



# ARTS MATTER

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## Arts Curricula Update

The Department of Education has made a commitment to continue developing grades 9-12 curricula in dance, drama, music and visual arts. Francine Morin will choreograph for Dance, Joe Halas will be drawing up Visual arts, Wendy McCallum is composing Music and Pauline Broderick is scripting Drama.

Final touches to the K-8 frameworks are currently being completed. They include an overview, the nature of each discipline and principles for learning, teaching and assessment in the arts. There are three versions of each framework, each one developed to support the distinct and unique contexts of Manitoba's official programs: English, Français and French Immersion. The finalized print versions of the K-8 frameworks will be available for purchase through the Manitoba Textbook Bureau and the Bureau de l'éducation française in the coming months.

Teachers on development teams from the English, Français and French Immersion programs continue to submit exemplars in the four arts disciplines that highlight teaching and learning processes and further develop key concepts. These will include stills of student work and video clips that demonstrate teacher/student interactions, along with specific commentary by students and teachers. The finalized frameworks and the learning exemplars will be

posted online shortly.

Please visit and stay tuned to the Manitoba Arts Education website for the upcoming additions!

<http://edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/arts/>



## Meeting with the Minister

Chair, Francine Morin and board members Jey Thibedeau-Silver, Joe Halas and Liz Coffman met with the Minister of Education, Nancy Allan on March 3, 2011. Also in attendance were Assistant Deputy Minister Aileen Najduch and Arts Education Consultants, Beryl Peters and Leanna Loewen. The group emphasized the need to continue the work on the Arts Curriculum development and implementation and were assured that the impetus to complete the document would not be neglected. The group gave her a copy of the new DVD that she had endorsed in the letter accompanying the DVD that was sent to all Manitoba Schools on our behalf by Manitoba Education in the Fall of 2010. The meeting was an excellent opportunity to establish a relationship with the new Minister and bring her up to date on the status of the curriculum and our concerns regarding the development and growth of strong arts education programs in Manitoba schools.



## Getting the word out:

AAEM Coordinator and Chair attended the Manitoba Association of School Boards annual conference in March to spread the word about AAEM and the value of the arts in schools. Francine spoke briefly and played the new version of the Alliance DVD. 300 pamphlets and 50 DVDs were distributed.

Joe Halas, Francine Morin, Barbara Warrack, and Sylvie Cottee presented at the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils on May 7. They presented the DVD, distributed pamphlets and DVDs and introduced the group to the Arts Curriculum.

## What you missed:

### **Robert Kelly gives public lecture**

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Alliance partnered with the University of Winnipeg for a public lecture by artist, professor, writer and researcher, Robert Kelly in conjunction with his exhibition Minutia in Gallery 1C03. Kelly gave an animated and illustrated talk on Creative Competency. One of the highlights of this lecture was his discussion of idea generation. He pointed out that early closure, time constraints, peer comparison, disassociation (no emotional connection) and extrinsic motivation along with what he termed as "hyper consumption" all serve to block creativity.

Look for Robert Kelly's book, "Creative Arts in Interdisciplinary Practice: Inquiries for Hope and Change" and soon to be published (Sept. 2011) "Creative Journey: Developing Personal and Professional Creativity" published by Delslig/Temera Books.

## What you don't want to miss:

Plans are currently underway to bring Robert Kelly to the Faculty of Education, University of Manitoba for a Summer Institute on Creativity Education to be held during the summer of 2012.

## The Alliance for Arts Education in Manitoba's Annual General Meeting – Don't miss it.

### **Dear Friend,**

You are invited to attend the Alliance for Arts Education in Manitoba's Annual General Meeting and Wine and Cheese.

**TUESDAY, MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2011  
7:00 P.M.  
LE CERCLE MOLIÈRE – FOYER  
340 PROVENCHER BOULEVARD**

It's going to be a great night! We hope to see you there!

*Please feel free to share this information with others.*

Please RSVP to Sylvie Cottee at [scottee\\_AAEM@shaw.ca](mailto:scottee_AAEM@shaw.ca)



### **Chères et chers amis :**

C'est avec plaisir que « The Alliance for Arts Education in Manitoba » vous invite à l'assemblée générale annuelle, suivi d'un vin et fromage, qui aura lieu :

**DATE : LE MARDI 24 MAI 2011 À 19H00  
ENDROIT : LE CERCLE MOLIÈRE - FOYER  
340, BOULEVARD PROVENCHER**

Au plaisir de vous voir!

Inviter vos collègues!

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Do you have the latest Alliance DVD?  
"Between Hearts and Minds: The Arts In Education"

**Copies available.**

Email [scottee\\_aaem@shaw.ca](mailto:scottee_aaem@shaw.ca)

## Coming Soon

### **Alliance Français**

The Alliance is in the process of translating the brochure and editing and re-shooting the DVD for French schools.

### **Arts in Education – Taking Action/Making it Happen**

How can we make a difference in our schools when it comes to keeping the arts central in a student's education? Here are a few suggestions:

Show the Alliance DVD at a staff meeting.

- Invite a professional artist into your classroom through the Artist in the Schools (The Artists in the Schools Program aims to support existing arts education programs in Manitoba schools by bringing together the unique vision and energy of artists with the creative potential of students and teachers. This is achieved through short-term (one week) and long-term (two to 10 weeks) residencies, integrated in the school's daily schedule) or Learning through the Arts program.
- Invite your local high school to share successful arts experiences with the students in your school.
- Plan a trip to the Symphony (The Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra is committed to reaching audiences of all ages through our Education and Outreach programs. The WSO is the largest performing arts organization to offer music education outreach programs in the province of Manitoba. These programs are designed to make symphonic music exciting and accessible to all.)
- Invite parents and community members with an expertise in an area of arts into your classroom.
- Display a wide variety of student work and art reproductions throughout your school. Look at works of art with your students. Or better yet, plan a trip to the Winnipeg Art Gallery (Cost is \$4.50 per student or \$4 per student for schools with a current School Membership. Self-Guided Groups need to book ahead to receive special rates.)
- Form an arts committee in your school and plan workshops, study groups and discussions about the arts.
- Plan noon hour singing events, dances, art explorations and drama clubs.
- Play music in your classroom and discuss it.
- Best of all – encourage and support your students in their creative endeavors in dance, music, art and drama.

### The Sky's the Limit during Culture Days



What does knitting across the Provencher Bridge, Guy Maddin's *My Winnipeg* screened at Portage and Main, Winnipeg's Contemporary Dancers sashaying on a city bus, and a couture fashion show in Flin Flon have in common? Culture Days ... Manitoba style.

**September 30-October 2, 2011**, artists, art lovers and cultural aficionados all across Canada are once again uniting to stage the second annual public participation



campaign known as Culture Days. Introduced last year, this three-day event features free, hands-on, interactive activities that offer a “behind the scenes” perspective. Many agree, Manitoba set the pace and standard for the rest of the country with diverse activities and successful collaborations. Manitobans organized some 160 events, attracting over 25,000 people, and this year promises to be even bigger. Culture Days is the coordinating body that reaches across the country and drives an intense communications and public relations campaign, but it's really the individual artists and cultural groups that work together to fund and organize their events. Why? The chance to reach new audiences, to be part of a large movement happening throughout the country, and to tap into new networks interested in promoting the arts and culture.

This fall, share your creative passion or discover someone else's. All interested in organizing an activity can register online now at [culturedays.ca](http://culturedays.ca). To learn more about Culture Days in Manitoba please visit [mb.culturedays.ca](http://mb.culturedays.ca) and for regular updates, 'follow' [@MBCultureDays](https://twitter.com/MBCultureDays) on Twitter, 'like' Culture Days Manitoba on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/culturedaysmb) and sign up for the [e-newsletter](#).

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### ***La culture.. sous toutes ses coutures!***

*Qu'ont en commun une session de tricot sur le pont Provencher, la projection du film My Winnipeg de Guy Madden sur Portage et Main, une danse dans un autobus par le Winnipeg's Contemporary Dancers et un défilé de mode à Flin Flon? Ce qui rassemble ces éléments, c'est La Fête de la culture ... à la mode manitobaine!*

***Du 30 septembre au 2 octobre 2011, les artistes, amoureux des arts et passionnés de culture s'uniront pour tenir la deuxième édition de la Fête de la culture partout au pays. Vaste campagne de participation populaire qui s'étend sur trois jours, la Fête de la culture propose des activités interactives et gratuites. Pour le public, c'est l'occasion parfaite pour voir les coulisses du monde culturel et comprendre les dessous de la création artistique. Le Manitoba a joué un rôle de leader à l'échelle nationale l'an dernier, par la diversité des activités et l'esprit de collaboration des organisateurs. Les Manitobains ont ainsi tenu plus de 160 événements qui ont attiré 25 000 participants! Et cette année s'annonce encore plus fructueuse. Si la Fête de la culture est un réseau pancanadien capable de mettre en œuvre une campagne nationale de relations publiques, le succès de la Fête repose d'abord sur les artistes et les groupes culturels qui travaillent ensemble pour organiser et financer leurs événements. Ils le font pour saisir cette occasion de rencontrer de nouveaux publics, mais aussi pour faire partie d'un mouvement dynamique qui se déploie à travers le pays et accéder à des réseaux désireux de promouvoir les arts et la culture.***

*Cet automne, partagez votre passion pour les arts et découvrez l'univers créatif qui vous entoure. Toutes les personnes et groupes intéressés peuvent organiser une activité et s'inscrire en ligne sur le site [fetedelaculture.ca](http://fetedelaculture.ca). Pour vous tenir au courant des préparatifs de la Fête de la culture au Manitoba, visitez le site [mb.fetedelaculture.ca](http://mb.fetedelaculture.ca) et pour obtenir des mises à jour régulières, suivez la Fête de la culture Manitoba sur Twitter ([@MBCultureDays](https://twitter.com/MBCultureDays)) ou [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/culturedaysmb) et en vous abonnant à notre [bulletin électronique](#).*

