



Fall 2009 Edition

Bringing Artists to the Classroom

Engage Your Students with an Innovative Approach to Learning



The Ground illusionz Crew, award-winning instructors and advocates for Hip-Hop Culture

Excite, awaken and empower your students this school year with classroom visits from professional artists. What better way to start off the new year than with a unique learning adventure guaranteed to stimulate their imaginations?

Mississauga is not only Canada's sixth largest city, but a mecca for artists and artist-educators alike. There has never been a better time for teachers to tap into Mississauga's thriving arts scene than the present. When you bring an artist into your classroom, you are welcoming a fresh and exciting experience for you and your students. Arts education is proven to help students who struggle with conventional teaching methods. It can be an unforgettable experience for young minds, awakening kids to new opportunities and broadening their ideas about life.

Forging the path of education and empowerment through the arts is Ground illusionz, Mississauga's foremost B-Boy dance crew. Founded by dancer and community worker Marcel DaCosta, the group is celebrated internationally for connecting with youth while imparting the value of teamwork, self-respect and health through urban culture. Ground illusionz is one of the many artists and arts organizations featured in this September edition of the AIM for Education Newsletter. Other artists include cutting-edge musicians, visual artists, sculptors, actors, authors, dancers and much more!



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Why Introduce Students to Professional Artists?

Bringing artists into the classroom is an unforgettable experience for students and teachers alike. Each of the creative professionals featured in the newsletter offer affordable, curriculum-connected arts programming that can be catered to your lesson plan. What's more... all of the artists can come directly to your classroom making it easier than ever to bring the magic of the arts to your school.

Why Bring an Artist/Educator in to Your Classroom?

- arts education improves students creative problem-solving and critical thinking
- arts education is proven to enhance learnings in math and science
- a visit from a professional artist can ignite students love of the arts and mental outlook on life
- it's a firsthand look into an artist's creative process, teaching students how to overcome challenges with creativity, focus and perseverance

- arts encourages individualism while embracing uniqueness and self-expression, all qualities that are paramount for the development of healthy young minds
- arts education builds new connections amongst students as they learn to value the importance of teamwork and self-respect
- for teachers, the experience will spark new ideas for arts inspired lesson-plans
- arts education encourages an elevation in mentality for both teachers and students alike

Please help us save paper by posting the newsletter on your school's intranet system, print it out and post it in the staff lounge, or send it out to your co-workers through email. For additional information please call 905-615-4212.

Ground illusionz

Inspiring Youth Through Break Dance and Urban Culture

Along with being Mississauga's primary award winning Break-Dance crew since 1999, the nationally renowned Ground illusionz have become leading instructors and advocates for Hip-Hop culture. Their mission is to educate and inspire youth of all ages through workshops, performances and public and private sessions. Hip-Hop culture is universal life skill building tool that allows for healthy and positive outlets of expression: a voice through dance, writing and music. Enjoy activities of empowerment, fun, respect, health, teamwork, cultural sensitivity and elevation in mentality for ages 8 to 19.

Prices:

- City run public sessions \$2
- City run semester classes \$26
- Private sessions \$250 for three hours
- Two private sessions \$300 for two hours
- Mobile workshops rates upon contact

For additional information please contact:
Marcelino "Frost" DaCosta
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905-783-1479



Visual Arts Mississauga

Exploring The Exciting World of Visual Arts



Visual Arts Mississauga delivers exciting and unique visual arts activities to you and your students! VAM's programs include all materials and are taught by professional artists in your own classroom or in our beautiful studios at Riverwood Park. Programs are available for students from JK to Grade 12. All programs can be linked to the curriculum and are \$9.00 per student. Schools purchasing 10 or more ArtReach sessions are eligible to receive a free Off the Wallz mural program.

Come and visit Visual Arts Mississauga today at visualartsmississauga.com to see all they have to offer or call 905-277-5086 for additional information.



Author Jennifer Maruno

Empowering Students With the Written Word

An experienced educator, Jennifer shows how a good book can be a springboard to other learning. She offers two workshops for grades 2 to 6: *The Disappearing Art of Letter Writing* and *Deliciously Descriptive Passages*. For Remembrance Day and Asian Heritage Month: *The Story behind the Story – Japanese-Canadian Internment in WW2*.

Jennifer will also do professional development presentations for teachers on *Using Literature to Foster Mathematics* and *Developing Literature Programs*. She prefers to speak in the school library or classroom, as the gym is not conducive to interactive learning with literary. She will tailor her presentations to the age of the group, their cultural diversity and developmental needs.

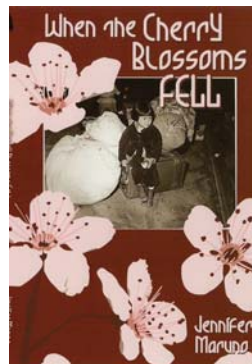
Program Fees:

One Session - \$300.00

Two Sessions - \$550.00

Three Sessions - \$800.00

Please contact Jennifer at jmsgems@roger.com or 905-607-8699.



Jennifer's latest book, *When the Cherry Blossoms Fell*



Chamber Music Society

Introducing “Tales and Tunes for Toonies”

The Chamber Music Society of Mississauga and Orchestras Mississauga are excited to announce a brand new program for elementary school students - *Tales and Tunes for Toonies*. On Wednesday, February 10, and Thursday Feb 11, 2010 at 10 a.m. and 12:15 p.m., come to the Living Arts Centre to hear the enchanting tale of *The Little Mermaid*. Admission is a toonie per student. School bookings can be made from the web site, chambermusic-mississauga.org or by emailing pmviolin@rogers.com. Teachers are asked to collect the toonies and send their school cheque to:

Chamber Music Society of Mississauga
3586 The Credit Woodlands Rd
Mississauga Ont, L5C2K6

Book before November 1, 2009 and your school will be eligible for a visit by one of the performing musicians for no charge.

Tales and Tunes for Toonies is for young audiences of all ages but particularly for grades 2-6 with curriculum connections in music, visual art, social studies, theatre, language arts and literature. The tale to be performed this year is *The Little Mermaid* set to music by Patrick Cardy. The music is scored for a chamber ensemble of flute/piccolo, clarinet/bass clarinet, violin, viola, cello, piano/celesta, percussion (vibraphone, glockenspiel, tubular chimes, water chimes, timpani, crotales, triangle, splash cymbals, sizzle cymbal, tam-tam, bass drum, bell tree, tom-tom and waterphone). The performance is sure to amaze your students!



The Chamber Music Society proudly presents the Little Mermaid for only \$2 a student

Mixed Theatre Company

Stimulating Critical Thinking Through Theatre



Using theatre as an educational tool, Mixed Theatre Company stimulates critical thinking and engages students in active problem-solving. Take a fresh, original approach in your Character Development Curriculum. Help your elementary and secondary students understand issues through our interactive, entertaining, and age-appropriate presentations that address bullying, gang violence and environmentalism.

Call for a custom quote. Please use the promotional code “AIM HIGH” to determine your eligibility for our Ontario Arts Council supported touring discount.

For additional information please contact Ainsley Skye, Education and Community Outreach Associate at 416-515-8080. ainsley@mixedcompanytheatre.com www.mixedcompanytheatre.com.

Breanne Arrigo

Professional Singer Teaches Students About the Music Business



As a self-employed, full-time artist who manages her own music career, Breanne Arrigo offers students first-hand information on how to get started in the music industry. Having recently dazzled audiences while performing in the hit musical; **We Will Rock You** as the leading character Scaramouche, Breanne has a wealth of experience as both an actress and singer. For students looking to pursue a career in the performing arts, this guidance-style workshop will greatly benefit these individuals. The workshop consists of lessons on: perfecting your musical skills, forming a band or a show, learning to rehearse with focus and recording a demo.

Students will also participate in a hands-on portfolio design activity. Portfolios are necessary for all artists to have in order to represent themselves properly. Students will decide on a group name, genre of music, the targeted audience, repertoire examples and research based information collected on venues in the area that may be interested in hiring an act of that nature.

Breanne's **Music Industry Workshop** is appropriate for Junior High and all Secondary School grade levels.
Rate: \$250 per workshop (90 minute periods)
Rates are negotiable for multiple class bookings.

Breanne also offers a **Musical Theatre Preparation Workshop** complete with a choreography lesson followed by a musical theatre routine. Students interested in pursuing a career in musical theatre will love this inspiring workshop. Please call 905-781-3440 or email events@breannearrigo.com for additional information. Please visit www.breannearrigo.com.

Mississauga Arts Council

The City's One-Stop-Shop for the Arts!

Interested in connecting your school to the thriving local arts community? Join the Mississauga Arts Council today!

The Mississauga Arts Council is a not-for-profit charitable organization dedicated to promoting local arts and artists. Our mission is "to foster and develop, support and champion a vibrant, dynamic arts community in the city of Mississauga through services, to enrich the lives of its citizens."

The Mississauga Arts Council has recently launched its *Limelight Youth Committee* for artists under the age of 30. If your students are interested in the arts, be sure to tell them to join today. Please flip to page 15 and 16 for detailed information.

The Mississauga Arts Council is the most comprehensive resource for arts and entertainment information in the city of Mississauga. We support and promote the activities of over 215 arts organizations (representing more than 23,000 artists) and several hundred individual members.

There are several educational services provided by the Mississauga Arts Council. Membership for a school is \$35 and includes additional benefits including discounts and promotional tools. Schools are invited to promote their art shows, performances and fundraisers with the Arts Council's many resources: including our popular website, our e-newsletter, our listing submissions, monthly calendars etc.

Are your students looking to fill their community service hours? Let us help your students find volunteer opportunities in the arts. Visit our website at mississaugaartscouncil.com or call 905-615-4278.



Museums of Mississauga

Exploring History First Hand



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The Bradley Museum and Benares Historic House provide students with a unique opportunity to experience life both in the 19th and early 20th Century. We offer a wide range of exciting hands-on, interactive programming to students of all ages. The Museums also provide both on-site and outreach programming. Our entire education listing is designed to meet current curriculum guidelines.

We also offer unique Overnight Programs at the Log Cabin at Bradley Museum

Book early this fall for *Lest We Forget Programs*. This interactive program explores life on the home front and overseas during World War I. Although this program is available year 'round, it is a good tie in with Remembrance Day studies.

Please visit our website for summaries of all our programs and an upcoming list of events and exhibits museumsmississauga.com.

For additional information please contact Fiona Ryder, Museums Education Program Supervisor at 905-615-4860 X 2113 or by email at fiona.ryder@mississauga.ca.

Shared Palette Inc.

Encouraging Students to Draw, Paint, Explore and Create!



Visual Artist Sharlena Wood offers customized in-school workshops that include lecture, demonstration and hands-on instruction for all ages. Specialized art topics include drawing and mixed media, modern acrylic paints and mediums, colour and value, techniques and materials, life drawing and a special shared palette collaborative workshop where a group all works together and helps Sharlena paint one large work of art.

Sharlena Wood is a working artist for Tri-Art's Acrylic Educational Program and is President of Shared Palette Interactive Art Entertainment for Special Events. www.SharedPalette.ca. She is an intuitive creator and motivator, teacher and art materials consultant. It is her gift to pass on confidence through knowledge and encourage others to nurture and trust their own creative instincts - to draw, paint, explore, and create!

To book a workshop with Shared Palette Inc., please contact Sharlena Wood by email at sharlenawood@gmail.com. Please visit SharlenaWood.com.



A large mural created by Sharlena's class

Moira Nelson

Journey Through Time With Musician and Master Harpist



Take a journey through time with professional musician and composer, Moira Nelson as she introduces students to the harp, its music and its history. Presentation includes a performance and discussion showing the development and versatility of one of the worlds oldest instruments, followed by a ten minute “hands-on” demonstration allowing students to get up close and personal with a working harp. A printed handout will be provided.

This program is intended to help develop students’ understanding and appreciation of music. The workshop will encourage students to find in music a source of enjoyment and personal satisfaction, and also gain knowledge of themselves and others and connections to their communities and future careers.

Suitable for groups of 20 to 25 students, grades seven through 12. One 50 to 60 minute workshop costs \$250.00. Please call 416-255-5109 or email moiran@eol.ca for information on booking multiple presentations and larger groups. Visit www.willowmyst.com.

Bob Hutchings

Author and Songwriter Presents Interactive Reading Series



Treat your students to a live reading by local author and songwriter Bob Hutchings. Bob is a celebrated author and entertainer who has been writing children’s books and songs for over 20 years. His

work is best suited for kindergarten to grade three. His *Oliver the Owl* series specifically relates to the second grade science curriculum, teaching students about animals.

Bob’s popular reading *The Sock Goblins* teaches students the basics of poetry writing. His songs are entertaining including *Wiggly*, *Sqiggly*, *Wormy Pegermies*, *Peanut Butter*, *Popcorn*, *Pickles and Pop*, *Squished and Shadow*. Your students are guaranteed to enjoy Bob’s educational and inspiring performances!

The cost is \$250.00 per half day which includes readings, songs and instructions for all classes from kindergarten to grade 3.



Oliver the Owl links with the gr. 2 science curriculum

Living Arts Centre

Offering Engaging School Workshops and Performances

Book a hands-on, curriculum connected school workshop for grades kindergarten to 12 taught by artist-educators in the Living Arts Centre's professional studios. The Centre is now offering teachers an early bird special. Book your class for a full day of selected workshops running from September 14 to through October 14, 2009 and receive two dollars off per student!

If you are looking to expose your classes to professional theatre, don't miss the following upcoming school performances:

* *Le Petit Prince*, running from November 19, 2009 (presented in French, suitable for Grades four to six)

* *Delhi 2 Dublin* presented on November 25, 2009 (suitable for Grades seven to 12)

* *Hamlet*, running on November 24, 25, 26, 2009 (suitable for Grades seven to 12)

Calling all teachers! The Living Arts Centre is offering several upcoming professional development workshops including: *Culturally Creative Classrooms* and *Culturally Connected to Dance and Music*. Workshops take place on October 21, November 18 and December 9, 2009.

Please contact Amy Ng at 905-306-6009, or visit www.livingartscentre.ca and click on school trips.



Fine Art Fundamentals

Providing an Extraordinary Artistic Experience for Students



Work of Art Created during an art workshop

Fine Art Fundamentals offers a hassle free Kindergarten to Grade 8 elementary Visual Arts program linked to curriculum expectations. Without the added work and expense of booking a bus, a professional artist with more than 15 years classroom experience will come to you, providing quality materials for the project of your choice. From self-portraits and reproductions of master works on canvas to sculpture, cartooning and art appreciation activities you are sure to find a project that will suit your needs and provide your students with an extraordinary art experience.

Programs vary from one half day to one full-day activities and range from \$8 to \$10 per student. Please contact Nancy at 416-579-3800 or via e-mail at info@fineartfundamentals.com.



Art Gallery of Mississauga

Bring Your Fine Arts Unit to Life with a *Free* School Tour!



Image: *Tradition*, 1994 by artist Lesek Wyczolkowski, etching on paper

Visit the AGM! The Art Gallery of Mississauga offers eight exhibitions a year of local, national and international artists. Book a complimentary guided tour for your school group. All ages are welcome and admission and parking is free.

Upcoming exhibitions include: *Markings: Prints and Drawings from the Permanent Collection* and *Chris Barr: Bureau of Workplace Interruptions*, running from Sept 17 to November 1. Other exhibitions include *The Rug* featuring works by Harrell Fletcher and Wendy Red Star followed by Linda Duvall's *Where are the Mothers?* running from November 5 to December 24.

If you are looking to expose your students to a hands-on fine art experience, take them to the gallery's *Mail Art Workshop* on Saturday October 24 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. At the workshop, artist Chris Barr in conjunction with his exhibition, *Bureau of Workplace Interruptions* will conduct the workshop in which participants will have a chance to contribute to the exhibition by creating their own mail art. This is a fun and free event where all are welcome to attend. The workshop is best suited for secondary school students. For more information visit artgalleryofmississauga.com. To book a school visit please call 905-896-5088.

Mandi Galer

Interactive Music and Movement Workshops

Students will learn, play and laugh as they discover the world of music with Sing. Music is in our lives everyday. Through music we can learn so many skills that enhance learning, self confidence and community throughout our lives.

We offer a variety of interactive music and movement workshops and classes for children under age 7, led by Kindermusik® Maestro, Mandi Galer. Children will sing, play instruments, dance, learn musical concepts, and so much more! Programming is also available with home materials such as CD's, family activity guides and instruments.

Each 45 minute workshop or special event for kindergarten, preschool, toddler or babies is \$150 plus GST based on one booking. For bookings and pricing for ongoing classes, please contact Miss Mandi at (416) 388-8787 or mandi.sing@rogers.com. You can also visit Sing online at www.singonline.ca.



Music educator
Mandi Galer



Radha Academy of Carnatic Violin

Linking Math with Western and South Indian Violin

Students are invited to discover the intriguing blend of Western violin and South Indian music (Carnatic music) with internationally travelled instructor Subhadra Vijaykumar. The Carnatic violin has evolved into one of the most important solo instruments in South Indian music. Lessons are suitable for students aged 8 and above. In a typical class, students will learn scales and variations. After mastering the basics, they move on to simple songs combining new melodies and rhythms. Students can discover the interesting connection between math and music through rhythm and melody.

Contact details:

Subhadra Vijaykumar

Founder & Artistic Director

Radha Academy of Carnatic Violin

905-274-2631 vijsub_33@hotmail.com



Blackthorn Knights

Bringing the Medieval Era to Life



Blackthorn Productions offers various living history presentations including: Dress the Knight, Combat Demonstrations, Talk on the Crusades and Touch and Try on Displays.

Blackthorn's living history presentations are an excellent way to enhance the Grade 4 Medieval studies unit. Whether a feast or a workshop, Blackthorn Productions will give students a great educational experience.

Please visit blackthornproductions.ca. Please contact Pam Hewitt Educational Coordinator at 905-840-9080 to book a school visit today!

Peel Heritage Complex

Hidden Gem Tucked Away in Downtown Brampton

A hidden gem tucked away in Downtown Brampton, the Peel Heritage Complex (PHC) offers students a creative place to explore. The PHC has a great selection of hands-on programs for kindergarten to Grade 10. Stay all day with an Art or Museum tour and have an Art in the Afternoon workshop for \$8.00 per student. For more information please visit us at www.peelheritagecomplex.org. To book your tour and workshop please call 905-791-4055.

For more information please contact:
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Brampton, ON
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T.V. Puppetree

Teaching the Foundation of Reading Through Puppetry

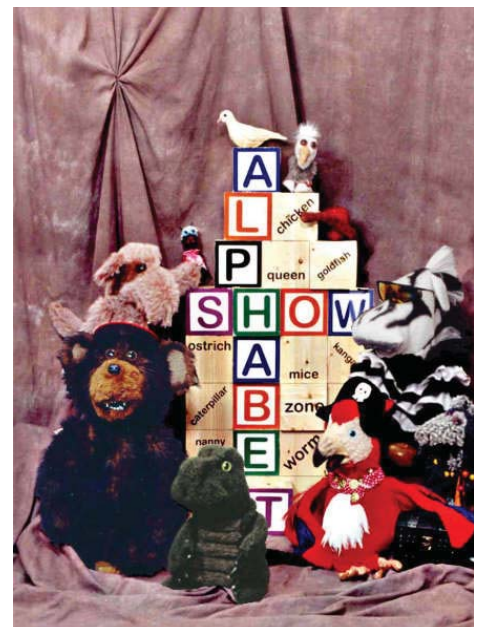
“The Alphabet Show” is about the sounds that letters make; the very foundation of reading. Everything that you’ve been teaching is made exciting and fun while being refreshed and reinforced. The show features little vignettes, one for each letter. There are over 30 original songs and musical pieces as well as an incredible diversity of presentation styles ranging from simple hand puppets to animatronics, from marionette to magic, from cel animation to a huge inflatable puppet and much, much more, as you would expect from T.V.Puppetree; after all we’ve been performing for 35 years.

Running time is just over an 1 hour. This show is designed specifically for children who are at the first stages of learning to read.

The fee is \$400.00 for a single show or \$550.00 for two shows on one day in one place + GST.

Please call 416-347-1153, email puppetree@sympatico.ca or visit website www.tvpuppetree.com.

Other shows are also available.



Cousin Molly

Celebrated Artist Brings Her Hands On Musical Knowledge to Children

Laura Thomas (aka Cousin Molly) is a well-known Toronto performer who brings her fun and hands on musical knowledge to young children. Her program for kindergartens and grade ones covers songs, poems, instruments, stories and more. Each child will play an instrument too! Early childhood literacy is also a focus – numbers, colours, letters, vowels, rhymes and vocabulary are all taught in a memorable and musical way!

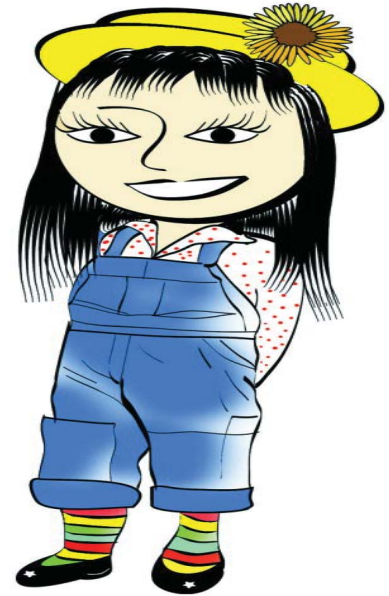
Cousin Molly's Exciting Musical Show Includes:

- a fun music program with poems, instruments, stories, singing and more.
- the opportunity for each child to play an instrument.
- lessons for early childhood literacy including fun with letters, numbers, colours, rhymes, opposites.
- performances with Cousin Molly singing, playing the guitar, drums and

harmonica.
- visual aids include puppets, pictures, props, instruments and more.

The price for Cousin Molly's show is \$160 including morning and afternoon performances. The show is 45 minutes long and can be tailored to the needs of your school. Cousin Molly is very flexible. Laura is also available for regular teaching visits to build musical knowledge and song repertoire.

For more information please call 905-846-1598 or email LTPassion@hotmail.com. Please visit cousinmolly.com.



Modern Batik Art

Strengthening Leadership Abilities



Modern Batik Art Workshops have been offered in various schools in the Toronto District School Board and community organizations.

Our goal is to enhance student leadership opportunities and extra-curricular participation in school. Modern Batik Art activates students' prior knowledge, culture, interests and change, but this program can also develop and strengthen their skills in such areas as literacy, employability, and research.

Please visit:
www.modernbatikartworkshops.com.

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Wendy Vervoort

Clay Workshops for Students and Teachers



Roll up your sleeves and get ready for some tactile fun! Your students will enjoy an in-school workshop led by local artisan, Wendy Vervoort. This talented and diverse artist has instructed clay workshops in the greater Mississauga area for the past 18 years.

Wendy's hand building projects including animals, totem poles and canopic jars which have been designed to satisfy the school curriculum. Save on transportation costs and book an in-school workshop today!

Workshop details:

Workshops for JK to grade two are 1.5 hours and 2 hours for classes grade 2 and up. Each workshop session is broken down into 2 to 4 steps depending on selected project

Materials provided by Wendy include clay, canvas placemats, forks, skewers, ribs, water bowls and sponges, pail for clean-up and project examples.

The cost for the workshop is \$11.00 per student with a minimum of 20 students per workshop. Artist labour includes making demonstration pieces for workshop, purchasing and delivering clay to school, gathering materials needed for workshop, conducting the workshop, bisque firing objects and returning fired projects to school,

All workshop projects created by students will be bisque fired and returned to the school within a two-week period. After the workshop projects have been returned to the school, it would be recommended that students paint their bisque fired objects with a variety of coloured acrylic paint.

Police check can be provided upon request. Please contact Wendy by email at vervoort@allstream.net.

Petunia's Productions

Clown Performs Entertaining Shows Linking to the French Curriculum

Who is Petunia the musical magical clown? Bev Parrish AKA Petunia the Clown is a trained singer, actress, and song writer with a musical theatre background. She has been performing as Petunia the Clown since 1994 and has put together many shows; both educational and fun, incorporating magic and songs. Petunia has another character called Auntie Iris who is not a clown that she performs at her educational shows.

Be the Best You Can Be - for JK to Grade 2
Petunia has a wonderful show that is geared specifically towards the JK to grade 2 crowds. This show is called *Be the Best You Can Be*. This show runs between 35 and 40 minutes long. Children will learn the importance of patience, a good diet, proper hygiene, and good manners in a light hearted, fun way. Petunia also points out the importance of exercise and sleep. Petunia uses songs, magic and general wacky clown humour to get her message across to the children. Prices are \$140.00 per show or \$260.00 for two shows in one day.

Les Clowns

Attention: Grade Four French Teachers! Petunia has a wonderful show that fits nicely into the grade four French curriculums. While your students are working on the *Les Clowns* unit why not treat them to a visit from a real live clown! This show runs approximately 40 minutes and \$140.00.

Balloon Sculpting Workshops

Petunia offers workshops in basic balloon sculpting for senior public or secondary school aged audiences. The workshops run either during or after regular school hours. More than one instructor can be provided for larger sized classes. Prices vary depending on supplies required, how many instructors are required and how many hours they are needed for.

For additional information please call 905-455-3540 or 905-455-8730. You can email Petunia at petuniatheclown@rogers.com. Please visit petuniatheclown.ca.



Limelight

Get your students in the “Limelight,” Mississauga’s Association of Young Artists



Limelight is Mississauga’s only association of young artists that seeks to create a nurturing and stable foundation for the artistically-inclined youth in our community. Being an offshoot of the Mississauga Arts Council, Limelight’s mission is similar to that of its parent organization, albeit applying to youth — to connect young aspiring artists and provide them with the support, recognition and opportunities required for them to thrive.

Limelight takes its cue from the Mississauga Arts Council by stimulating arts initiatives in the community. It aims to unite the young artists in the city under one banner, and to create an environment in which artists may thrive and become established in an organization that hopes to be the mainstay in Mississauga’s arts community. One of the cornerstones of this organization is to provide practical support to young artists.

This will be done:

- By offering workshops designed to expand the knowledge and skills of young artists.
- By providing networking opportunities.
- By providing marketing assistance to young artists wishing to stage a show or display their work.
- By linking young artists with job possibilities.
- By arranging collaboration opportunities with other organizations.

- By exploring funding opportunities for young artists and arts groups.
- By facilitating mentorship from established artists to provide guidance and support to emerging artists and enabling them to benefit from experience.



Limelight also aims to support and encourage young artists in Mississauga by informing them of available resources:

- Through outreach and presentations to schools, summer workshops, camps, and cultural communities.
- Through attendance at youth centered festivals and events promoting the Mississauga Arts Council and Limelight.
- Through the design and distribution of information brochures which link artistic disciplines with business and life skills such as public speaking, creative thinking and marketing.

Limelight Events

Include:

Open Mic Nights

Open MIC Nights are a collaborative effort between the Mississauga Arts Council and our partner, Metalworks Institute of Sound and Music Production. The aim of this event is to bring together artists from across the city for a relaxed, fun evening of performing. Each night is hosted by a veteran musician from the Mississauga community. Past hosts have included Chris Graham and Mike Celia.

Networking Sessions

Limelight’s monthly networking sessions are opportunities for young artists in the community to connect with one another. These sessions are open to all Limelight members and will serve as an opportunity for collaboration, education and celebration of the arts in Mississauga.

Workshops

Workshops will be conducted by established artists and authorities on the arts in Mississauga. Workshops will serve as opportunities for artists to collaborate and share their experiences.

For more information, please contact: Limelight, Mississauga’s Association of Young Artists info@mississaugaartscouncil.com. Visit www.mississaugaartscouncil.com or call 905-615-4278.

Limelight Membership Form

Who We Are

As part of the Mississauga Arts Council, the Limelight Youth Committee serves to foster, promote and create an environment through services and resources for emerging young artists between 14-30 years of age.



Our Events Include:

Open Mic Nights — an opportunity to perform onstage and to build confidence

Young Artist Showcase — a chance for emerging artists to showcase their art at various events

Workshops — guided by community leaders to provide artists with ideas and experience; future topics may include: marketing your art, starting a business as an arts entrepreneur and fundraising

Networking Sessions — gatherings for emerging artists of all genres to meet and network with one another and a chance to meet with established community artists

How we promote members activities:

Weekly listing submissions featured in — The Mississauga News' Art Scene column, The Toronto Stars' What's On section, Eye and Now Weekly magazines, and more

MActivities — weekly e-mail newsletter with over 2000 recipients and growing

Website — event listings, links and artist directory

Limelight Magazine — *new* magazine that targets youth artists, includes artist profiles,

coverage of youth events and much more.

Please view the latest Limelight Magazine online at www.mississaugartscouncil.com

Mississauga Arts — MAC's quarterly newsletter with in depth articles highlighting member events, exhibitions, sales, performances, workshops and meetings

AIM for Education Newsletter — provides teachers with curriculum based information about artistic programming offered by local artists

Flyer/Pamphlet Display Centres — information displayed outside of our office located on the ground floor of the Civic Centre and various public buildings such as the Central Library

Display Booth — on-site at various community events

Television — profiles and listings featured on Rogers Television

Media — up-to-date lists and contact information for print, radio, television as well as institutions and arts organizations

Volunteer Hours - Looking for volunteer hours in the arts? E-mail us your resume with up-to-date contact information and any inquires to carla@mississaugartscouncil.com.

Limelight Membership Application Form

Mr. Ms. Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Membership Fee: Student/Senior \$10 Individual \$25 Family \$30
Non-Profit Organization \$35 Business \$50

I would like to make a donation \$ _____ Or \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100

By cheque payable to the Mississauga Arts Council TOTAL \$ _____ Or

By VISA MC Card # _____ Expiry Date _____

Signature _____

A tax receipt will be issued for the full amount of your membership fee and donation.

