

ARTSCAN CIRCLE IN PIKANGIKUM TO ROUND OUT A YEAR OF COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMMING IN THE NORTH

During the week of November 18 - 24, ArtsCan Circle returned to Pikangikum First Nation community in Northern Ontario to conduct multi-disciplinary art workshops with students of Eenchokay Birchstick School, supported in full from TD Corporate Giving! Following our June workshops celebrating National Indigenous History Month, workshops supported the artist vibrancy of the students here. The diverse team included Indigenous singer-songwriter Cindy Paul, Multi-Instrumentalist & Composer Kevin Lovett & Visual Artist Lisa Rosati who produced a mural floor design & a special song. We're excited to share it with you very soon! Thank you TD Corporate Giving & students and community members for the support.

CINDY PAUL

Cindy is deeply connected to her Indigenous roots which shine in every breath & beat. An established songwriter, producer & visual artist, Cindy was honoured with nominations from NY's Native American Music Awards, Western Canadian Music Awards, Canadian Folk Music Awards & Milwaukee's Indian Summer Music Awards, featured on the Native American Music Award compilation CD Water is Life in support of Standing Rocks efforts & composed the theme song for the 2017 World Indigenous Nations Games. Cindy's original composition, 'He Can Fancy Dance' is shared for educational purposes on the residential school system & is now currently the subject of an international documentary. She has developed & facilitated visual & performing workshops song writing, metis cultural dance, music & art instruction.



KEVIN LOVETT

Kevin Lovett is a multi-instrumentalist, DJ, and recording engineer. Born in Red Lake, Ontario, spending most of his youth in Kenora. Beginning to learn guitar at the age of 10, Kevin's love for both music and nature were what influenced him most. Since then, he has completed numerous programs earning an Audio Technician's Diploma from Mid-Ocean School of Media Arts, a Master's Certification from the Radio Recording Film Connection Audio Institute, and has recently graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from St. Francis Xavier University. He has recently recorded several solo albums, which are his original creations. He designs the art, produces all of the recordings, and composed and played all of the instruments in each of the recordings! We're so happy to have Kevin on board to impart his knowledge with the youth!



LISA ROSATI

Lisa is a visual artist who is excited to return to Pikangikum and create with the youth she bonded with earlier this year. A wonderful visual artist aiming to empower others through creative experiences. A graduate of Georgian College Foundation Arts with a Certificate in Graphic Design, she also holds an Illustration Diploma from Sheridan College. She works as a designer, painter and arts facilitator. Lisa is the Coordinator of Youth Art Workshops at the South Simcoe Arts Council, Alliston Ontario as well as being a Member & Volunteer there. This role has Lisa working with underserved youth collaborating with and assisting artists of various disciplines & different mediums. She is a Tutor of the adult literacy program at Parkdale Project Read. A Volunteer art Teacher at Niagara Street P.S., Toronto & F.X. O'Reilly School, Tottenham.

