

KELOWNA CULTURAL DISTRICT SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Kelowna Cultural District School Field Trip Partnership represents a unique collaboration between The Rotary Centre for the Arts (RCA), Kelowna Art Gallery (KAG), and the Museum. We aim to provide students with a multifaceted exploration of arts, culture, and history programs that will contribute to the cultural and artistic development of students in our community.



The Rotary Centre for the Arts Art Discovery School Program offers a variety of performing art courses that complement the school curriculum for elementary to middle school students. Each course is designed to spark creativity, foster collaboration, and provide students with a holistic arts education. Visit our website for each course outline.

- **The Art of Clowning & Improv (available in French)**

Through a combination of play, laughter, and creative expression, this program aims to cultivate a sense of joy, spontaneity, and teamwork in young participants. Students will have the opportunity to explore the fundamentals of clowning, including comedy, facial expressions, and character development.

- **Rhythm and Song (available in French)**

Embark on a global musical journey with indigenous rhythms, songs, and stories connecting us to nature. Learn hand drumming, musical concepts, call-and-response songs, and diverse percussion instruments.

- **Circus Arts**

Explore the Circus and master Hoop dance! Discover creative ways to connect with your body using a hula hoop. Elevate your skills, unleash creativity, and embrace a unique, personalized style.

- **Martial Arts**

Explore the ancient art at Great Way Martial Arts! This course emphasizes "no contact" performance with open hand and body movements, fostering self-confidence, self-control, and respect.

- **Theatre arts**

Discover the world of theatre with New Vintage Theatre! Professional instructors bring innovative, contemporary performances to Kelowna. This interactive course features theatre games and a mini-performance.

- **World Beat Dance**

Explore global dance with Tascheleia Marangoni at Worldbeat Dance! Dive into cultural richness through warm-ups, techniques, and combinations. Choose from Hula, Flamenco, Belly Dance, Salsa, Bollywood, Bhangra, or Line Dance.

- **Musical Theatre**

Explore music, acting, and dancing in a fun way. Learn fundamentals, build confidence, teamwork, and discover the bravery to be anyone or anything.

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Kelowna Art Gallery school tours combine exhibitions with hands-on art activities for K–12. Programs cost \$6 per student, run 90 minutes and accommodate up to 30 students. Visit our website for details and online booking.

Plus a stop at Kookum Lounge: Every tour also visits Kookum Lounge by Sagkeeng First Nation artist Jaimie Isaac (September 19, 2026 – September 2027). This interactive courtyard space combines light, sound and comfort, reimagining the tipi with upcycled sails and Kookum-scarf fabric. “Kookum” means “Grandmother” in Anishinaabe.

2026–2027 School Programs:

- **Skillful | Paper Collage - June 13 - October 25, 2026**

Explore tapestry, glass, bronze and ceramics by award-winning artists Jane Kidd, Lou Lynn and Greg Payce. Students create symmetrical paper vessels, discovering shapes in the negative space between them.

- **Forest | Charcoal Drawing - October 3, 2026 - January 31, 2027**

Discover new work by Fern Helfand. Students use willow charcoal and blending tools to explore light, shadow and texture.

- **Parallax(e): Perspectives on the Canada–U.S. Border | Activity: TBA - November 7, 2026 – March 28, 2027**

Explore how the 49th parallel cut across longstanding networks of kinship, trade and cultural practice.

- **Permanent Collection | Curating an Exhibition - September - June**

Discover sculptures from the Gallery's collection, including woven vessels and steel cars. Students design their own exhibition, choosing which artworks belong together and why



Way. Kelowna Museums is committed to a Journey of Reconciliation and aspires to include Indigenous perspective and knowledge in our offerings. In this work we practice the First Peoples Principles of Learning as we develop each learning experience. Learn more about each program by visiting their website.

- **Get Wild with Pollinators (Laurel Packinghouse)**

Not all bees live in hives or wear yellow and black stripes. Discover pollinating insects of the Okanagan. Take away tips and fun activities that you can do. Intended for grades 1 - 3.

- **Bird, Bats and Butterflies (Okanagan Heritage Museum)**

Embark on an educational journey of the Okanagan Valley's vibrant skies as we examine the winged creatures and their local ecosystems. Intended for grades 4 - 6.

- **Kelowna's Chinatown (Okanagan Heritage Museum)**

Students will explore structures, artifacts, and archival material to discover who lived there, why they lived there, and what happened. Intended for grades 4 - 6.

- **Unpacking Stories of Military History (Okanagan Military Museum)**

History lives in objects, images, and letters. Students investigate artifacts and archival that unravel personal and national stories that transpired on the battlefield and the home front during WWI. Intended for grades 9 - 12.

- **Tmix^w | Living with the Land (Okanagan Heritage Museum)**

Discover the deep connection Indigenous peoples have to the land and their profound knowledge of local ecosystems. Join us to learn about traditional syilx ways of living in harmony with the land, past and present. Explore topics like food, clothing, and shelter, and uncover the meaning of the nsyilxcən word tmx^wulax^w. Intended for K-12.

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