

## THINK TANK

On April 14, 2005 the Alliance for Arts Education in Manitoba hosted a community Think Tank at Kelvin High School. The evening was facilitated by Sue Hemphill, Program Consultant – Community Development and Access, Manitoba Arts Council.

Sue's professional expertise and enthusiasm for arts education enabled all participants to become actively engaged in the evening's agenda. Fifty participants were invited to further develop a comprehensive action plan for advocacy for arts education in the Province. Parents, educators, administrators, trustees, and artists joined together to reinforce the Alliance's Strategic Plan as well as offer suggestions for further initiatives. Attendees generously shared their expertise and ideas related to arts education in the Province. While we compiled ten type-written pages of recommendations, I shall highlight only a few of them here.

These suggestions reference and strengthen the Alliance's Strategic Plan:

1. More involvement and information is necessary for parents.
2. We need to create a concrete advocacy tool. (handbook)
3. Support the celebration of arts activities across the province.
4. Continue to contact, meet with and nudge Minister Bjornson with respect to the arts education opportunities in the province.
5. Encourage more media coverage at students' arts events.
6. Find diverse ways to showcase students' art. E.g. More public displays.
7. Expand the AAEM Website.
8. Continue to partner with education and professional arts organizations and seek out means to partner with Social Services agencies.
9. Connect more with rural and northern arts educators and artists.
10. Explore the potential to partner with or support a Summer Arts Institute at the U of M.
11. Support ways in which educators and artists can work together and learn from each other.
12. Continue to advocate and promote the essential need for arts education for all students in Manitoba.
13. Link with other Canadian and international arts education organizations, to learn what works and to promote the diversity of arts education experiences here in Manitoba.



## Strategic Plan

As one of our undertakings last year, the Alliance has developed a 3-5 year Strategic Plan. Facilitating our work was Coralie Bryant, Past Chair of our organization. A vision, mission, and goals were developed, as follows:

### VISION

*AAEM believes that a strong and healthy society cherishes and sustains its artistic culture, and that a rich education in and through the arts should be part of every Manitoba student's development.*

### MISSION

*AAEM exists to inform and promote to the public and educational community of the value of an education in and through the arts and to influence the public will to provide rich experiences in music, the visual arts, drama and dance to all students of Manitoba.*

### GOALS

- I. That Manitoba students have equitable and ample access to education in music, the visual arts, drama and dance in schools and in the community.
- II. Celebrate learning in the arts and support in Manitoba.
- III. That more collaboration takes place among arts and arts education organizations, schools, and the community, around issues and projects in the arts.
- IV. That AAEM supports arts organizations, artists and the education community.

Each goal has a number of objectives with detailed action plans. The Strategic Plan has provided direction to the Alliance and has helped us clarify our purpose as a new organization. Activities that we organize will follow from our Strategic Plan. At all times we continue to seek direction and input from our members and we encourage you to actively support our future plans.

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## Letter from the Chairs

The Alliance has had an exciting year with many highs (our Strategic Plan, Think Tank and AGM) and a few challenges (finding adequate funding to support our goals.) We welcome new members to the Board of Directors and look forward to working with them on the Alliance's endeavors. Thank you to our outgoing Board Members for your many contributions. We were very excited when we received notification in May that we received a grant from the Winnipeg Foundation to support our organization. With work being done on a new arts curriculum, we believe it is extremely important for The Alliance to continue our active role in advocating for the necessity and value of rich arts education programs in Manitoba. We all know of the value of the arts and that many innovations in education began with arts educators and teaching artists. We want to celebrate the great things that arts' educators and teaching artists do for Manitobans and the long term influence that they can have on their students' lives. We hope to see you all at our **Passionate Connections** conference in February. Please contact Jey at 925-5252 or Gordon at 269-5677 if you are interested in being more involved with the Alliance for Arts Education in Manitoba.

Sincerely,

*Jey Thibedeau Silver  
&  
Gordon Campbell  
Co-Chairs, AAEM*



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## Annual General Meeting

The St. Boniface Museum was the location for our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, May 25. This historical building was the perfect location for our meeting and many members commented that it was the most interesting AGM that they had ever attended. Students from J.H. Bruns Chamber Choir performed a number of songs and then the Co-Chairs reviewed the Alliance's accomplishments of the past year, the financial report and the slate of new candidates to the Board. Following the meeting was an "artistic" gift exchange, a wine and cheese and for those interested, a tour of the museum. Thanks to the Director of the Museum, Philippe Mailhot, for allowing us to use this location, for being so welcoming and for providing us with a tour. We thank outgoing Board Members Cameron Cross, Nan Carson, Jeff Erback and Vicki Young and welcome new Board Members Victor Kuzyk, Kyllikki Ruus, Kerrie Reid, Kimberly Rampersad, Kelly Bale, Phillip Duncan and Bob Armstrong. Thanks to all members who attended the evening - we are always grateful for your support!



## Meet The Board of Directors

**Jey Thibedeau Silver, Co-Chair:** Education Director, Prairie Theatre Exchange.

**Gordon Campbell, Co-Chair:** Principal, École Saint Avila.

**Kelly Bale, Treasurer:** Principal, Royal Winnipeg Ballet School, Recreational Division.

**Bob Armstrong:** Playwright, performer, parent.

**Liz Coffman:** Instructor, U of M, Member of the Manitoba Arts Council.

**Phillip Duncan:** Teacher at Morden Collegiate.

**Joe Halas:** Arts Consultant, Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth.

**Victor Kuzyk:** Principal, Maple Leaf School.

**Dr. Francine Morin:** Professor, Faculty of Education, U of M.

**Kimberley Rampersad:** Teacher, Grant Park Collegiate.

**Kerrie Reid:** Teacher, River Heights School.

**Kyllikki Ruus:** Teacher, Oak Park High School.

**Pat Stefanchuk:** Retired Principal, Margaret Park School.

## Arts and Cultural Industries Association of Manitoba

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## Arts & Culture Week in Manitoba

Arts & Culture Week will be held February 19 - 26, 2006.

This week-long showcase of arts and cultural activities held in urban, rural and northern areas of Manitoba will:

- focus on the diversity of arts and culture throughout Manitoba in order to generate a public pride and an appreciation that arts are good for everyone for life.
- provide a special opportunity for artists and community arts organizations to demonstrate the value of what they do.
- launch a provincial campaign for public participation in all forms of arts and culture during that week.