



Avenue Road Arts School

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About the School

Founded in 1993, the Avenue Road Arts School provides children and adults of all ages with high quality programs in the visual and performing arts, in a relaxed and supportive environment.

Recognized as a leader in arts education, the School was commissioned by Kids Can Press to create *The Jumbo Book of Art* and *The Jumbo Book of Outdoor Art* - beautiful collections of art projects developed by the School's faculty. Founder, Lola Rasminsky, was

awarded the Order of Canada in 2008 for being a pioneer in the field of arts education. In 2009, Ms. Rasminsky was presented with the 2009 Urban Leadership Award by the Canadian Urban Institute for engaging the creative spirit of adults, children and youth in the Greater Toronto Area with a variety of art-making and education programs.

The School is committed to fostering imaginative thinking and developing skills through its innovative approach to the arts. Classes are taught by professional artist/educators and small class sizes allow for plenty of individual attention and guidance to children and adults of all levels.

The School organizes frequent student exhibits and performances both at the School and public venues like the BCE Place Galleria, the Women's Art Association Gallery, George Ignatieff Theatre and Al Green Theatre and most recently The Toronto Lawn Tennis Club.

Partnerships & Outreach Programming

The School has enjoyed partnerships with many organizations, designing special event programming, professional development and outreach workshops, as well as on-going classes. Some of these organizations and schools include: Allenby Daycare, Brown Public School, Country Day School and many other public and private schools, The Verity Club, The Bradgate Arms, Lifestyles Senior's Residence, The Toronto Symphony Orchestra, The City of Toronto, The Toronto Marlies organization and The Toronto Korean Presbyterian Church.