Check out her artwork at her [website](#) and in Vancouver at the [Burrard Arts Foundation from Jan. 13-Mar. 19](#).

Friday, Feb. 4  
9am-10am  
Virtual (MS Teams)

Registration will be coming soon via [Booking Central](#).



This section will be a standing item in our Update.  
If you would like to contribute, please email: [akerr@sd44.ca](mailto:akerr@sd44.ca).  
Until our next update, check out this fantastic piece by [PJ Morton and YEBBA](#)  
(Thanks Mr. Lee ☺)



## Black History Month: Anna Binta Diallo

To mark Black History Month, Artists for Kids is presenting an online resource to share with our community. This fall we were honoured to learn alongside Canadian artist Anna Binta Diallo who joined AFK as an artist-in-residence. We worked with Anna Binta to develop an artist talk and video series now available on the [AFK website](#). This video series provides a curricular resource for elementary and secondary teachers to explore the topics of identity and storytelling with their students. Secondary teachers can carry out a sequence of activities provided in the video series, while elementary educators may adapt the series by viewing the first video, followed by the [AFK ArtReach video](#) and [lesson plan](#), entitled [Stencils and Storytelling](#).



*Anna Binta Diallo - Wanderings* installation, Jyväskylä Art Museum, 2020. Image courtesy of the artist

Anna Binta Diallo is a multi-disciplinary artist who investigates memory and nostalgia to create unexpected narratives surrounding identity. She is interested in blended identities and in her artwork she has explored her own heritage and life experiences as a French Canadian Black woman born in Senegal. Anna Binta Diallo is currently based in Montreal, or Tio'tia:ke, on the traditional territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka.

## NVSD Academy Registration in the Arts

Academy registration information for Dance, Digital Media and Studio Art Academy is now OPEN. Information on each Academy can be found [HERE](#) to share with your students!



### 2022 NVSD Jazz Festival this Winter!

The NVSD Jazz Festival scheduled on **Saturday, February 12, 2022** at Argyle Secondary School from 8:30am to 3pm will be postponed. Please look for updates in the weeks to follow. For more information on this Festival, please contact [Diana Chan](#) or [Kevin Yang](#)



## Band and Strings Registration begins January 10 - March 4!

Please share with your students this wonderful opportunity to be part of a Band or String ensemble – check out the video in this update! Now thirty years of goodness, the Band and Strings program ROCKS! Registration information can be found [HERE!](#)

## AFK Grade 7 Enrichment this January!



This winter **grade 7** students from the North Vancouver School District will be joining educators and Canadian artist, Amelia Butcher for a two-day ceramic enrichment program in January and February of 2022!

Nominations are **Due January 14<sup>th</sup>**! Please contact AFK for more information.





## 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 second round has now started! Nominations will be accepted until **January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**. A photo shoot will be held on at the Gordon Smith Gallery on **February 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am -1:00pm**. More information can be found [HERE](#) on how to nominate a student.



## Registration for Winter 2022 AFK After School Art Classes is now OPEN!

AFK After School Art Classes this winter is like no other - felting, ceramics, bookbinding, woodworking, collage, painting, drawing, for kids K-12!!

Please find more information on the AFK website [HERE](#).

Thank you all for your support with sharing this programming to families, this could not be possible without you 😊



## NVSD Secondary Choral Festival is set for this Spring!

Beyond the Horizon Festival will take place in Gordon Smith Gallery and will run from **February 28<sup>th</sup> to March 3<sup>rd</sup>**! The Festival is pleased to host clinician and guest director, Scott Leithead to work with our students and educators!



*"Fostering connections amongst our students is at the heart of this festival and one of the best ways to do this is to raise our voices together"*

For more information, please contact [Frank Lee](#) or [Melodie Langevin](#)

### ARTs Blog

Thank you for all that you do! We know that every school and educator has a story to tell, we'd LOVE to know more!

If you are interested, please find [HERE](#) a doc to help you get started.

Once you're finished, you can submit your Blog [HERE!](#)

*Submitted by: MJ Sorba, Queen Mary Community School*



### The Gordon Smith Gallery Self-Guided Tours

Artists for Kids invites K-12 teachers to use the Gordon Smith Gallery as their classroom, by booking a time to bring a class for a [half day self-guided tour](#).

This is a unique opportunity for your students to engage directly with diverse works by Canadian artists and to learn through the lens of the arts. The following resources are available for teachers with their tour:

1. [Information and Suggested Activities](#)
2. [Self-Guided Instructions and Gallery Expectations](#)
3. [Beyond the Horizon Featured Artworks](#).





Self-guided tours run for 2.5 hours and are available on various dates from November 2021 to February 2022. **You can book your class by calling 604-903-3798.**

The cost of the tour is covered by the School District for all NVSD classes. Out-of-District (non-NVSD) classes will be charged a fee of \$80. \*

Please check out our next **ARTs Education Update** February 4th  
for information on upcoming  
Festivals, AFK Enrichment and more

Have an event you would like to share or post,  
please email us at [akerr@sd44.ca](mailto:akerr@sd44.ca),  
we'd love to hear from you!

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