

# Artists in Schools



## DramaFest

Celebrate 47 years of DramaFest in May 2020!

For more than four decades, Nova Scotia high school students have been taking part in this immersive three-day retreat. It allows students to experience and explore all aspects of theatre, as each day begins with a morning masterclass, is followed by an afternoon workshop of students' choosing (more than 25 options!), and culminates in performances by their peers. Throughout the festival, students make new friends, learn new skills, and expand their creative capabilities.

Organized by Theatre Nova Scotia, DramaFest will be held from April 30 to May 2, 2020, at Dalhousie University in Halifax.

For more about Dramafest workshops, costs, and how to attend with your class or group, visit [www.dramafest.ca](http://www.dramafest.ca) or email Chelsea Dickie, DramaFest Coordinator, at [nsdramafest@gmail.com](mailto:nsdramafest@gmail.com).

Check DramaFest out on FaceBook and Instagram too! [@nsdramafest](https://www.facebook.com/nsdramafest)



## Funding

Funding for Artists in Schools programs is provided by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and Arts Nova Scotia. The following chart represents the amounts contributed by each.

Program	Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	Arts Nova Scotia
ArtReach	\$30,000	(through AGNS)
ArtsSmarts	\$30,000	\$30,000
Debut Atlantic	\$30,000	(operating assistance)
PAINTS	\$30,000	\$20,000
PERFORM!	\$30,000	\$20,000
WITS	\$30,000	\$20,000

For additional information on the Artists in Schools program or arts education curriculum, please contact

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## Art Gallery of Nova Scotia ArtReach

**ArtReach** is an integral part of the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia's education programs, combining travelling exhibitions of prints with tours and workshops for teachers and students across the province. Students who may not otherwise have access to original art have opportunities to examine these artworks and learn about the techniques employed through hands-on printmaking.

Other features of the program include the development of online curriculum links between gallery works and school programs, and arts sessions that encourage teachers to create exciting learning experiences for their students.

**For more information on ArtReach, email Kris Webster at [kris.webster@novascotia.ca](mailto:kris.webster@novascotia.ca) or visit the AGNS website at [www.artgalleryofnovascotia.ca](http://www.artgalleryofnovascotia.ca) under Events and Programs > Schools > ArtReach.**



## Art Gallery of Nova Scotia ArtsSmarts

The Art Gallery of Nova Scotia provides support to educators and artists of all disciplines to collaborate with students on creative projects that are linked to curriculum outcomes. Through the **ArtsSmarts** program model in conjunction with AGNS exhibitions, permanent collections, programs, and online resources, educators will further engage students in their learning.

Schools are invited to submit letters of interest, describing their project idea, and are required to contribute 30 percent of the total cost of their project. The maximum amount of funding for each project is \$3000.

**For program details, visit the AGNS website at [www.artgalleryofnovascotia.ca](http://www.artgalleryofnovascotia.ca) under Events and Programs > Schools > ArtsSmarts. For additional information, contact Kris Webster at (902) 424-6651 or email [kris.webster@novascotia.ca](mailto:kris.webster@novascotia.ca). The deadline for ArtsSmarts project letters of interest is Wednesday, October 9, 2019.**



### The 2019–2020 Artists

- **megan&amy:**  
violin and piano  
(September 2019)
- **Bev & Marc:**  
percussion and violin  
(October 2019)
- **Daniel Wnukowski:**  
piano  
(November 2019)
- **Proteus:**  
saxophone quartet  
(February 2020)
- **Merkelo & Fung:**  
trumpet and piano  
(March 2020)

**Debut Goes to School!**, a Debut Atlantic program, offers students throughout Nova Scotia direct access to outstanding classical musicians and educators. Through this program, students are provided the opportunity to participate in concerts and other events for various age groups and levels of ability. Musicians and students share live music experiences and explore a variety of concepts and themes, with programs created based on competencies and skills through age-appropriate curricular connections.

Debut Goes to School! underwrites the cost of this program including artist fees, travel, and production costs. Live webcasts of interactive video conferencing sessions are also available.

**For more information, visit [www.debutatlantic.ca](http://www.debutatlantic.ca) or contact Debut Atlantic at (902) 429-6812 or email [info@debutatlantic.ca](mailto:info@debutatlantic.ca).**



**PAINTS (Professional Artists in the Schools)** helps schools throughout Nova Scotia bring professional visual artists and fine craft artisans into their classrooms. The school pays \$25 per hour for the artists' time, and PAINTS makes up the other half and provides some support for travel and materials costs. Support is available for workshops with students from grades primary to 12. Individual projects take between 3 and 12 hours and schools can apply for up to 24 hours in a school year.

PAINTS projects forge links between the student workshop and the artists' own work. There are PAINTS artists in every part of the province working in a wide range of artistic disciplines.

**Deadlines: September 30 and January 30. Apply online at [www.paintsns.ca](http://www.paintsns.ca). Contact Andrea Ritchie at (902) 423-4694 or [paints@paintsns.ca](mailto:paints@paintsns.ca).**



**PERFORM!** brings professional performing artists into schools across Nova Scotia. Workshops for all grade levels are available in numerous theatre elements including acting, improvisation, puppetry, various forms of dance including Indigenous, African, hip hop, etc., and a number of choral techniques. Performances are available from companies including Maritime Marionettes, and Halifax Young People's Theatre. Christopher Norton's Micro-Musicals (grades 4–7) immerse your students for a full week of learning scenes, songs, and dances culminating in a 30-minute musical performance.

**Applications are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. PERFORM! programs are subsidized as funding permits. Some programs available in French. For more information or to apply go to [www.performns.ca](http://www.performns.ca), email [coordinator@performns.ca](mailto:coordinator@performns.ca), or call (902) 425-3876.**



Offered through the Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia, the **Writers in the Schools (WITS)** program helps connect professional writers and students across Nova Scotia. Writers will provide presentations, workshops, and readings for students from grades primary to 12. WITS encourages students' enjoyment of reading and writing, and engages students in the development of literacy skills. Writers in the WITS program are published professionals and are able to cover a variety of topics such as creative writing, research, journalism, illustration, and comic books. Schools pay half of the costs of the writers' fees and the WITS program pays the remaining fees along with the writers' travel costs.

**Requests for writers may be submitted throughout the school year. However, it is strongly recommended that schools submit booking requests September 2–6, 2019, and January 6–10, 2020. For more information and assistance: website: [writers.ns.ca](http://writers.ns.ca), email: [wits@writers.ns.ca](mailto:wits@writers.ns.ca), or phone: (902) 423-8116.**