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*#ArtsCan Connects is a platform connecting indigenous and inuit people in northern communities with artists from across the country.*

**ArtsCan Circle**

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**Toronto, ON, Thursday, April 23, 2020--** ArtsCan Circle is excited to announce #ArtsCanConnects, a platform dedicated to connecting and amplifying youth in northern communities with Artists across the country. For over 18 years, we've been visiting communities. Due to the current pandemic, we have re-focused to move our connections online. We've reached out to Indigenous and Inuit communities in the North and we want to know what is keeping them inspired and connected, especially through creativity. We're looking for photos, poems, videos, a few spoken words about their day and what is going on in their communities. We are also creating online content and workshops to connect when we can't be there in person. Part of this initiative aims to grow our community of artists. This will provide more inspiration and amplification of the creativity of youth in Northern communities during these times.

**#ArtsCanConnects**, was also created to connect and highlight artists sharing their talents, inspirations, and how they're spending their days through an online creative workshop. If you have content submissions please get in touch (details below) or tag us #ArtsCanConnects . If you are moved to share what we are doing, we appreciate it. Our intention with this program is to reach as many youth in northern communities as we can. We're taking this step of continuing to connect online until it is safe for everyone to return in person.

**Founder of ArtsCan Circle, Mike Stevens, is available for interviews about ArtsCan Circle and #ArtsCanConnects.**

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