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"The Official Newsletter of the Alliance for Arts Education in Manitoba"

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## ANNOUNCING OUR 2012 FALL CONFERENCE!

The Alliance for Arts Education in Manitoba presents:

ALLIANCE FOR ARTS  
EDUCATION IN MANITOBA  
L'ALLIANCE POUR L'ÉDUCATION  
ARTISTIQUE AU MANITOBA



### The Creative Future Conference Congrès pour un avenir créatif

A forum for ideas about the Arts & Education, Health, Economy, Community and Sustainability  
Un forum d'idées favorisant les arts & l'éducation, la santé, l'économie, la communauté et le développement durable

Featuring Keynote Speaker / Conférencière d'honneur :

## Jann Arden

October 1 & 2, 2012  
Manitoba Centennial  
Concert Hall

Du 1 au 2 octobre 2012  
Salle des concerts du centenaire  
du Manitoba



Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for further details and registration information!

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CONSEIL DES ARTS DU MANITOBA

Plan on attending our forthcoming conference at the Centennial Concert Hall. Our intent is to expand the horizons of arts education in Manitoba. Our speakers, panels and other sessions will focus on the benefits of the arts to schools, society, the economy, and to the future of Manitoba.

**The Creative Future Conference** is a big-idea, networking, information sharing, learning, and idea-generating opportunity for educators, artists, policy-makers, students, and business and community leaders.

## **WELLNESS**

Arts education can have a profoundly positive impact on children and youth, contributing to their sense of well-being and belonging, providing a voice and an expression of identity. How are schools and communities transformed when people are seen and valued as artists, dramatists, dancers and musicians?

## **COMMUNITY**

Manitoba is a leader in community arts involvement. How can community arts organizations and schools work together to build stronger communities and support young people to see the world with creative minds?

## **ECONOMY**

What are the skills required in the 21<sup>st</sup> century workplace? Are schools preparing students to think and act creatively and flexibly in an era of increasingly rapid change? How can artists and educators forge new ties with the business, industry and technology to move schools and communities in positive new directions?

## **JOIN US!**

As a presentation of the Alliance for Arts Education in Manitoba, **The Creative Future Conference** is shaped by input from various partners, including **the Manitoba Music Educators' Association** and **the Manitoba Association for Art Education**. As such it is not an alternative to or variation of the important SAGE conferences our partners produce, but rather, a complimentary forum for all related stakeholders to explore large and essential ideas confronting the arts, education and society.

**Stay tuned for information on how to register and/or order tickets to our evening with Jann Arden. Watch for ads, email updates, or visit our website at [www.allartsedmanitoba.org](http://www.allartsedmanitoba.org).**

## ***We've been busy:***

- ***Board Planning Retreat***

*January 12, 2012, St. Norbert Arts Centre*

Our board convened early in the new year to spend a full day of strategic planning with a focus on our major projects for the year ahead; in particular, input regarding the completion of our new French video, *Entre le cœur et la raison : les arts en éducation*, and planning for the launch of video, and beginning plans for the fall conference.

- ***Manitoba Association of School Superintendents, Members Session, Presentation***

*May 2, 2012, Inn at the Forks*

Francine Morin and Joe Halas presented on behalf of the AAEM at the spring members' session of MASS. After showing the video, *Between Hearts and Minds: The Arts in Education*, Francine presented on the topic of "Why Our Schools Need the Arts." As the AAEM chair and former project leader for the new provincial arts curriculum, Joe spoke about the big ideas in the new arts curriculum and shared some examples of exemplary programming to illustrate how quality arts programming can transform student learning.

- ***Alliance Launches new French DVD : Entre le cœur et la raison : les arts en éducation***

On April 3, the French arts and education communities came together in the foyer of Le Cercle Molière to view the video for the first time. The response was overwhelmingly positive, and the DVD

has subsequently been screened at a district-wide conference of the Division scolaire franco-manitobaine (DSFM) where it also generated enthusiastic and thoughtful responses from the community. The French DVD initiative has successfully built a bridge to a community that was not previously well represented or authentically included in AAEM projects or initiatives. Our future work, conferences, think tanks, and advocacy effort will most definitely benefit from the relationship that has been forged as a result of the *Entre le cœur et la raison : les arts en éducation* initiative.

The AAEM will distribute copies of the DVD, study guide, along this a new bilingual advocacy brochure (see next item) to all French language and French Immersion schools in Manitoba in September of 2012.

- ***Entre le cœur et la raison : les arts en éducation – French advocacy video and study guide***

Over the 2011-12 school year the AAEM undertook the development and production of a French language advocacy video entitled *Entre le cœur et la raison : les arts en éducation*. Although the video can be seen as a counterpart to the AAEM's earlier *Between Hearts and Minds: The Arts in Education*, it is no mere translation of the English advocacy video. Rather, *Entre le cœur* is comprised of entirely new footage of students, teachers and artists in performance and interview, and creates a completely new, and utterly moving portrait of the arts bringing joy and vitality to learning, and enlivening the cultures of schools and communities.

- ***Bilingual Advocacy Brochure***

*Development, Spring 2012, Distribution to schools: Fall 2012*

In a parallel project to the development of *Entre le cœur et la raison : les arts en éducation*, the AAEM has also updated and redesigned the 2010 English language advocacy brochure to be fully bilingual.

### ***And that's not all!***

In addition to the specific projects discussed above, members of the AAEM and, in particular, its board of directors have been working tirelessly in a variety of ways to provide leadership and support in their respective artistic and educational institutions and environments. Whether providing leadership in ongoing curriculum development initiatives, representation on the provincial Arts Education Steering Committee, professional associations, developing workshops and presentations at conferences, working with children and youth, or liaising with cultural and other communities, our members demonstrate their faith in and commitment to quality arts education on a daily basis.



**Sign up for the  
Student Day at the Forks  
on Friday September 28**

Plan your weekend at  
[mb.culturedays.ca](http://mb.culturedays.ca)



***New Summer Course at U of M:***

***Creativity in Educational Practice  
July 23 – Aug.3, 2012  
Monday to Friday, 8:30-5:00 pm***

***Study for ten days with scholar-in residence and expert on creativity in education, Dr. Robert Kelly in two, three hour credit courses designed for educators, administrators and interested individuals from across the discipline spectrum who wish to explore creativity, education and development of learners from early childhood to post-secondary education.***

***EDUB 5220 – Recent developments in Curriculum Teaching and Learning: Creative Practice: An introduction (3)***

***EDUB 5230- Recent developments in Curriculum Teaching and Learning: Designing Education for Creativity (3)***

***Graduate course credit is also available with approval.***

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