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dance

Toronto Dance Theatre—Studio Series gave the Gr. 11-12 RAP Dance students a taste of modern dance from both sides of the curtain and showed the breadth of the company's diverse repertoire. After the performance, the RAP dancers were guided through a movement class led by experienced facilitators, giving them a chance to grasp and further reflect on what they have witnessed on stage.

School of Toronto Dance Theatre—STUDENT MATINEES. The Gr. 11-12 RAP Dancers attended a matinee performance of classical and new works choreographed by renowned choreographers, and experienced a Graham-based modern technique master class from an artistic staff member of the School of Toronto Dance Theatre.

Guest Artist—Malgorzata Nowacka, an Award winning choreographer and dancer came to Redmond and taught a series of contemporary dance classes. We also commissioned her to choreograph a modern contemporary work showcased in "Curtain Call 2010-2011 RAP Dance Showcase".

The Grade 11-12 RAP Dancers participated in the annual Kiwanis Dance Festival.

They received 12 gold standings and were adjudicated by highly-motivated professional dance artists and choreographers.

Encore 2011 Graduate Student Showcase—The Nutcracker The students choreo-

graphed their version of this seasonal classic of the Nutcracker. The presentation of The Nutcracker was phenomenal.

Curtain Call 2011: RAP Dance Showcase—was also a success.

Toronto Catholic Schools Dance Festival—presented its 1st annual dance festival. The evening performance showcased 180 secondary students from thirteen TCDSB schools. The Gr. 10, 11&12 Rap Dancers entertained the audience with a variety of dance styles and original choreographic works.

Gr.9 RAP dancers participated in the following:

Nov - Taste of the Arts workshops, participated in partnering workshop with Allen Kaeja, Artistic Director of Kaeja d'danse

Dec - Master Class workshop and performance viewing at The School of Toronto Dance Theatre

Dec - Attended live taping of So You Think You Can Dance

Feb - African performance at Redmond's Black History Month Assembly

Feb - African performance at Don Bosco's Black History Month Assembly after personal invite

April - RAP Dance Night perform

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Gr.10 RAP Dancers participated in the following:

Nov - Taste of the Arts workshops, participated in a new choreographic piece created by Allen Kaeja, Artistic Director of Kaeja d'danse

Dec - Master Class workshop and performance viewing at The School of Toronto Dance Theatre

Dec - Attended live taping of So You Think You Can Dance

Feb - African performance at Redmond's Black History Month Assembly

Feb - African performance at Don Bosco's Black History Month Assembly after personal invite

April - RAP Dance Night performances, participated in master-class workshops with Malgorzata Nowacka, Artistic director of The Chimera Project

May - Performed at the Mini Special Olympics

Miss Weiler's Gr. 9, 11 & 12 Rap Vocal students of Father John Redmond CSS had an evening of memorable Disney songs performed. The presentation was phenomenal. The sets and costumes were of professional quality; and all the performers worked hard to produce an enjoyable for evening for the community and parents.

drama

Out and About: This past year our RAP drama students attended a number of professional productions including The Shaw Festival's 'My Fair Lady', Stratford's acclaimed, 'The Grapes of Wrath' and Humber



College's "Swimming for Shore." In May, fifteen RAP students participated in a wonderful tour of Greece. Highlights of this tour included the ancient theatres at Epidaurus and Delphi.

On Stage: This past year we prepared an unprecedented number of productions beginning with our fall performance of Stephen Massicotte's "Mary's Wedding." Peter Radecki and Sierra De Sousa were outstanding as they played two young adults whose lives and plans for the future are torn apart by World War One.

In February, our cast for this year's SEARS Drama Festival received the Adjudicator's Merit Award for their ensemble performance of "Babel Rap." Kevin O'Rourke-McColl and Valeska Martins were wonderfully matched as two bickering coworkers contemplating the meaning of life and the virtue of hard work atop the tower of Babel. The adjudicator was thoroughly impressed with their outstanding comedic timing.

Both, the grade nine and ten drama students wowed audiences at our annual open house, Kaleidoscope, with a variety of mime routines, monologues and scenes while the grade eleven class ended their year with a wonderful evening of five one act plays.

And finally, in June our graduating class performed Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." This modern take on Shakespeare's most loved comedy was full of wonderful performances and costumes. Highlights included Brandon's hilarious turn as the forsaken lover, Thisbe, and the lover's frantic race through the woods. This production was a wonderful culmination of their four years together here at Redmond.

2010/2011 was another bustling year for the students in the Redmond's Instrumental Music classes, especially for the members of the Band and Strings Regional Arts Programs. Listed below was our calendar of events:

Music Department performances (events specific to RAP)

- Oct. Awards Night (B)
- Nov. Open House (B)
- Dec. TCDSB Memorial Mass at CEC (S)
FJR Annual Christmas Concert (B/S)
HUB Charity Christmas Dinner (B)
"Redmond Rocks VI" (B/S)
- Jan. RAP'sody Band recital
- Mar. Brantford Kiwanis Music Festival (B/S)
- Apr. Official opening of 'Insight' at the Assembly Hall (B/S)
...attending 'Bugs Bunny at the Symphony' (B/S)
'KALEIDOSCOPE' (RAP Open House - B/S)
- May TCDSB Festival of the Arts (B)
Woodbine Education Week Festival (B)
RAP'sody Strings recital
Canada's Wonderland Music Education Festival (B/S)
- Jun. FJR Annual Spring Concert (B/S)
Lakeside Montessori School presentation (B/S)
FJR Annual Graduation Ceremonies (S)



As our Regional Arts Program grows, so improves the level of performance: Graduates ARTHUR LEWINOWICZ (Strings - Viola) composed and performed an original piece of music - Dubstep Requiem - with his classmates at the RAP'sody Strings Recital, while ARAS PABEDINSKAS (Band - Saxophone) not only won a trophy and scholarship at the Brantford Kiwanis Music Festival, but his performance on Alto Sax was singled out, and he was recommended to compete at the Kiwanis Provincial Championships at the Wilfred Laurier University main campus in early June. Both students have been accepted to the Music Program at the Faculty of Fine Arts, York University for September 2011.

'Resident' rock band, Reign, was our featured ensemble at this year's Redmond Rocks VI concert. Fronted by lead singer EUGENE COFIE, this outstanding group of Gr. 11 RAP students consists of guitarists SAM BANNING and ALEX NEVES-POLONIO, bass guitarist DANIEL

MCCULLOUGH, and drummer KAMIL

MADEJ, who also performed in the pit orchestra for our school's musical, 'The Wedding Singer' in April.



Finally, congratulations to this year's RAP graduates: Band students Patrick BUDYLOWSKI, Jesse KING, and Aras PABEDINSKAS, and Strings Sarah CROWE, Ben HARDY, and Arthur LEWINOWICZ... thank you for your hard work and effort, and may God bless you on your future journeys!



visual arts

The Distillery - October 10, 2010, the Grade 9 to 12 visual arts students visited the Distillery District in Toronto, which

always proves to be an inspiring trip. With numerous galleries, ever-changing media, as well as artists' studios, students spent the day gathering research for their own work. Students were inspired by the work of artists and artisans from around the country, with work in disciplines such as photography, painting, sculpture, ceramics, textiles, glass as well as several monumental outdoor sculptures. The perfect weather permitted students to spend time sketching and photographing some of the historic buildings and the monumental sculpture of the district.

On October 25, 2010, the Visual Arts RAP students in grades 9-12 travelled to the ROM to see the world premiere exhibition of El Anatsui: When I Last Wrote to You about Africa, a career retrospective of the internationally renowned artist. Best known for his monumental wall sculptures, Ghanaian-born El Anatsui creates monumental artworks from found-objects in metal and wood and transforms them into compelling personal statements on global, local and personal histories, as well as traditional Ghanaian beliefs.

InSight You Art Show, February, 2011 - In collaboration with ESA and LCI, our students jointly exhibited many wonderful art works ranging from multi-media, 3D-work, photography, painting and much more.

Annual Kaleidoscope Art Exhibition, April, 2011 - Visual arts RAP students produced a large body of varied and impressive art works that graced the atrium with style and artistry. Students produced a diverse selection of art works showing the expressiveness and creative spirit.

Greece, May, 2011 - Visual Arts RAP students enjoyed the opportunity to visit glorious Greece. Greece's marvelous art works, architecture and sculpture inspired and enabled students to return to Redmond refreshed with new ideas.

