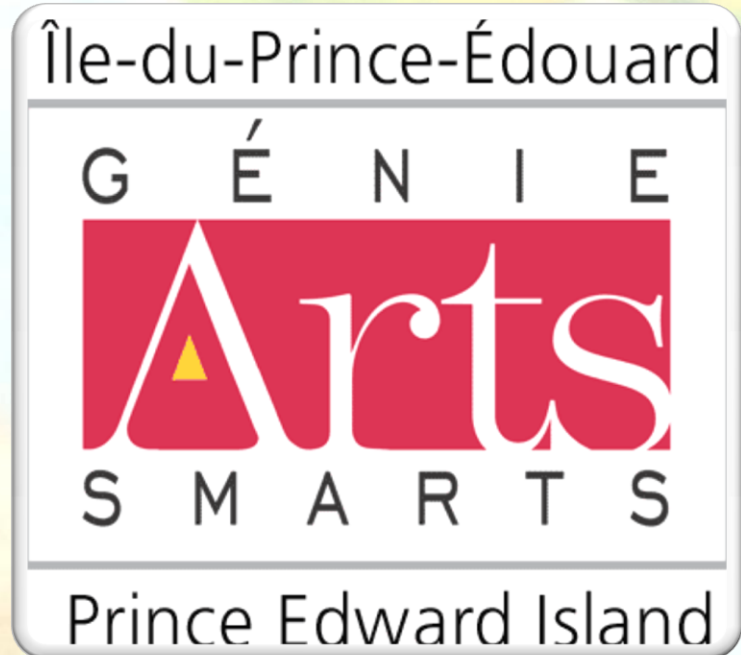


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THE ARTS*



Prince Edward Island

September 2013

This report provides readers with an overview of the funded ArtsSmarts PEI 2012-2013 projects.

*A YEAR IN
REVIEW
2012-2013*

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The mission of ArtsSmarts PEI is to offer schools and their communities the chance to emphasize educational activities related to the arts. The program aims at encouraging students to develop their intellectual skills by participating in arts activities. Artists and educators work together to integrate arts activities into non-arts subject areas that are linked to educational outcomes.

ArtsSmarts PEI

Ignites young people's excitement about learning core curricula through the arts.



Invests financially and strategically in creative learning networks at local, regional, provincial, and national levels to build capacity for arts and education.



Supports a new vision for public education in Canada and in Prince Edward Island.



Inspires collaboration among artists and educators, schools and communities.

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West Royalty Elementary

Project: Water Well ness: One drop at a time

Teacher: Elizabeth Crawford

Artists: Julia Sauv  and Sarah Saunders

Link to curriculum: *Language Arts, Math, Health, Science, Social Studies, Art, Music and Physical Education*

West Royalty Elementary students worked on a project entitled Water Well ness: One drop at a time. This project consisted of a narrated, musical and artistic dramatization of a story developed and written by grade 4 students, covering the theme of water conservation and protection of water habitats.

The students worked with artist Sarah Saunders to illustrate their story using digital art (Tux Paint), applying selected principles of arts and design.



Students also worked with the artist to transform their classroom into an underwater aquarium, applying sculpture techniques to create underwater plants and marine life using a variety of paper, found objects and recycled materials.

These objects were painted using black light paint and set the scene as students narrated and performed their stories in black light. The students also worked with dance choreographer

Julia Sauv  to combine the artistic impression of their story with dance and movement.

*I loved it;
ArtsSmarts was a
really good
experience. It
was the most fun
thing I've done in
all of school.*

21 grade 4 students participated

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My experience with the ArtsSmarts project was amazing. I loved working with everyone and I loved having this great experience. My favorite part was acting and being creative. I learned so many lessons, but the most important one is that we should all take care of our earth. Now at home I am saving water, recycling used materials, and using tux paint to explore my new creativity.

I learned more ways to conserve water and I had fun doing art. Every day when we would practice it would be hard, but it turned out to be really fascinating. I learned how you could use bubble wrap and recycle materials and make wonderful art.

Students were engaged at all levels. Their participation in social studies, science, math, and language arts was consistent, and greatly improved as a result of this project. The assessment of their knowledge and skill base in the learning outcomes involved revealed outstanding achievements in all areas, and test scores improved significantly in many areas. Teacher

Our son was extremely excited and engaged about this project. The hands-on approach for this project was an excellent fit. As a parent, we were thrilled to see the level of engagement in this learning.

And the survey says...

100% of parents indicated that their child had been discussing this project at home.

100% of students indicated that they found

it easier to learn about the school subject using art.

100% of parents agreed that their child learned a lot from participating in this project.

100% of parents indicated that all students should have a chance to do this type of project.

100% of students indicated that it is very important for their community to have art projects.

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Stratford Elementary School

Project: Au rythme de nos tambours

Teachers: Diane Tutty and Isabelle Oulton

Artist: Gary Torlone

Link to curriculum: Language Arts, Health and Music



Stratford Elementary School students participated in numerous activities and presentations to enhance their personal development. From these activities and presentations, students composed poems expressing their learning. Following this, the Stratford Elementary School students worked with Gary Torlone to create their own personal drums. These drums were used by the students to accompany their poetry readings.

It was one of the most creative and best moments/weeks of my life. It was fun while I was learning. I didn't even realize that I was learning.

41 grade 6 students participated

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- I was so impressed by the show. The kids put a lot of work into the performance. It was so entertaining. I really appreciated the subject matter and the lessons they learned.*
- My daughter was excited to participate in the ArtsSmarts Program even before she began Grade 6. She enjoyed the project and was proud to present her work to parents and to others.*
- Great job! My daughter was very proud of her work and I was too! Hopefully everyone will have the opportunity to participate.*
- My son was always looking forward to the ArtsSmarts days at school. He kept us up to date with the steps and progress of his drum. We were very excited to see his final project. The presentation was fantastic and the drums sounded amazing.*

At first, it was kind of confusing because we knew we were making drums but we were having presentations from people who had nothing to do with the drums. Then it all came together when we made poems about the presentations. Then out of the poems we made a song, and when we finished making the song we added a beat to the song.

It is always satisfying to see an idea come to life and its completion enjoyed by all... Many thanks! Artist

And the survey says...

90% of parents indicated that their child had been discussing this project at home.

84% of students indicated that they found it easier to learn about the school subject using art.

97% of parents agreed that their child learned a lot from participating in this project.

97% of parents indicated that all students should have a chance to do this type of project.

97% of students indicated that it is very important for their community to have art projects.

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Belfast Consolidated School

Project: *Une exploration de peinture francophone*

Teacher: *Norah Pendergast*

Artist: *Monica Lacey*

Link to curriculum: Core French

Grade 7-9 students from Belfast Consolidated School worked on the creation of a felted wall hanging inspired by Francophone paintings or painters. With the assistance of their local artist Monica Lacey, students created a felted hanging inspired by their acquired knowledge of these Francophone paintings or painters. The students then worked on the development of an artist statement which explained the process used,

the colors and the chosen forms in their artwork, and how they drew inspiration from the Francophone art.

I thought this was a good project. It was a lot of fun and it was good to get to do something other than book work...



45 grade 7 to grade 9 students

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- *I feel it is important to introduce kids to new and different things in order to broaden their scope and taste for activities, events and opportunities that surround them.*
- *Thank you so much for all your time. There was a lot of learning, fun and excitement.*
- *I thought this was a great opportunity for the students to do something totally different, things that normally would not be there.*
- *My child was interested by this project.*

The most wonderful part about the project was that it engaged all students in a very individualized way. I saw many students who often struggle with languages and/or motivation take ownership of this project and produce great results. Because of the highly personalized nature of the project, the level of spontaneous and authentic oral and written French used for communication throughout this project was remarkable. Teacher

I liked this project a lot because it was about art, and I like art. It was nice to do art again because we used to have an art class a while ago but the teacher left so we never got to do any since.

And the survey says...

84% of parents indicated that their child had been discussing this project at home.

56% of students indicated that they found it easier to learn about the school subject using art.

84% of parents agreed that their child benefited from using the hands-on approach.

84% of parents indicated that all students should have a chance to do this type of project.

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École Saint-Augustin

Project: *Nos racines communes, la forêt acadienne*

Teacher: *Rachelle Gauthier*

Artist: *Daniel Cyr*

Link to curriculum: Social Studies, Language Arts and Math

École Saint-Augustin students worked with artist Daniel Cyr in order to continue their study on the Acadian Forest. Students from kindergarten to grade 7 participated in



the project. A wooden mural depicting all species of the Acadian Forest was created. Students from grades 1 to 4 worked with the artist to create a map of the Acadian Forest situated on the grounds of the school. Grade 5 and 6 students created identification tiles for each of the 13 species of trees. These tiles were created out of “plâtre de Paris”. Students in grade 7 created a stained-glass piece which is representative of the Acadian Forest.

Parks Canada partners with ArtsSmarts PEI to support learning through the arts.

41 kindergarten to grade 7 students

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- *I really liked this project because I learned a lot.*
- *ArtsSmarts was really fun; I think we'll never forget it.*
- *The ArtsSmarts project was really fun. I didn't know I was that talented in making art.*
- *It was really fun because we used a lot of modelling paste and paint. I loved making the trail with the modelling paste and painting.*
- *I loved sculpting with clay because it was like playing with modelling paste.*



For some students, it was probably their first positive experience when it comes to artistic creation. As for the group, it was an opportunity to take part in a collaborative project that will stay in the school for many years. They will be able to come back to the school and see their contribution for years to come. I completely support ArtsSmarts.

And the survey says...

78% of students indicated that the project helped them discover their own creativity within.

40% of students indicated that they found it easier to learn about the school subject using art.

68% of students indicated that they learned a lot about the culture of their community/heritage during the project.

25% of students indicated they had never worked on a project with an artist before.

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Stratford Elementary School



Project: *Sculpting in Time*

Teacher: *Jo-Anne Laningan*

Artist: *Lucie Bellemare*

**Link to curriculum: Language Arts, Math, Communication and Information
Technology, Science, Social Studies, Health and Arts.**



Stratford Elementary School students created several pieces of individual sculptures using such mediums as soap stone, recycled material, m lange and clay/sand. Artist Lucie Bellemare worked with the students to explore various artists/sculptors and the role they have played in society and history. Following the acquired knowledge, students created their own sculpture based on experimentation, mood, shape, form, design and overall purpose.

23 grade 5 students

***If I could do
ArtsSmarts
every day, I
would come to
school during
the summer...***

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- My son was very enthusiastic about the ArtsSmarts program. He was very happy going to school on the days he knew they would be working on their projects. We, as parents, were very pleased to see the end results.*
- I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the results of excellent hands-on teaching in the arts field. I wish all grades were given this wonderful opportunity to participate in more arts programming.*
- I was so glad to see my daughter have this opportunity to participate. What a great experience and an introduction to arts and culture in PEI... Well done!*
- It was amazing to see the kids working together and having so much fun. Awesome!*

I learned that with a mistake you can make an awesome piece.

I liked ArtsSmarts because I could be creative with my art.

I like ArtsSmarts because you can let loose and make anything you want to.

I found ArtsSmarts fun, and it was easier to do math because we learned little techniques to help us.

This project has a strong impact on all the students. Each of the individual students experienced various degrees of personal, social, emotional, educational and artistic growth. At the same time, they were covering various school outcomes, without always realizing it... Teacher

And the survey says...

81% of parents indicated that their child had been discussing this project at home.

96% of students indicated that they found it easier to learn about the school subject using art.

100% of parents agreed that their child benefited from using the hands-on approach.

100% of parents indicated that all students should have a chance to do this type of project.

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West Kent Elementary School



Project: A Visual Presentation of West Kent Elementary

Teachers: Val Beer and Jennifer Anne MacEachern

(A total of 27 teachers were involved)

Artist: Everett Johnson

Link to curriculum: Language Arts, Math, Health, Science, Social Studies and Visual Arts



connections with their school and community.

Students, along with artist Everett Johnson, created a visual narrative using elements and principles of art and design. This narrative was a school-wide investigation and exploration into the heritage of the learning environment that is West Kent. Through this process, students reflected on their

*Art in action, art in process...
Art in connecting people and community...
Art in self expression... Bravo West Kent students!*

203 kindergarten to grade 6 students

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- *This project was incredible. What a way to learn and live the process of making a stained-glass window. It was such an inclusive project. Everyone contributed a drawing of their personal favorite part or memory of the school. They watched problem solving in action as the artist worked the design to be inclusive.*
- *Our school is doing a stained-glass project. It's super fun and it will be on the window for a very long time.*
- *I had a lot of fun doing the ArtsSmarts project. I learned that this school has been open for 50 years and what the property (West Kent) is like now, and what it used to look like...*

The artist provided a rich and natural learning process of all the steps involved in making the stained-glass window... Teacher

This project built self esteem and encouraged self expression; every child's idea was included. The project taught problem solving skills...

Teacher



And the survey says....

80% of students indicated that the project helped them discover their own creativity within.

63% of students indicated that they found it easier to learn about the school subject using art.

83% of students indicated that they learned a lot about the culture of their community/heritage during the project.

68% of students indicated they had never worked on a project with an artist before.

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Vernon River Consolidated School

Project: *Rocks, Minerals and Pebbles... Oh my!*

Teacher: *Lori Targett*

Artist: *Nikki Heddle*

Link to curriculum:

Language Arts and Science



The grade 4 students from Vernon River Consolidated School worked with artist Nikki Heddle to create a narrative piece using a multi-medium approach. Guided by the artist, students developed their understanding of

shape and form, grouped shapes, and identified changes in shapes. Through observation and visualization, students sorted rocks and pebbles based on their purpose and according to their creative needs. Through manipulation and consideration of shape and space, students created an art piece.

What inspired me is that my dad and I have a special fishing spot, and we go fishing on his birthday. His birthday is the first day of fishing season...

19 grade 4 students

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- *My child was very interested in this project.*
- *I found this very interesting; more projects like this in the future would be great.*
- *This was a great experience for my child, and I am very pleased that he was able to participate.*
- *I think it was a great opportunity for the grade 4 class. Everyone was different, and had great talent.*

I liked it because I've always wanted to work with an artist.

It was awesome. That was one of the best art projects. I loved working with the different tools.

I thought it was fun and it made me really happy and creative.

I found ArtsSmarts interesting because I got to work with an artist and we got to use real rocks.

It just seemed so effortless. They were confident right off the bat and they were excited.... Artist

Some of them knew when they went out what they were looking for. For others, the ideas came out of what they found... Teacher

And the survey says...

79% of parents indicated that their child had been discussing this project at home.

53% of students indicated that they found it easier to learn about the school subject using art.

100% of parents agreed that their child benefited from using the hands-on approach.

93% of parents indicated that all students should have a chance to do this type of project.

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Summerside Intermediate School

Project: *French by Design*

Teacher: *Kelly MacNeill*

Artists: *Maurice Bernard and Mario LeBlanc*

Link to curriculum:

Core French



Summerside Intermediate School students worked with artists Mario LeBlanc and Maurice Bernard to create a visual reminder of the importance of the French culture. Through this project, students worked with Mario LeBlanc to improve their French literacy skills. He provided students

with a better understanding and appreciation of the French language and culture. Following the work done with Mario, students created a sketch of their feelings towards French music, language and culture. From these sketches, students worked with artist Maurice Bernard to create a canvas which was transformed into a backdrop for the students' performance of French songs with Mario LeBlanc.

I believe that this project changed my students' way of thinking and helped them realize that there are endless possibilities and opportunities for those who embrace language.

76 grade 9 Core French students

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École Évangéline



Project: *Mathématiques - classe inversée*

Teacher: *Marcel Caissie*

Artist: *Denis Robert*

Link to curriculum:

Technology and Math



École Évangéline students created videos to facilitate and encourage learning. Students worked with Denis Robert to create learning videos which allowed for the creation of different learning tools. Following this project, students were able to explore their learning videos on YouTube, which in turn enhanced the learning for both the students and the teacher, as students became not only the problem solvers but also the facilitators/teachers through this project.

École Évangéline students created videos to facilitate and encourage learning. Students worked with Denis Robert to create learning videos which allowed for the

Evangeline students take education in a new direction... The students were digitally recording themselves teaching math problems, giving examples, and explaining the reasoning behind the answers.

28 grade 10 and 11 students

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Notre projet de GénieArts consistait à trouver une façon pour rendre les mathématiques intéressantes. Nous avons fait des vidéos en ligne pour qu'on puisse les apprendre non seulement à l'école, mais aussi à la maison si on avait des problèmes. Je crois que notre projet était très intéressant parce que j'ai pu utiliser Final Cut Pro pour réaliser la vidéo avec Monsieur Robert. C'était une expérience très intéressante parce que j'ai pu travailler avec des outils sur l'ordinateur et j'ai aussi pu créer et enregistrer des vidéos. Je crois que notre école devrait continuer à faire des projets GénieArts parce que c'est très intéressant et amusant.

The students seem to like it better because they really don't have to do something (at home) that they don't necessarily understand; they don't have that pressure anymore. And at the same time, they get an extra 30 minutes of help time when they are actually in class.

It's just a different way of learning... easier maybe, and we're trying to be creative, so we don't get bored at the same time...

And the survey says...

83% of parents indicated that they were aware of this project.

60% of students indicated that they found it easier to learn about the school subject using art.

41% of parents agreed that their child benefited from using the hands-on approach.

75% of parents indicated that all students should have a chance to do this type of project.

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Mount Stewart Consolidated School

Project: UPEI Pre-Service Teacher Training

*All my relations, teaching through Indigenous ways
of knowing*

Teacher: Emily Waye, UPEI pre-service teacher and collaborating teachers

Artist: Corrine Chappell and Noella Moore

Link to curriculum:

Social Studies, Language Arts and Health



Mount Stewart Consolidated students and teachers worked with UPEI pre-service teachers to explore the spiritual principals of the First Nations culture. Together, students, teachers and artists explored the seven sacred teachings of Prince Edward Island's Aboriginal community. Inspired by the Aboriginal culture within their own school, the students, assisted by the artists, created wigwams, dream catchers, talking sticks, power animal drawings, and medicine

wheels. During this process, students were introduced to many Aboriginal beliefs and their fascinating culture, which created an appreciation for their school's community.

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Why did we accept the challenge to explore changes in the learning cycle?

- *So that pre-service teachers can experience a collaborative approach to delivering curriculum*
- *So that pre-service teachers can experience examples of project-based learning (PBL) as well as what a 21st century school could look like*

How does integrated learning work?

- *Pre-service teachers explored and experienced integration through the arts with their university professor (or in the university environment)*
- *Pre-service teachers met with selected teachers to discuss educational outcomes and resources for the students' learning through the arts*
- *Pre-service teachers and classroom teachers met with artists and developed their learning plans and assessment tools according to the SCOs to be delivered*
- *Pre-service teachers and artists carried out their learning plans and assessments*

Why did this model work?

- *The paradigm is a shift from what is usually done. UPEI's Faculty of Education has allowed ArtsSmarts PEI to explore the essentials of creativity.*
- *We have numerous schools that encourage multi-learning community-based projects.*
- *We can create open-ended learning activities which encourage creativity.*
- *Through this paradigm, we can encourage teachers to work outside their comfort zones.*

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For 2013-2014, ArtsSmarts PEI and its partners will be joining forces with the University of Prince Edward Island to facilitate a Project-based Learning Course which will focus on arts integration within the UPEI pre-service teachers' curriculum. By integrating this incentive, teachers will experience 21st century teaching skills, where learning could shift from the written word to a performance, an advertisement, and/or a piece of art.

The chosen theme will be the recognition of various cultures within inner city schools. The proposed project will celebrate diversity while creating authentic connections for pre-service teachers.

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Tignish Elementary School

Project: Stories of our Life

Teacher: Mona Jeffery

Artist: Maurice Bernard

Link to curriculum:

Language Arts and Social Studies



mosaic mural, which created a visual representation of the community which they are a part of.

With the help of artist Maurice Bernard, students realized that they all have a story. They then worked with the artist to define their stories. Each one of these individual stories was represented through paint, using monochromatic colors by each student. These individual monochromatic paintings came together in a



46 grade 6 students

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Thank you so much for all the time you spent with the kids. They learned a lot.

I think it was a great idea for the artist to do this project with students.

My daughter liked it a lot and would participate in it again if she had a chance. She really enjoyed it.



We did a school project; it was awesome.

It was really fun! I would love to do it again.

The ArtsSmarts project was a load of fun.

The ArtsSmarts project we did at school was really cool and it was really fun to paint the pictures.

It was truly magnificent. I hope lots of other students get to do

And the survey says...

78% of parents indicated that their child had been discussing this project at home.

50% of students indicated that they found it easier to learn about the school subject using art.

100% of parents agreed that their child benefited from using the hands-on approach.

100% of parents indicated that all students should have a chance to do this type of project.

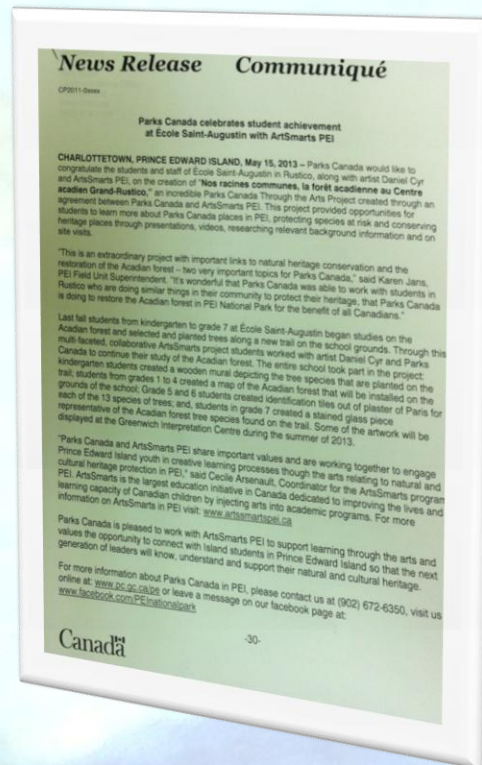
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And the media says...

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ArtsSmarts in collaboration with its partners is pleased to invite you to view two exhibits featuring the works of Island students who participated in the 2012-2013 ArtsSmarts Program.

Open Your Minds and Learn Through the Arts A Year in Review

will run at the Confederation Centre of the Arts
from May 3 to 12
and at the Eptek Centre in Summerside
from May 8 to 17, 2013.

**Open houses will be held on
May 7 at 7 p.m. at the Confederation Centre and
on May 8 at 7 p.m. at the Eptek Centre.**

All are welcome to attend.

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Many learning outcomes have been achieved, many students have developed a new passion for art, and teachers delivered new learning models. ArtsSmarts PEI would like to thank all the teachers, students, artists, partners, and committee members for their contributions in making the 2012-2013 ArtsSmarts PEI Program a successful one.