

## Schools in Community Fall 2008 Grants to Presenters



### **Burnaby School District**

Community Theatre & Partner: Michael J Fox Theatre Society  
Artists: Dianna David, Dharmakasa, Alberta Opera and Move: The Company

Working with the Michael J Fox Theatre Society the district presents the Young People's Concert Series which provides the opportunity for over 6,500 elementary school students to see a variety of professional performing arts presentations in the theatre setting. These performances will include storytelling and dance from Dianna David, a fairy tale turned operatic performance from Alberta Opera, contemporary dance styles introduced by Move: The Company and a musical cornucopia that fuses Japanese, Indian and Australian sounds from Dharmakasa.



### **Coquitlam School District**

Community Theatre & Partner: Evergreen Cultural Centre  
Artists: Vancouver Opera, Vazzy, Shane Phillips and Dharmakasa

The Coquitlam School District will collaborate with the Evergreen Cultural Centre to present four musical performances featuring a varied selection of musical styles and instruments from across time and cultures. Vancouver Opera will present a historical opera based around the Gold Rush era, while the duo, Vazzy, will introduce songs and instruments from French Canada's past. The musical presentations by Dharmakasa and Shane Phillips will showcase an exciting fusion of world music and traditional instruments.



### **Francophone School District**

Community Theatre & Partner: Maurice Young Millennium Place, and the Parent Advisory Councils  
Artists: Masabo and Les Bûcherons

Three parent groups, Ecole La Passerelle, Ecole Les Aiglons and Ecole de La Vallée de Pemberton worked together with the Maurice Young Millennium Place to create a French performance series that will enable Francophone students to experience their own rich cultural history, as well as the cultural history from another continent. Les Bûcherons provides students with a deep understanding of their heritage through Canadian folk traditions through storytelling, dance and singing. Masabo will introduce students to West African Culture through dance and storytelling, highlighting the traditional dances of their African heritage.



### **Rocky Mountain School District**

Community Theatre & Partner: Golden Civic Centre, Kicking Horse Culture (Golden District Arts Council)

Artists: Motus O, Mighty Popo, Fab Fourever, Ballet Kelowna and John & Vicki Arcand

Three-thousand students from Nicholson Elementary, Alexander Park Elementary, Lady Grey Elementary and Golden Secondary will enjoy a diverse range of live performances that introduce a variety of cultural traditions including: West African music, Metis dance and song, Western pop music, classical ballet, and a mythological storytelling and dance show set in the wilderness of Scandinavia.



### **Gold Trail School District**

Community Theatres and Partner: Masonic Hall, Parish Hall, Ashcroft Opera House and the Lillooet Music Society

Artists: Winter Harp and Norman Foote

Elementary Students in Clinton, Ashcroft, Lillooet, and Lytton will, for the first time, experience professional performing arts in a theatre setting. The district is collaborating with the Lillooet Music Society to bring six performances by Winter Harp and Norman Foote. Students will be transported into medieval times with songs, poetry and medieval instruments from Winter Harp. Norman Foote will showcase a variety of famous Nursery Rhymes and classical symphony music adding his own artistic twist to song and stories, taking the audience on a light hearted musical adventure.



### **Prince Rupert School District**

Community Theatre & Partner: Lester Centre for the Arts

Artists: Alberta Opera, Dharmakasa, Dianna David

The Lester Centre for the Arts is partnering with the Prince Rupert School District to bring three arts groups to present 13 performances to students at Westview Elementary, Roosevelt Park Elementary, Pineridge Elementary, Lax Kxeen Elementary, Conrad Elementary, Annunciation School, Charles Hay Secondary and Prince Rupert Secondary. Over 6,500 students will enjoy an opera about a Frog Prince, music by a high energy four piece band and a fusion of storytelling, dance and comedy from a young Filipino-Canadian about her experiences attending school in Alberta.