



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Acting General Manager of Community Services
SUBJECT: Allocate Remaining 2015 Cultural Grants for Independent Arts and Culture Fund

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve a grant of \$52,500 to ArtStarts in Schools to develop and deliver the pilot Independent Arts and Culture Fund in 2016 for individual artists; source of funds to be the 2015 Cultural Grants Budget.

REPORT SUMMARY

This report responds to a January 20, 2015 Council Motion for staff to develop recommendations for a \$50,000/year Independent Arts and Culture Fund.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Approval of grant recommendations requires eight affirmative votes.

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The Acting City Manager recommends approval of the foregoing.

REPORT

Background/Context

Vancouver City Council, through the 2015 budget approval process, added \$50,000 in new funds to the \$11,010,300 Cultural Grants Budget. The existing cultural grants programs support hundreds of arts organizations through a robust, innovative and evolving granting framework. The \$50,000 in new funding was created to support a

January 20, 2015 Council Motion for staff, in consultation with the Arts and Culture Policy Council, to:

- a. develop recommendations for a \$50,000/year Independent Arts and Culture Fund. Council's intention was to provide grants of \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,000 for local artists based on need, budget and quality of project and to use these new grants to support a variety of new initiatives (i.e. to host new events, start festivals, or secure space for new performances, etc.);
- b. seek partnership(s) to adjudicate and administer this fund including payments to artists;
- c. explore options for leveraging this fund to create a larger fund in the future; and
- d. report back to Council with recommendations in fall 2015.

The Vancouver Charter limits the City's ability to provide grants unless they are to registered non-profit societies, community service co-ops registered with BC Registry Services, or charities registered with the Canadian Revenue Agency. As a result, the City does not provide grants directly to individuals or unincorporated organizations. In order to deliver on point "b," staff conducted a scan of the local sector with an eye to partnering with a third-party, non-profit organization that has:

- a. a mandate that allows re-granting to individuals;
- b. a proven track record of developing new grant partnership programs; and
- c. a history of successful adjudication and delivery of those grants.

Staff approached ArtStarts in Schools to adjudicate and administer this fund including payments to artists. The Board and staff of ArtStarts in Schools agreed to partner with the City of Vancouver to collaboratively develop, launch and deliver the Independent Arts and Culture Fund, first as a pilot in 2016, and then ideally on an ongoing basis. They have also provided their expertise and experience about best practices for size(s) of grant (recommended best approach is one grant amount—up to \$1,000), type of adjudication process (recommended best approach is a staff team who reviews based on published criteria about need, budget and quality of project) and number of intakes per year (recommended best approach is twice per year). Together, City and ArtStarts staff are developing common data collection metrics and desired outcomes that could, in future, leverage additional partners and funding to create a larger fund in the future.

The need for creativity in educational programs to ensure success in the workplace of the future is examined in a recent article by the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C. (artsedge.kennedy-center.org/families/at-school/all-for-arts-education/raising-smart-art-students). The article refers to the Partnership for 21st Century Skills, an organization of leaders in business, education, and government in the U.S. which seeks to prepare students for a workplace that is dramatically changing and demands innovation and creativity to succeed in today's global economy.

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. Early arts-based learning can set youth on a path to active engagement in the arts and build a foundation for lifelong learning and professional skill-building where arts are central to expressing ourselves. This vision is

critical for our community to build a vibrant, liveable and healthy city and intersects with several of our of Healthy City Strategy goals:

- Being and Feeling Safe and Included
- Cultivating Connections
- Lifelong Learning
- Expressing Ourselves

Our partnership with Artstarts will allow us to chart meaningful outcomes towards our Healthy City goal to increase lifelong public participation and engagement in the arts by 25% by 2025. This organization is a recognized leader in the field of transforming the way children and youth are engaged, in and through the arts, and in promoting the value of the arts in young lives.

The City's Culture Plan: Strategic Directions for the Next Five Years provides adaptable sustainable support programs to support the breadth of diversity and artistic expression—from ideas to major facilities. Vancouver has the highest concentration of artists per capita in Canada, and—while on a per capita basis Vancouver provides the most local funding for arts organizations in any major city in Canada—it does not currently invest directly to local individual artists, nor does it support direct art-based learning engagement with young people, which Council and the cultural community has noted is a gap in our delivery of the Culture Plan.

Strategic Analysis

ArtStarts in Schools is a Vancouver-based, multi-disciplinary not-for-profit arts organization based in a civic cultural amenity space at 808 Richards Street for which it pays nominal rent to the City of Vancouver.

Founded in 1996, it is a mature organization led by professional staff and has an active, engaged governance board. ArtStarts' mission is to promote art and creativity among young people and support artists in British Columbia. The organization is recognized for its leadership role through its robust artistic programs, organizational leadership, artistic and community impact, and accountability and transparency in its financial and management systems. Locally, it has demonstrated integrity and creativity in its use of its civic cultural amenity space which provides a learning lab and a professional gallery environment to exhibit works of art by young people. A comprehensive summary of ArtStarts' programs and services is detailed in **Appendix A**, the organization's 2014 Annual Report.

With an annual operating budget of \$2.9 Million, ArtStarts also has a robust granting program that it delivers on behalf of other public sector partners such as the BC Arts Council and the Arts in Education Council of BC. In 2014, ArtStarts dispersed \$1.1 Million in grants to schools and school districts to support artistic activity across the Province of British Columbia with 15,930 participants in granted projects. With more than 200 grants dispersed annually, ArtStarts has strong administrative and assessment systems in place including professional staff dedicated to Grants Management. It operates with fair and transparent eligibility criteria and adjudication processes and has systems in place for reporting on metrics and outcomes to its funding partners.

In 2015, ArtStarts expanded its granting partnerships to include the Columbia Basin Trust with funding through the Kootenay Columbia Cultural Alliance. Together, they developed and launched a new program called Creative Spark, which supports artists to engage young people in schools and communities in small, arts-based projects. This program model is the starting point to customize the Independent Arts and Culture Fund for Vancouver artists. Staff will consult with the Arts and Culture Policy Council to ensure that the program serve Vancouver City Council's objectives—namely to support emerging artists without a track record of receiving grants to build their capacity and confidence and leverage civic grant support early in their careers.

The Independent Arts and Culture Fund needs to serve both the Culture Plan Strategic Directions and ArtStarts in Schools' mission to work with young people. As a result, the program will serve Council's intention for emerging artists to host new events, start festivals, or secure space for new performances, etc., but it will do so via the lens of developing emerging artists' capacity to work with young people in British Columbia. This partnership directive creates new strategic opportunities for civic investment into an existing gap in our Cultural Strategy—working with Vancouver's emerging artists and young people to create life-long engagement in the arts.

In sum, the program will provide small grants to new arts projects by emerging artists with three overarching-goals:

- Build the capacity and confidence of emerging artists in working with young people and arts-based learning
- Provide young people opportunities to engage directly in the arts
- Support artists and projects that embrace diversity, innovation and excellence

A communications plan, led by ArtStarts and supported by the City of Vancouver, will roll out in the first quarter of 2016 and it will:

- announce the Independent Arts and Culture Fund with city-wide dissemination
- publish a low-barrier application and FAQs about eligibility and how to apply
- outline the adjudication and administration process with two intakes in 2016

Implications/Related Issues/Risk (if applicable)

Financial

The grant in 2015 to ArtStarts in Schools will be \$52,500. The source of funding is the 2015 Cultural Grants Budget.

It is anticipated that there will be an initial four-year commitment to ArtStarts in Schools for the inaugural term (2015-2018) of the program with funding re-granted to artists and administration fees as detailed in Table 1. At the conclusion of the first term of the new program, the partners will jointly review the public demand and impacts of funding for Vancouver-based emerging artists. At that time, the Partners will make recommendations to Vancouver City Council on strategies for adapting and continuing support of the program.

Table 1: Grants and Administrative Expenses for the Independent Arts Fund

Funding Year	Program Delivery Year	Re-granted to Emerging Artists	ArtStarts Administrative Fees	One-time Start-up Expenses*	Total Grant to ArtStarts
2015	2016	45,000	5,000	2,500	52,500
2016	2017	45,000	5,000		50,000
2017	2018	45,000	5,000		50,000
2018	2019	45,000	5,000		50,000

*The one time start-up expenses and on-going administrative fees have been reviewed, are deemed reasonable, and are in keeping with the fee standards of third-party delivery of grants amongst public sector funders in British Columbia.

CONCLUSION

Investing in the creative economy through innovative partnerships is a key strategic direction in Vancouver's Culture Plan. Supporting the new partnership initiative with ArtStarts in Schools will expand civic grant support to emerging, innovative artistic practices, create new strategic opportunities for young people to begin a life-long engagement in the arts, and improve access to civic cultural grant funds for individual artists, who are currently underserved by the existing cultural grants framework.

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Reconnecting with the Creative Spark

A Letter from Board President, Lynda Gerty



"I can't help wonder what life would have looked like if art had 'started' for me earlier in my life..."

To our valued community,
I am delighted to share this annual report describing the incredible work and impact of ArtStarts in Schools in 2014. This year marks another year of accomplishment for ArtStarts in sparking art and creativity in British Columbia's young people. From strengthening community connections, to enabling an impressive number of creative experiences in schools, to growing our professional development offerings for both artists and educators, and much more, it has been a busy and vibrant year across the province.

One of the questions we asked our community this past year was, "Where did art start for you?" This was a particularly poignant question for me, as after a few not-so-positive experiences in elementary school, I became convinced that I was not a creative or artistic person. Luckily, I was invited to share a studio space

with some friends many years later, where I discovered how some brightly coloured paint and a few blank canvases could allow me to let go of expectations and create, just for the pure joy of it.

Today, I can't help wonder what life would have looked like if art had "started" for me earlier in my life. I am grateful that a friend's invitation led me to reconnect with the creative spark that lives in all of us. And reflecting on this question gave me an even greater understanding and appreciation for the work that ArtStarts does to "start art" in young lives around the province.

On behalf of the Board, I sincerely thank all the artists, educators, volunteers, staff, young people and arts champions who have contributed to our mission this year. Together, we are shaping a vibrant and creative future.

Warmly,
Lynda Gerty

Where Did Art Start For You?

Throughout the year, we've been asking people, "Where did art start for you?" It's a question that asks each of us to reflect on our own lives in order to see where along our journey our passion for the arts was sparked.

Do you remember a moment in your life when the arts came alive? It might have been when you witnessed something truly breathtaking — a dancer's movement or a stunning painting. It might have been a hands-on experience — when you felt wet clay squelch between your

fingers or when you performed in a play for the first time. Or it may have been a moment when you had an opportunity to apply your imagination and witness the results of your own creativity.

We believe that where art starts is special. Sharing stories is a powerful way to illustrate the impact of the arts in learning and in life. We're collecting these stories as they're an ongoing source of inspiration.

We invite you to read these stories and share your own at **artstarts.com/you**

"Art started in my childhood home with crayons, sandcastles, mud pies..."

"As far back as I can remember, I've always loved to act, tell stories, dance, draw and paint..."

"Sitting silently, looking at the brush strokes, being surrounded by art is a life memory I'll never forget..."

"Art found me when I was in Grade 3. A ceramics artist came to our class with a cart full of clay and tools..."

ArtStarts in 2014

3,471

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



307

educators and artists attended ArtStarts professional development sessions

\$1.4 million

income earned by touring artists performing across BC



1,857

performances in urban, rural and remote BC schools



15,930

students participated in projects supported by Artists in the Classroom grants for schools

\$1.1 million

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



2,030

young people involved in the 18 projects featured in 2 exhibitions at the ArtStarts Gallery

240

volunteer hours to install ArtStarts Gallery exhibitions



About ArtStarts in Schools

Our Reach

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



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

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.



**Watch
ArtStarts'
Intro Video**
[artstarts.com
/about](https://artstarts.com/about)

*"I think it's totally awesome that we
get to experience different things from
around the world, because here you're
living in a small place and you don't
really see a lot of cool stuff like that."*

*—Alix, Student, Queen Charlotte Secondary,
Haida Gwaii, BC*

Booking and Touring



"ArtStarts gives us access to a professional level of artistic accomplishments that would otherwise not be possible in more rural areas... For kids to be able to see that is really unique, and it sows the seeds for their own experiences in the arts."

— Stephen Petrucci, Assistant Superintendent,
School District 60 Peace River North

Bringing professional performing artists into schools across BC

Each year, ArtStarts brings **over 1,800 performances** into schools and communities across BC. ArtStarts offers an efficient, convenient and cost-effective booking and touring service, taking care of the logistics of planning a tour.

ArtStarts is the bridge that connects schools to new and exciting performers, and likewise connects artists to new audiences for their work.

With a roster of approximately **100 professional performing artists**, ArtStarts provides schools and communities in urban, rural and remote regions of BC with access to high quality, professional artists. Representing a range of disciplines and cultural traditions, these experiences aim to inspire young minds to try something new, explore new ways of thinking, and spark their own creativity.

artstarts.com/booking-touring

Artists on Tour 2014–2015

Aché Brasil • African Stages Association of BC • Alida Kinnie Starr • Anne Glover • Axé Capoeira • Axis Theatre Company • Ballet Victoria • Blues Berries • Boris Sichon • Cadence • Canadiana Musical Theatre Company • Compagni V'ni Dansi • Dancers of Damelahamid • Dianna David • Digital Guise • DuffleBag Theatre • Dumpsta Dragons • Erik de Waal • Fana Soro • Faustwork Mask Theatre • Figura Theatre • Flyin' Bob • Gérald Laroche • Goh Ballet Youth Company • Green Thumb Theatre • Grupo América • Heath Tarlin Entertainment Inc • HOJA • Infinitus • Iskwew Singers • Ivan Coyote • Jacky Essombe • Jamie Oliviero • John Kaplan's Art of Illusion • Kellie Haines • Kevin Fox • Khac Chi Bamboo Music • Kikeyambay • Kunda African Culture Music

Read Road Diaries

[artstarts.com/blog/
tag/road-diaries](http://artstarts.com/blog/tag/road-diaries)

Road Diaries is a blog series that features the voices of the talented artists who are part of ArtStarts' Artists on Tour Directory. We ask everything from "What's your most memorable interaction with a student?" to "What's the best snack to bring on the road?"



and Dance • Kung Jaadee • 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 • MOTUS O Dance Theatre • Mystic Drumz • Noumoufassa • Pangaea Arts • Project Soul • Red Sky Performance • Rock the Arts • Rumba Calzada • RupLoops • Ryan Donn • SAM2 by Scrap Arts Music • Sand Northrup - One Woman Circus • Shameless Hussy Productions • 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 • Thomas Jones • Tiller's Folly • Trent Arterberry • Tribal Vision Dance • Uzume Taiko • Vancouver Chinese Music Ensemble • Vancouver TheatreSports® League • Vazzy in New France • Will Stroet and his Backyard Band



ArtStarts Showcase and Conference

*February
26–28,
2014*

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.

At this year's event, 105 delegates watched sample performances from over 30 professional artists, representing a broad range of disciplines and cultural traditions. They explored various ways to take action to activate learning for young people in hands-on workshops, including *Curriculum Corner*, *Arts Integration in Action*, *What to Expect When Touring BC Schools*, *Art for the Terrified* and more. Delegates also had a chance to connect with one another and artists at receptions and an evening social event.

artstarts.com/showcase

Showcasing Artists

Dance

Luv2Groove Dance Education *
MOTUS O Dance Theatre *
Project Soul
Teddy Anderson

Music

Dumpsta Dragons *
Iskwew Singers *
Kevin Fox *
Khac Chi Bamboo Music
Mystic Drumz *
Rumba Calzada
RupLoops
SAM2 by Scrap Arts Music
Uzume Taiko
Will Stroet and his Backyard Band

Storytelling

Anne Glover *
Jamie Oliviero
Kung Jaadee
Zaccheus Jackson *

Theatre

Faustwork Mask Theatre *
Green Thumb Theatre
Shameless Hussy Productions *
Story Theatre Company
Thomas Jones *
Trent Arterberry

Interdisciplinary

Alex Zerbe *
Axé Capoeira
Christian Swenson
Fana Soro
Gérald Laroche
Heath Tarlin Entertainment
Kunda African Culture Music
and Dance

* New Artist

Watch the
Highlights Reel

[vimeo.com/artstarts
/showcase2014](https://vimeo.com/artstarts/showcase2014)

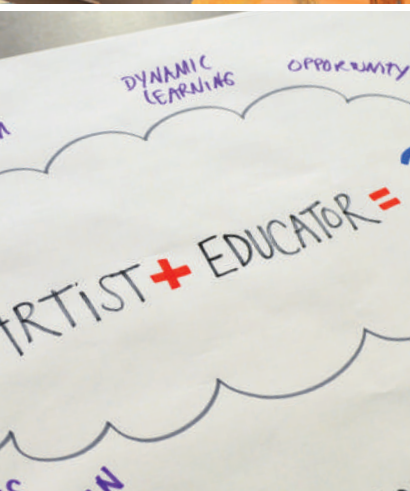
*"I loved learning from others who share
the same passion for championing arts,
from class to district levels."*

— Showcase Delegate

Workshops for Educators and Artists

Art for the Terrified
Artists in the Classroom: Writing a Successful Grant Application
Arts Integration in Action: Sensory Looking
Curriculum Corner
Discover the Power of Your Own Story
What Makes You an Arts Champion?
What to Expect When Touring BC Schools





Infusion: Arts in Education

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.

Professional Development

Presenting Your Professional Practice

Thirty artists came together at the ArtStarts Gallery in March 2014 to focus on building their confidence to connect with educators and expand their work with young people in a classroom setting.

"This workshop was like a light turning on—or actually being handed a flashlight and told how to use it. I plan to move forward with this new knowledge and shine a light on the trail ahead."

The Places You'll Build: Exploring Examples of Arts Integration

"I appreciate the reminder that art can be used as a tool to express learning. Paper and pencil need not dominate our classrooms."

"Today's Pro-D helped cement my belief in art as a valuable process for students and teachers. More time needs to be dedicated to the pursuit of artistic thinking and being in this frenetic world of 'busy!'"

Held on the province-wide Pro-D day in October 2014, this workshop was led by professional artists for teachers, exploring projects and themes present in the young people's artwork on display in the ArtStarts exhibition, *Dwellings: From Seabeds to Cityscapes*.

artstarts.com/infusion

artsinfusion.ca



Artists in the Classroom Exchanges in Nelson and Revelstoke

"This event was really important for both educators and artists and it will help with the growth of these well-needed projects in schools!"

In April 2014, these events brought together engaged educators and professional artists with experience working with young people in schools, to explore the potential collaborations, including applying for Artists in the Classroom grants.



Arts Integration Learning Lab for BC's Interior Region

Seventeen artists gathered in Kamloops in November 2014 for a five-day professional learning event. Grounded in principles of arts integration, the event was designed to support artists' abilities to work with educators and students in meaningful and relevant ways.

"This experience was a true gift — feeding my need to bring my art practice into the classroom. The support of the group and the facilitators was just the spark I needed."



Arts Integration in Action Guest Blog

artsinfusion.ca
/action

The Arts Integration in Action guest blog

features stories from BC teachers and artists who are implementing arts integration projects with young people. Read these stories to gain greater insight into the impact that arts integration can have on learning—and be inspired to develop your own projects.

"An absolutely fantastic, innovative, interdisciplinary workshop with fabulous facilitation. I am excited to apply some of these new elements into my own practice. So much fun!"

"I'm very excited to implement these strategies in the classroom."

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 are 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.

The series began with a printmaking workshop with artist Julie McIntyre in November, and a writing workshop with author/actor Lori Sherritt-Fleming in December.

Infusion Cohort

The Infusion Cohort Program is an intensive and sustained professional learning program for artists and teachers focused on arts integration in schools across BC. Beginning in 2012, six schools across the province partnered with professional artists over a three-year period to discover and develop ways to bring arts integration based practices into their classrooms.

artstarts.com/infusioncohort

"Infusion was about infusing art into all that we do at school. I think art will be infused in my life that way."

— Abby, Grade 7 Student,
J.A. Laird Elementary, Invermere



Artists, teachers and ArtStarts staff share experiences at the Infusion Cohort Exchange



Arts Integration is an **APPROACH to TEACHING** in which students construct and demonstrate **UNDERSTANDING** through an **ART FORM**. Students engage in a **CREATIVE PROCESS** which **CONNECTS** an art form and another subject area and meets **EVOLVING OBJECTIVES** in both. Definition developed by The Kennedy Center



"My teaching has grown exponentially. What if we hadn't had the Infusion program? It's changed the way I teach for good!"

Exchanging Ideas and Inspiration

In May 2014, ArtStarts hosted participants from the six Infusion Champion Schools and the six Infusion Teaching Artists for the Infusion Cohort Exchange. This was the first time that educators from the six schools all met each other. Over the course of two days, participants worked together to see what is possible in arts integration, share ideas, and discuss challenges, solutions and victories.

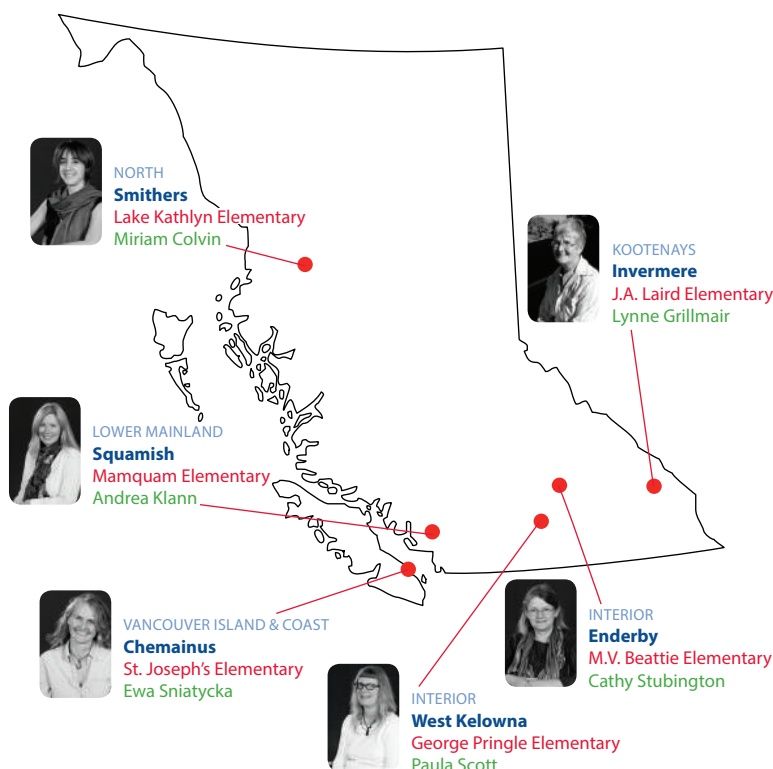
"I see this as a way more organic way to teach. It's a marvelous gateway to expanding learning!"

Collaboration for Creative Growth

September 2014 marked the beginning of the Cohort's third and final year of their program, with artists and teachers continuing to work together to build creative confidence and develop strategies to incorporate arts integration into their approach to teaching in the years to come.

Join the Community

The Infusion Community of Practice at artsinfusion.ca is a free online community that brings together educators and artists in a forum that provides opportunities for collaboration and mentorship in arts integration.



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.

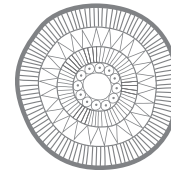
artstarts.com/gallery

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

Timescapes: Local Connections and Natural Indicators of Time

April 26, 2014 to September 27, 2014

Students examined how time is marked in the natural world through explorations in felt, clay, printmaking and other mediums, to develop an understanding of natural cycles and their community impact.



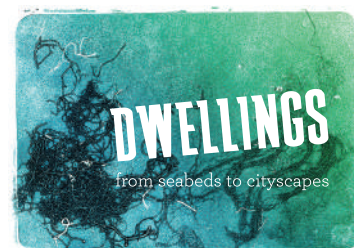
TIMESCAPES

This is Our Arctic — *April 26, 2014 to September 27, 2014*

This mini-exhibition in the Mezzanine Gallery, organized by the "for youth, by youth" organization BYTE, featured photographs of climate change taken by young people in the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Dwellings: From Seabeds to Cityscapes — *October 25, 2014 to March 29, 2015*

Where we live, and how we inhabit that space, shapes our experiences, our culture, and even who we are. Students reflected on their surroundings and the concept of dwelling, in both human and natural worlds.



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Virtual Gallery

artstarts.com
/exhibitions

Timescapes Opening Event

tinyurl.com
/art-timescapes

Dwellings Opening Event

tinyurl.com
/art-dwellings



"Amazing! I loved seeing all these works of art from around the province — as well as my own!"

— Paisley, Student Artist



Free Family Workshops

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 Sunday 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 2014, almost **2,000 kids and family members** took part in these creative workshops.

artstarts.com/weekend

ArtStarts on Saturdays
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ArtStarts at River Market
is proudly supported by





"Another incredible class! For kids and adults!"

*"Thank you for such a fun experience.
We will definitely be back."*

"Such good information for creative learning!"

*"Our kids always learn new things coming
to your workshops."*

*"We can now do this art at home, for the
rest of our lives. Fantastic!"*



**Watch City Lights
at ArtStarts**

[artstarts.com/blog
/city-lights](http://artstarts.com/blog/city-lights)

Workshops in 2014

Christian Swenson: It's Morphoman! — *Interdisciplinary*

RupLoops: A Musical Orbit — *Music*

George Rahi and his Musical Bicycles — *Music*

Animal Adventures with Rock the Arts — *Theatre*

Stories and Strings with Anne Glover — *Storytelling*

Rainbow Rock Feltmaking with Kiki van der Heiden — *Visual Arts*

Story Fabrics with Ewa Sniatycka — *Storytelling and Visual Arts*

Celebrating Seasonal Birds: Printmaking with Colette Lisoway — *Visual Arts*

Jamming with Dumpsta Dragons — *Music*

Painting Magnificent Coastal Forests with Sandi Henrich — *Visual Arts*

Think Bigg with Trent Arterberry — *Theatre*



Community Engagement

The ArtStarts Gallery and Resource Centre invites the community to connect with ArtStarts through a variety of offerings. We invite the community into our space for interactive events such as 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 interested groups.

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.

Vancouver Draw Down

Celebrating its fifth year, Vancouver Draw Down is a city-wide day of drawing, with workshops at many locations. ArtStarts' event, *Time/Line*, encouraged visitors of all ages to explore the question, "Can time be drawn?"—a theme that tied into the gallery's *Timescapes* exhibition. Time-based drawing experiments included drawing with light, playing with small scribbling robots, and drawing your age as rings of a tree.

A Good Book Drive

A Good Book Drive is an annual book drive to bring stories to a new generation of readers and support kids in need of new books. For the third year, ArtStarts is proud to have participated as one of the drop-off locations for book donations.

YoungStarters' Dwellings Talk Series

Complementing themes evident in the gallery's *Timescapes* exhibition, the Dwellings Talk Series invited visitors of all ages to gather at the ArtStarts Gallery to join conversations about the idea of "dwellings" from three distinct perspectives: urban ecology, youth homelessness and urban design. Experts from the community shared their knowledge and led discussions.

Reading Corner and Resource Hub

The Reading Corner in the ArtStarts Gallery offers a cozy space where visitors can curl up with books related to themes in the current exhibition. The Resource Hub offers the community books on topics such as creativity and arts integration.

Funding Opportunities

for Schools and School Districts

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

The Arts in Education Council of BC Fund

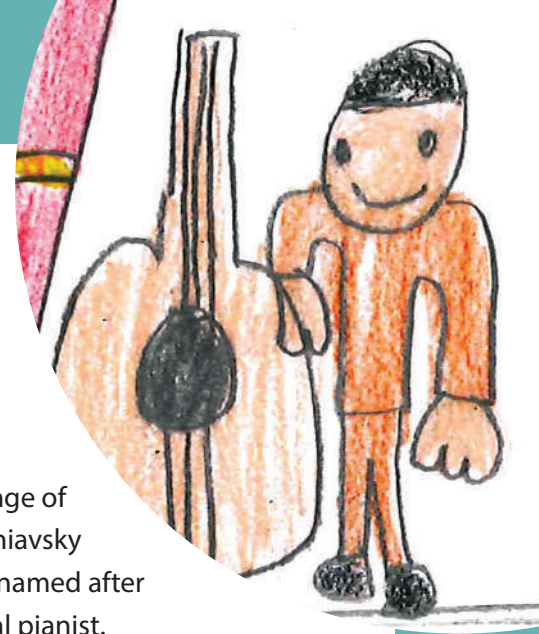
The Arts in Education Council of BC Fund offers grants of **up to \$500** for educators or schools to support professional development for Kindergarten to Grade12 educators in British Columbia. These grants can be used to assist in the presentation or attendance of professional development workshops, clinics or seminars designed to increase the appreciation of the arts for teachers in BC schools.

Application intakes took place in April and October 2014. The list below reflects grants disbursed in 2014.

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Tahayghen Elementary (Masset)	\$500
Eric Hamber Secondary (Vancouver)	\$500
Total grants disbursed in 2014:	\$1,000



Cherniavsky's "Mr. Music" Fund

Cherniavsky's "Mr. Music" Fund offers matching grants of **up to \$500** to assist schools in purchasing tickets for students to attend a wide range of classical and traditional music, opera or ballet. Supported by the Cherniavsky Junior Club for the Performing Arts Society, the funding program was named after an endowment created by Jan Cherniavsky, a world-renowned classical pianist.

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ArtStarts allocated and disbursed a total of **\$14,835.80** in grants for use by schools during the 2013-2014 school year, which reached **4,530 students** in **46 schools**. The list below reflects grants disbursed in 2014.



Alexis Park Elementary (Vernon)	\$255.60
Belgo Elementary (Kelowna)	\$500.00
Bench Elementary (Cowichan Bay)	\$315.00
Black Mountain Elementary (Kelowna)	\$428.40
Chief Maquinna Annex (Vancouver)	\$207.00
Davidson Road Elementary (Winfield)	\$403.00
Happy Valley Elementary (Victoria)	\$150.00
Immaculate Conception School (Delta)	\$500.00
Our Lady of Sorrows School (Vancouver)	\$121.50
Queen Margaret's School (Duncan)	\$207.00
Quinson Elementary (Prince George)	\$250.00
RC Macdonald Elementary (Coquitlam)	\$500.00
SD 62 Sooke (Victoria)	\$350.00
Similkameen Band School (Keremeos)	\$158.40
St Alcuin College (North Vancouver)	\$85.50
Vermilion Forks Elementary (Princeton)	\$180.00

Total grants disbursed in 2014: \$4,611.40



Artists in the Classroom Grants for Schools

Funded by BC Arts Council and the Province of BC, Artists in the Classroom grants support projects that put students in direct contact with professional artists to support rich learning experiences in the classroom. Teachers, principals and PAC representatives can apply for AIC grants to bring professional artists into their classrooms. AIC grants support projects in schools across BC that demonstrate artistic excellence, strong curricular connections, high levels of student engagement and an active partnership between an educator and a professional artist.

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. In 2014, **15,930 students** across BC participated in projects supported by Artists in the Classroom grants.

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"The most rewarding part of the project was seeing the children come to life through singing, dancing and acting."

— Jennifer Heath, Principal,
Family Montessori School, Vancouver

"Students and staff benefited immensely from the artist's inspiring example and leadership as he shared his love of self-expression through art."

— Catherine Schechter, Teacher,
Lynn Valley Elementary, North Vancouver

"When I went onstage it really pushed me to do my best and I was excited to share what I learned."

— Megan, Grade 4 Student,
Capilano Elementary, North Vancouver

Artists in the Classroom Grants for Schools

The list below reflects grants disbursed in 2014. It includes the October 2013 intake, which awarded **\$224,596** to support projects in **79 schools**, reaching **10,225 students**, and the June 2014 intake, which awarded **\$198,581**, to support projects in **47 schools**, reaching **5,705 students**.

Agnes L Mathers Junior Secondary (Sandspit)	\$3,500	Errington Elementary (Errington)	\$2,443
Amy Woodland Elementary (Cranbrook)	\$1,435	False Bay School (Lasqueti Island)	\$3,290
Arrow Heights Elementary (Revelstoke)	\$3,213	False Creek Elementary (Vancouver)	\$2,231
Arrow Lakes Distributed Learning School (Nakusp)		Fort Rupert Elementary (Port Hardy)	\$3,500
	\$1,372	Fraser Academy (Vancouver)	\$3,500
Artemis Place Secondary (Victoria)	\$2,450	Fraserview Learning Centre (Mission)	\$3,185
Bayview Elementary (Nanaimo)	\$9,800	Fulford Community Elementary (Saltspring Island)	
Bella Coola Elementary (Bella Coola)	\$2,000		\$3,500
Bella Coola Elementary (NanOOSE Bay)	\$3,400	Gabriola Elementary (Gabriola Island)	\$1,361
Berkshire Park Elementary (Surrey)	\$4,200	Gabriola Elementary PAC (Gabriola Island)	\$1,571
Birchland Elementary (Port Coquitlam)	\$3,500	Galiano Community School (Galiano Island)	\$3,500
Blewett Elementary (Nelson)	\$2,365	General Gordon Elementary (Vancouver)	\$1,260
Bowen Island Community School (Bowen Island)		Georges P Vanier Secondary (Courtenay)	\$3,500
	\$3,500	Georges P Vanier Secondary (Courtenay)	\$7,800
Britannia Elementary (Vancouver)	\$3,500	Gilpin Elementary (Burnaby)	\$3,500
Brockton Preparatory School (North Vancouver)	\$3,500	Gitwinksihlkw Elementary (Gitwinksihlkw)	\$3,500
Burnaby Mountain Secondary (Burnaby)	\$700	Gleneagles Elementary (West Vancouver)	\$3,500
Burnsview Secondary (Delta)	\$2,415	Grandview / Uuqinak'uuh Elementary (Vancouver)	
Caledonia Senior Secondary (Terrace)	\$2,574		\$1,995
Campus View Elementary (Victoria)	\$3,325	Grindrod Elementary (Grindrod)	\$3,500
Capilano Elementary (North Vancouver)	\$3,500	Gulf Islands Secondary (Saltspring Island)	\$2,296
Cariboo Hill Secondary (Burnaby)	\$1,260	Gulf Islands Secondary (Saltspring Island)	\$8,449
Charles Dickens Elementary (Vancouver)	\$1,092	Happy Valley Elementary (Victoria)	\$4,200
Chemainus Secondary (Chemainus)	\$10,000	Hastings Elementary (Vancouver)	\$2,257
City Central Learning Centre (Surrey)	\$1,400	Hazelton Secondary (Hazelton)	\$3,500
City Central Learning Centre (Surrey)	\$2,750	Henderson Elementary (Powell River)	\$2,009
Clearbrook Elementary (Abbotsford)	\$4,459	James Thomson Elementary (Richmond)	\$1,162
Coal Tyee Elementary (Nanaimo)	\$2,479	John Henderson Annex (Vancouver)	\$611
Colwood Elementary (Victoria)	\$2,338	Kenneth Gordon Maplewood School	
Cowichan Secondary (Duncan)	\$3,250	(North Vancouver)	\$8,000
David Oppenheimer Elementary (Vancouver)	\$987	Khowhemun Elementary (Duncan)	\$2,415
Dewdney Elementary (Dewdney)	\$671	Kimberley Alternate School (Kimberley)	\$2,800
Dover Bay Secondary (Nanaimo)	\$10,000	Kitsilano Secondary (Vancouver)	\$1,128
Ecole Poirier Elementary (Victoria)	\$2,843	L V Rogers Secondary (Nelson)	\$2,450
Edwin S Richards Elementary (Mission)	\$4,747	L V Rogers Secondary (Nelson)	\$2,247
Ellison Elementary (Vernon)	\$3,325	L V Rogers Secondary (Nelson)	\$3,402

L V Rogers Secondary (Nelson)	\$1,512	Sooke Elementary (Sooke)	\$3,500
Lady Grey Elementary (Golden)	\$3,500	South Kamloops Secondary (Kamloops)	\$7,000
Lake Kathlyn Elementary (Smithers)	\$3,500	South Park Elementary (Victoria)	\$9,740
Lakewood Elementary (Victoria)	\$1,750	Southridge School (Prince George)	\$575
Laura Secord Elementary (Vancouver)	\$3,500	Springvalley Middle School (Kelowna)	\$3,500
Lucerne Elementary-Secondary (New Denver)	\$819	St Joseph's Elementary (Victoria)	\$3,500
Lucerne Elementary-Secondary (New Denver)	\$1,533	St Thomas Aquinas High School (North Vancouver)	\$3,500
Lucerne Elementary-Secondary (New Denver)	\$10,000		
Lynn Valley Elementary (North Vancouver)	\$3,500	Star of the Sea School (Surrey)	\$784
Macaulay Elementary (Victoria)	\$3,500	Suncrest Elementary (Burnaby)	\$1,775
Manoah Steves Elementary (Richmond)	\$1,388	Sunrise Waldorf School (Duncan)	\$2,250
Maple Grove Elementary (Vancouver)	\$3,500	The Whole School (Winlaw)	\$703
McBride Centennial Elementary (McBride)	\$2,450	Torquay Elementary (Victoria)	\$2,849
Mennonite Educational Institute Middle (Abbotsford)	\$700	Twin Rivers Elementary (Castlegar)	\$840
Millstream Elementary (Victoria)	\$2,049	Valley View Elementary (Courtenay)	\$3,500
Morley Elementary (Burnaby)	\$3,500	Vancouver Technical Secondary (Vancouver)	\$2,590
Mount Sentinel Secondary (South Slokan)	\$3,263	W E Graham Community School (Slocan)	\$7,000
Mount Sentinel Secondary (South Slokan)	\$1,988	Walter Moberly Elementary (Vancouver)	\$1,100
Mount Sentinel Secondary (South Slokan)	\$3,327	Wellington Secondary (Nanaimo)	\$770
Mount Sentinel Secondary (South Slokan)	\$1,515	West-Mont School (Victoria)	\$2,051
Nakusp Elementary (Nakusp)	\$1,540	West-Mont School (Victoria)	\$3,150
Nanoose Bay Elementary (Nanoose Bay)	\$2,901	Wildflower School (Nelson)	\$1,945
Nanoose Bay Elementary (Nanoose Bay)	\$3,374	Windsor House School (North Vancouver)	\$9,700
Nanoose Bay Elementary (Nanoose Bay)	\$3,374	Winlaw Elementary (Winlaw)	\$1,260
Nootka Elementary (Vancouver)	\$5,379	Yarrow Elementary (Chilliwack)	\$1,575
Okanagan Falls Elementary (Okanagan Falls)	\$2,921	YouLearn.ca (Oliver)	\$3,150
Okanagan Landing Elementary (Vernon)	\$1,935		
Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary (Vancouver)	\$2,870	Total grants disbursed in 2014:	\$423,177
Pinewood Elementary (Cranbrook)	\$749		
Port Clements Elementary (Port Clements)	\$2,147		
Prince of Wales School (Vancouver)	\$3,500		
Quadra Elementary (Victoria)	\$630		
Queen Charlotte Secondary (Queen Charlotte)	\$10,000		
Queen Mary Elementary (North Vancouver)	\$1,932		
Redfish Elementary (Nelson)	\$8,750		
Rockheights Middle School (Victoria)	\$3,468		
SD 71 Comox Valley (Courtenay)	\$3,500		
Sensisysten House of Learning (Westbank)	\$2,520		
Shoreline Middle School (Victoria)	\$2,093		
Sir Richard McBride Annex (Vancouver)	\$1,396		
Sir William MacDonald Elementary (Vancouver)	\$1,529		
Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary (Skidegate)	\$2,656		
Smithers Secondary (Smithers)	\$3,500		

Artists in Education Grants for Districts

Funded by BC Arts Council and the Province of BC, the Artists in Education grant supports artistic programming including performances, workshops and residencies in schools across BC. 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. The list below reflects grants disbursed in 2014.

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First Nations Schools Association	\$24,655	SD 52 Prince Rupert	\$8,110
Federation of Independent School Associations	\$25,006	SD 53 Okanagan - Similkameen	\$6,135
SD 05 Southeast Kootenay	\$11,200	SD 54 Bulkley Valley	\$5,365
SD 06 Rocky Mountain	\$7,800	SD 57 Prince George	\$30,900
SD 08 Kootenay Lakes	\$11,230	SD 58 Nicola - Similkameen	\$7,200
SD 10 Arrow Lakes	\$5,600	SD 59 Peace River South	\$8,015
SD 19 Revelstoke	\$5,593	SD 60 Peace River North	\$14,982
SD 20 Kootenay - Columbia	\$8,005	SD 61 Greater Victoria	\$19,030
SD 22 Vernon	\$10,295	SD 62 Sooke	\$8,110
SD 23 Central Okanagan	\$19,950	SD 63 Saanich	\$6,450
SD 27 Cariboo - Chilcotin	\$11,550	SD 64 Gulf Islands	\$6,445
SD 28 Quesnel	\$12,580	SD 67 Okanagan Skaha	\$8,110
SD 33 Chilliwack	\$7,800	SD 68 Nanaimo - Ladysmith	\$18,300
SD 34 Abbotsford	\$12,450	SD 69 Qualicum	\$8,117
SD 35 Langley	\$12,250	SD 70 Alberni	\$6,634
SD 36 Surrey	\$34,200	SD 71 Comox Valley	\$10,400
SD 37 Delta	\$10,605	SD 72 Campbell River	\$12,480
SD 38 Richmond	\$15,150	SD 73 Kamloops/Thompson	\$19,340
SD 39 Vancouver	\$28,200	SD 75 Mission	\$4,875
SD 40 New Westminster	\$4,885	SD 78 Fraser - Cascade	\$6,655
SD 41 Burnaby	\$15,750	SD 79 Cowichan Valley	\$10,920
SD 42 Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows	\$9,670	SD 82 Coast Mountains	\$16,120
SD 43 Coquitlam	\$20,150	SD 83 North Okanagan - Shuswap	\$9,045
SD 44 North Vancouver	\$10,600	SD 84 Vancouver Island West	\$6,445
SD 45 West Vancouver	\$4,875	SD 85 Vancouver Island North	\$7,380
SD 46 Sunshine Coast	\$7,800	SD 87 Stikine	\$2,690
SD 47 Powell River	\$6,125	SD 91 Nechako Lakes	\$14,140
SD 48 Sea to Sky	\$7,431	SD 92 Nisga'a	\$6,377
SD 49 Central Coast	\$5,690	SD 93 Francophone Education Authority	\$5,725
SD 50 Haida Gwaii	\$6,965		
SD 51 Boundary	\$6,445		
		Total grants disbursed in 2014:	\$675,000

Financial Summary

ArtStarts' total revenues for 2014 amounted to **over \$2.9 million** from government bodies, foundations, corporations, individuals and earned income from our programs and services. Approximately **38%** of our budget was disbursed to schools and school districts 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	\$329,814
Municipal Cultural Facility	\$34,408

Private Funding \$242,016

Earned Income \$270,763

Program Delivery

School Performances \$836,983

Funding Programs

Artists in Education and Artists in the Classroom	
BC Arts Council	\$1,092,046
Cherniavsky Junior Club Fund	\$16,000

Expenses

Programs and Events	\$228,141
Services and Support	\$643,705
Marketing and Outreach	\$27,617
Facility Expenses	\$44,571
School Performances	\$838,473
Consultant Fees	\$16,220

Funding Programs

Artists in Education	\$675,000
Artists in the Classroom	\$423,177
Cherniavsky Junior Club Fund	\$4,611
Arts in Education Council of BC Fund	\$1,000

Audit performed by Grant Thornton LLP.
To request audited financial statements,
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In 2014,
\$1,103,788
was disbursed as grants
to schools and school
districts to support
artistic activity

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 British Columbia with a diverse range of experience in finance, community engagement and other areas.

*ArtStarts Board
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ArtStarts Board and Staff gather at the 2014 AGM

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Finance Committee: Vincent Lau, Drew Gilmour, Abigail Sy Yong

Juries and Selection Committees

Showcase Preliminary Review Panel — October 2014: Susan Carberry (SD 91 Nechako Lakes) • Miriam Manley (SD 19 Revelstoke) • Will Schlackl (SD 67 Okanagan-Skaha) • Sharyn Andruski-Collins (SD 68 Nanaimo)

Showcase Selection Committee — November 2014: Reg Laplante (SD 41 Burnaby) • Peggy Bochun (SD 39 Vancouver) • Damon Fultz (SD 33 Chilliwack) • David MacPherson (Story Theatre Company) • Kim Sato (Project Soul) • Naomi Kajiwara (Uzume Taiko)

AIC Jury — July 2014: Kevin Ault (Educator, Lower Mainland) • Theresa Browning (Educator, Interior) • Claudia Lorenz (Artist, Vancouver Island) • Morgen Bardati (Artist, Kootenays) • Alison Gear (Educator, North) — **November 2014:** Will Schlackl (Educator, Kootenays) • Marghanita Hughes (Artist, Vancouver Island) • Morgen Bardati (Artist, Interior) • Sheila Karrow (Educator, North) • Heather Korlak (Artist, Lower Mainland)

Artists in the Classroom Directory Selection Committee — March 2014: Kori Tarry (Educator) • Natalie Gan (Artist) — **December 2014:** Kevin Ault (Educator) • Colette Lisoway (Artist)

Community Art Stars

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Volunteers

Volunteers play an integral role in our society. At ArtStarts, volunteers apply their skills and talents to take on a range of activities from gallery reception, exhibition installation and tours, to general office work and support with special events like the ArtStarts Showcase. Many thanks to all our volunteers!

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Knowledge Philanthropists

This term, coined by Omar Ladak, refers to a person who volunteers primarily with their head, by contributing what they know. At ArtStarts we engage Knowledge Philanthropists as project-based volunteers who contribute their specialized, professional skills.

Brent Hampton • Jennifer Hall • Robert McKie • Joan Quintin

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Dominika Pilat (BCIT) • Jade Song (UBC) • Kristen Powell (UBC) • Marnie Thwaites (UBC) • MaryAn Kennedy (UBC) • Pei Tan (BCIT) • Simone Orlando (BCIT)



"I volunteer with ArtStarts because I find the work that this organization does very unique and important on many levels. As a volunteer I learn something new every week in a nurturing environment that is all about experimentation, creativity and exchange of knowledge."

— Bahar Habibi, Volunteer



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Navida's Pecha
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Get Involved



"I chose to support ArtStarts because I also share the vision of promoting the value of the arts in our community."

— Sharon Leung, Donor

A Passion for Arts and Learning

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

Be a Part of Something Big

There are many ways to get involved. Pledge your ongoing support by becoming a **monthly donor** or make 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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"I love ArtStarts! It's a welcoming family of people who care about young people and the importance of creativity."

— Jill Plant, Volunteer

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