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## **"New and Unusual" Programs Planned for Art Escape March Break Program**

*"I felt that the whole experience offered my daughter a door to her imagination and you allowed her to borrow a key." – Parent of child attending Art Escape 2007*

February 26, 2008 - Kitchener, ON, Canada – Looking for something new and unusual to do this March Break? Join Art Escape 2008 at the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery (KW|AG).

Art Escape introduces a new, innovative theme each day with a focus on a particular art form. Students are exposed to different stimuli to unleash their creativity including narratives, art books, creative journaling, group discussions, and interactive tours of the Gallery's current exhibitions featuring the works of Kelly Richardson, Jennifer Stead, Geoffrey James and Alex Cameron.

"We are excited to introduce a new roster of Art Escape programs this year that will inspire young people of all ages to respond to art, explore their creativity and imagination, and build critical thinking skills," said Jill Klepacki, Public Program Coordinator, KW|AG.

### **New for 2008! Painting, Drawing and Mixing Materials** (Ages 7 – 9)

Participants will try a variety of painting and drawing media including watercolours, acrylic paints, chalk, pastels, charcoal, mixed media and more. Working with professional art educators, students will discover how materials can work on their own, and how they can be combined to create amazing works of art.

*"My daughter came home beaming. Thank you."*

*- Parent of child attending Art Escape 2007*

*"I learned about different art materials that I didn't know about before."*

*"I learned how to use up space and not to be afraid of utilizing all the space on the paper."*

*– Students from Art Escape 2007*

### **New for 2008! New and Unusual Materials** (Ages 10 – 13)

Students will experiment with sculpture made from natural and man-made materials, discover how art can physically transform space, and incorporate elements of technology such as photography, sound, and video into their creative projects. Working with professional art educators, participants will create projects in various mediums including ink, clay, recycled and found materials.

## **Art Escape Instructors**

All Art Escape activities are led by qualified arts educators with in-depth academic training in the fine arts, and a breadth of experience teaching young people:

Popular arts educator, Mindy Alexander, has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from York University and extensive experience teaching people of all ages. She enjoys creating a welcoming studio setting for children to explore a variety of art media and techniques while they discover their own ideas and interests.



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Lydia Stewart-Goodison received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from York University where she specialized in sculpture, drawing, and painting. She has facilitated various children's camps including Art Gallery of Ontario's Summer Arts Camp, and has community leadership and volunteer experience in various galleries and arts and culture organizations.

*"I really had a lot of fun and I made new friends. I was sad to say goodbye on Friday." - Student from Art Escape 2007*

Parents/guardians can choose to register their children for one session or for the full week.

### **Registration Details**

ART ESCAPE March Break Program  
March 10-14, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$32 per day or \$150 for the full week

**New!** Extended child care available: 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (\$10 per child per day)

To register, call 519.579.5860 or visit <http://kwag.on.ca/section/view/?fnode=121>

### **About the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery**

Through thoughtful and engaging programs, the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery (KW|AG) connects people and ideas through art. The Gallery's exhibits and programs are built on the mission that art is the catalyst for shared experience, dialogue and imagination. The Gallery emphasizes contemporary art, often premiering works by Canadian and international artists. Exhibitions frequently draw upon selections from the 4,000 -work permanent collection to provide a forum for dialogue. KW|AG plays a vital educational role in the community, offering a full spectrum of artistic experience for adults, children and families alike. Established in 1956 and operating within Centre In The Square, KW|AG is the oldest and largest public gallery in Waterloo region: roots in the community, eyes on the world. For more information, contact [mail@kwag.on.ca](mailto:mail@kwag.on.ca) or visit [www.kwag.on.ca](http://www.kwag.on.ca).

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