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ArtsCan Circle sends small teams of musical and visual artists to remote Canadian communities to work with Native children and youth at risk.

*Our hope is to encourage self-esteem amongst Aboriginal youth in isolated communities through art and music.*

**Carol Teal, Executive Director**

ArtsCan Circle is inspired by the work of Mike Stevens, a multi-talented harmonica player who, since November 2000, has been traveling to isolated Aboriginal communities in Northern Canada to share his love for music with youth and help them to explore their own musical expression.

ArtsCan Circle is grateful for the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation to build the capacity of the organization and expand its programming for Indigenous youth.

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*ArtsCan Circle founding member, Mike Stevens, distributes donated harmonicas.*



*Linking creative artists with Native youth at risk to build skills and self-esteem through art and music.*

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**ArtsCan Circle** sends small teams of musical and visual artists to remote Canadian communities to work with Native children and youth at risk. These teams conduct hands-on workshops in the following areas:



- LEARNING TO PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT •
  - SONG-WRITING •
  - SINGING •
  - PLAYWRITING •
- DRAMA/STORYTELLING/PUPPETEERING •
- VISUAL ARTS •

ArtsCan Circle and our teams also:

- **Provide positive experiences** in self expression and performance opportunities.
- **Encourage on-going mentoring programs** with local residents and teachers.
- **Bring donated musical instruments** to the communities allowing youth access to instruments on an on-going basis.
- **Set up donated audio-visual recording equipment** and train school staff and community members in its use. This enables communities to document traditional music and dance as well as record new works.
- **Honour and validate the community's culture** by incorporating native languages, traditions and stories from within the community.
- **Build relationships** by returning to participating Native communities on an annual or more frequent basis.

*Our aim to help kids find their own "voices" while honoring the heritage and traditions of each community.*

**Mike Stevens, Founder**



*I just wanted to thank the ArtsCan team for coming to our school as the kids were very touched by the experience. They continue to talk about their experiences and are even more eager to grow as musicians! The level four student who received the guitar was extremely grateful and has even started composing his own music. He recently received his college application papers and says he would love to continue his education in the music field.*

**Devon Conway, Music Teacher**  
Natuashish, Labrador



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Your gift will help to build skills and self-esteem for Native children and youth in remote communities in Canada.

Your **gift of \$25** will provide a youth with the paint, brushes and canvas needed to develop creative expression with mentoring from an ArtsCan Circle Artist.

Your **gift of \$50** will provide a ukulele and an instructional book for a youth in a remote community to learn to play and to feel a sense of accomplishment.

Your **gift of \$75** will provide seven harmonicas for children and youths to learn to play – and to take home with them to continue to learn.

Your **gift of \$100** will provide art materials like paper, string, paint, beads, felt and glue for 50 younger children in a remote Native community to express themselves through a visual arts project.

Your **gift of \$500** will provide the shipping costs to bring a pallet of instruments (e.g. 8 guitars, 8 ukuleles and 4 keyboards) to a remote community allowing children and youths to continue to develop their musical skills between ArtsCan Circle visits.

Your **gift of \$1,000** will fund a round trip flight for one team member to a remote community to mentor children and youth in music and art.