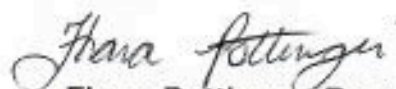




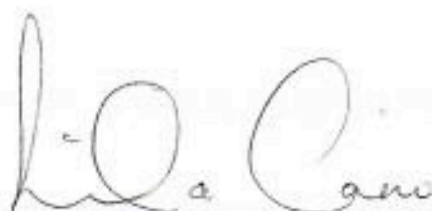
Community Arts & Heritage Education Project
Annual Report
2009-2010

A message from



Fhara Pottinger, Board President

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Lila Cano, Executive Director

This has been an exciting year for Community Arts & Heritage Education Project. We can proudly report that over the past year, CAHEP has grown again and continues to flourish. We have built new partnerships, reached more children, youth and adults than ever before. We have received recognition for our program development and implementation at the local, regional and national level. We are proud to be able to work in collaboration with our many partners and we look forward to creating new partnerships over the next year.

Over the past 12 months, our local and regional work has reached 6,691 children and youth with direct hands-on programming in arts and heritage. In addition, we've hired a total of 31 artists and 42 heritage programmers. We have partnered with 49 schools, 46 community organizations, and 20 businesses. Learners involved in our various programs have received a total of 855 hours of hands-on arts and heritage education. We have shared our work with over 20,000 audience members in both our community and the region through our special projects, sharing days, launches, community arts projects, special events, festivals, in school performances and community displays, the *Arts Fiesta* and the *Spirit of the Anishnabae* Celebration.

Although we are proud of the number of individual children, youth, adults and communities we have reached through our programming and partnerships, it is the impact we are making through working with excluded children and youth in arts and heritage that is the most rewarding work of all. Our programs ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate in art making in all its forms – visual art, dance, music, heritage projects, play creation, multi-media and the written word. We, in turn, continue to be inspired by the children, youth and adults we have worked with over the past year.

Before we farewell for the year, we must draw your attention to those behind the scenes. In particular, CAHEP's Executive Director, Lila Cano, is moving on at the end of 2010. Her energy, passion, belief and pride in CAHEP and in the power and impact that arts and heritage has on a community have been inspiring. Her mark on CAHEP will never be forgotten. Thank you Lila! May your new adventures be met with as much success and joy as your work with CAHEP.

Community Arts & Heritage Education Project

Community Arts & Heritage Education Project (CAHEP) is a multi-disciplinary arts education organization that has been in existence since March 2003.

Mandate:

CAHEP is a grass-roots community-based arts and heritage education organization created to develop and implement multi-disciplinary arts and heritage programming and resources for the benefit of the Thunder Bay community.

Vision:

Experiences in Arts and Heritage transform lives and communities.

Mission:

CAHEP empowers children and youth in the community of Thunder Bay by creating and implementing accessible multi-disciplinary arts and heritage programming and resources so that people will discover the joy of arts and heritage within their own lives and create a legacy by fostering a commitment to culture.

CAHEP creates programming that is student/child/youth centered in that *they are the leaders in the creative process* facilitated by the artists/arts educators in collaboration with the educators/community leaders.

History and Background:

In December of 2000, an Arts Education sub-committee of the City of Thunder Bay's Arts & Heritage committee completed a study on Best Practices in Arts Education from several cities in both Canada and the USA. The study also looked at what programming was already in place locally, who could access that programming and where the gaps in programming existed. From the results of the study, several recommendations were made to improve the level of arts education for our community.

These recommendations were:

1. More financial support for artists
2. More community-based arts education programming
3. Partnerships with private sector and individual artists
4. Artists in Residency programs
5. More venues for young artists to perform and display their talents

CAHEP began as a pilot project funded through the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). A Steering Committee acted as the Board through the first two years of OTF funding. CAHEP also set up a Network Group with 18 stakeholders in arts and heritage that included individual artists, arts and heritage organizations and educators. The CAHEP Network Group offered suggestions and had collaborative input to help develop CAHEP's programming and resources.

Partway through its second year, CAHEP established a small working group from the original Steering Committee which refined our mandate/vision and created our constitution and by-laws. The original Steering Committee was dissolved after the OTF funding was finished. The first CAHEP Board consisted of the 5 individuals who participated in the work that was done to create the by-laws and constitution of the organization. In February 2005, CAHEP was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization and in June 2005, we received our Charitable Status.

Incorporation – Not-for-Profit –February 18, 2005 -1645817

Charitable Status –June 10, 2005 - 83559 1744 RR001



CAHEP Board of Directors 2009-2010

Fhara Pottinger – CAHEP President

Sharon Godwin – Treasurer

Jordana Hughes – Secretary

Karl Reimer – Director

Greg Beckford – Director

Leanna Marshall - Director

Sonya Lacroix – Director

Carissa Vescio - Director

Bonnie McNulty – Advisor – Ministry of Culture

Leadership Team 2009-2010

Lila Cano – CAHEP Executive Director

Rita Zavagnin – CAHEP Program Manager

Alana Forslund – CAHEP Administrative Assistant

Pat Gombola – Accounting

Melanie Nyguyen, Jenn Little and Vernon Allan - RBC on-site supervisors

Jenn Little – RBC Healthy Snack Coordinator

Program Artists, Heritage Programmers, Arts Educators - *Local*

Anne Elizabeth O'Brien

Kathleen Baleja

Brian Holden

Rodney Brown

Natalie Hotson

David Campbell

Luke Nicol

Steve Slattery

Tanya Elchuk

Nicole Armstrong

Zarha Vassell

Adam Nichols

Derek Khani

Biljana Baker

Claudia Otto

Eleanor Albanese

Jelena Psenicnik

Ron Kanutski

Fritz Lehmborg

Elliott Doxtater-Wynn

Alana Forslund

Erin Brophey

Rita Zavagnin

Janelle Thacker

Chris Sutherland

Lora Northway
James Wheeler
Shy-Anne Hovorka
Betty Carpick
Philip Duke
Lila Cano
Gloria Ranger
Josh Deperry
Ma-Nee Chacaby
Vernon Allan
Jared Pemmican
Eli Pemmican
Jordan Pemmican
Brad Head
Erick Slipperjack
Shandon Moonias
Brent Achneepineskum
Jake Achneepineskum
Steve Achneepineskum
Sydney K.
Mike Moonias
Avery Desmoulins
Alex Tyance
Craig Moonias
Nathan Meshake
Ryan Ochapowace
Doug Turner
Cinnamon Kelly
Dannell McGuinnis
Jeordi Pierre
Jesse Gustafson
Ashley Desmoulins
Josie Kwandibens
Kalene Beaver
Kyle McKay
Noah Pierre
Raven Spade
Tanager Spade

Elders

Peter Kwandibens
Corrine Nabigon
Victor Pellitier

Thunder Bay Aboriginal Arts & Heritage Group Liaisons

Jeanette Posine
Dave Wilkinson

Regional Artists

Michele Coslett Goodman
Val Fraser
Patricia Lambkin
Jinx Stus

CAHEP Volunteers

RBC After School Program

Kelly Rhodes, Pat Jarvis, Patti Derkson, Mike Nitz, Kyle Jessiman, Kelsey Letowski, Ingrid Patterson, Amanda Holdsworth, Robin Perry, Tasha Coughlan-Mandryk, Dina Rau, Cathy Dayman, Michael Kantola, Heather Browning

CAHEP Events

Arts Fiesta - CAHEP Board - Fhara Pottinger, Sharon Godwin, Bonnie McNulty
Volunteers - Jelena Psenicnik, Pat Longpre, Tracy Tieman, Alana Forslund, Jane Ann Rapley, Nevada Panteluk, Trevor Heydens, Vernon Allan, Hanna Dorval, Sasha Dorval, Linda Dell, Erin Briska, Kaiti Comrie, Katja Maki, Leanne Lankinen, Judy Forslund, Keith Catton, Lana McGregor, Barbara Benwell, Emma Lees, Ray Atwood, Kelley Morrell, Lauren Lecomte

Spirit of the Anishnabae Celebration

Pat Longpre, Tracy Tieman, Hanna Dorval, Keith Catton, Elizabeth Buset, Nevada Panteluk, Vernon Allan, Derek Khani
Staff: Lila Cano, Alana Forslund, Rita Zavagnin

CAHEP Interns

Trevor Heydens, Kati Comrie, Kayla Slyford

Arts Education in Your Community - Community Leaders

Carole Dodge, Jennifer Buell, William Plumstead, Sandra Houston, Joahna Berti, Sumiye Sugawara, Cheryl Wilson-Smith, Donna Giles, Marj Salavich, Pam Cain, Kim Kahoot, Catherine Reilly, Sylvie Bodnarchuk plus many other hard working individuals in each partner community.

85 volunteers gave a total of 3135 hours over the 2009-2010 year



**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE OF OUR
VOLUNTEERS, ARTISTS, HERITAGE PROGRAMMERS
AND OTHER CONTRIBUTORS.**

THANK YOU!

