

TO: FISA BC Member Schools
FROM: Peter Froese, Executive Director
RE: "ARTISTS IN EDUCATION" **Grants 2018-2019**



Provided by the BC Arts Council and the Province of BC
Administered through *ArtStarts in Schools*

Again, this year, the B.C. Arts Council and the Province of BC is extending grants to independent schools in British Columbia to assist in bringing the arts and children together. Up to \$24,820.00 will be made available to independent schools collectively to match funds intended for the provision of performing arts programs.

The BC Arts Council and the Province of BC will contribute up to 70% of the professional artist fees for BC Artists, 40% for Canadian Artists outside of BC, and no grants for non-Canadian productions. Please check the 'Home base' residence status of the artist before submitting your grant request to our office.

It is difficult to gauge just how far the \$24,820.00 will stretch. FISA BC will, therefore, distribute the funds as fairly as possible. Based on the number of schools applying, grants paid to schools in the past year ranged from \$70.00 to \$1,200.00

Schools are expected to apply for grants only toward programs having educational merit and which are offered by professional organizations or artists performing in:



- *theatre*
- *music*
- *visual arts*
- *literary arts organizations and artists*
- *dance*

The grant will be available only for **in school** performances.

Ineligible Expenses include:

- Non-professional artists, (these include established youth companies)
- School assemblies with motivational speakers, magic or novelty acts
- Events for which tickets are purchased, or for which admission is charged
- Fees for artists residing outside of Canada

Consult website www.artstarts.ca for additional grants available directly from ArtStarts.

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The procedure for application will involve the following:

- a. Please complete the application form and submit it to FISA BC. Apply for only **ONE** event per school.
- b. Documentation of projected costs, such as a pamphlet or quotation indicating current rate for performance in your area, **MUST** accompany your application. **Please do not send in an application without documentation.**
- c. FISA BC will consider the application from a school as "received" on the date that **all the necessary documentation has been received at the FISA BC office.**
- d. Applications will be received until September 14, 2018, at 4:00 P.M. We regret **that late applications will not be processed.**
- e. ArtStarts maintains a comprehensive directory of recommended artists which can be searched by artist, discipline, or specialty area: <https://artstarts.com/aotd>. FISA BC strongly urges schools to book artists through ArtStarts booking service. The \$35 booking fee is included in the directory's Artist Fees listing and is eligible for reimbursement at the 70% (BC artist) or 40% (non-BC Canadian artist) rate. Schools may also book directly with individual artists or through booking agencies. Artists who are not included in the ArtStarts directory must receive a satisfactory evaluation of their curriculum vitae by ArtStarts before grant applications can be approved. Note: An invoice from ArtStarts is sufficient evidence of proof of payment.
*Contact: **Artstarts in Schools** | 808 Richards St., Vancouver, BC V6B 3A7 | 604.336.0626; 1-855-292-7826 (toll-free); Fax: 604.693.0501; bookings@artstarts.com; www.artstarts.com*
- f. FISA BC will notify schools of the approved grant amount as soon as possible (usually towards the end of December).
- g. Following the event, please proof of payment in the format invoices marked **paid, receipt**, copy of **cancelled cheque, confirmation from the artist showing paid in full**, or **Artstarts booking** service invoice.

*FISA BC thanks the BC Arts Council and the Province of BC
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