



## **EXPANDED ARTS FESTIVAL AN EXPERIENCE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

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Orléans, Ontario – Arts Ottawa East (AOE) will be holding its annual FestivARTS at Place d’Orléans shopping centre on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

With the financial support from the Department of Canadian Heritage, the highly-popular event has been expanded this year to include several demonstrations and workshops that will provide family members of all ages an opportunity to enjoy interactive activities, participate in arts projects and take in an array of talented musicians, theatrical performances and dance.

“FestivARTS is an annual celebration of local arts and culture that allows members of the community to see the creative talents of local artists,” says AOE President Eric McKay. “We encourage everyone to come out and see what AOE members have to offer.”

This year’s edition of FestivARTS consists of some 30 exhibitors and 20 performances, including demonstrations and workshops in break dancing, marionette making, painting, pottery making, cire craft, and hip hop dancing. Visitors can also listen to band music, a choir, singing groups, a string orchestra and see Scottish and improvisation dancing.

FestivARTS will be held between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and noon and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday on the Fountain Stage and in the Customer Services Court area. FestivARTS is free for the entire family.

### **About Arts Ottawa East**

AOE is a pro-active not-for-profit community arts council dedicated to promoting, supporting and developing the practice and appreciation of the arts at all levels in Ottawa. AOE inspires and assists arts organizations and individual artists who create and present the visual, performing, media and literary arts in our community and who contribute to our cultural landscape. An umbrella organization representing more than 85 organizations representing some 16,500 individuals, AOE responds to the needs of its membership and the vast community it serves, providing them with information, resources and services.

For more information, please visit [www.artsoe.ca](http://www.artsoe.ca)

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**FestivARTS fountain stage performance schedule:**

Saturday 1 November 2008

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| 11:00 – 11:20 | MIFO                              |
| 11:25 – 11:45 | Orleans Young Players             |
| 11:50 – 12:10 | Cumbrae School of Dance           |
| 12:15 – 12:35 | Capital Chordettes                |
| 12:40 – 1:00  | Dance R Studio                    |
| 1:05 – 1:25   | Cumberland Sunshine Singers       |
| 1:30 – 1:50   | Crosstown Youth Choir             |
| 1:55 – 2:15   | Cumberland Community Singers      |
| 2:20 – 2:40   | MacCulloch Dancers                |
| 2:45 – 2:40   | Remix Dancers                     |
| 3:10 – 3:30   | Bytown Beat                       |
| 3:35 – 3:55   | Loch Murray Dancers               |
| 4:00 – 4:20   | Gloucester Community Concert Band |
| 4:25 – 4:45   | Suzuki Music                      |

Sunday, 2 November 2008

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| 1:00 – 2:00 | Junkyard Symphony |
| 2:30 – 3:30 | Break Dancing     |
| 3:45 – 4:45 | Hip Hop Dance     |

**Workshops and Community Project**

Saturday 1 November 2008

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| 10:00 – 4:00  | Mixed media painting |
| 10:00 – 12:00 | Tree Frog Percussion |
| 1:00 – 4:30   | Felt Monster making  |
| 10:00 – 5:00  | Community Project    |

Sunday, 2 November 2008

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| 12:30 – 2:00 | Tara Luz Improvisation |
| 1:30 – 3:30  | Marionette Making      |
| 3:00 – 3:45  | Rag and Bone Puppets   |
| 1:00 – 5:00  | Community Project      |