

Communiqué

MANITOBA ARTS COUNCIL

RANDY GUEST

Artists in the Schools Residency at Mel Johnson School

DECEMBER 6, 2010 – WABOWDEN



The Manitoba Arts Council (MAC) is pleased to announce that Randy Guest will be in residence at Mel Johnson School in Wabowden from December 6, 2010 to December 10, 2010, as part of the Artists in the Schools Program.

Randy Guest has been an independent filmmaker for the past sixteen years. He has produced, directed, and served in various other capacities on over sixty short films, features, television shows, and music videos. Randy is part of Tooz a Crowd Productions, co-founded with partner Leigh-Anne Kehler. He is a member of The Director's Guild of Canada. Randy has been an active arts educator for the past ten years, having taught filmmaking to students of all ages. He has taught his craft through Artists in the Schools, Learning through the Arts, ArtsSmarts, Manitoba Theatre for Young

People, The Winnipeg Film Group, Prairie Theatre Exchange and The Interlake Teen Summer Filmmaking Camp. Notable projects include In the Locker, a half-hour documentary on homophobia co-produced with Grade 12 students at Gimli High School, I See Red, a music video for the band Eagle and Hawk, and In Broad Daylight, a half-hour documentary co-produced with Grade 12 students at Beaver Brae School in Kenora.

THE LANGUAGE OF THE CAMERA – The workshop will teach filmmaking principles at a grassroots level designed to help students think like filmmakers, and to creatively see the world through the frame. Students will learn the various ways the camera can be used to speak for them and how their relationship with it can go far beyond point and shoot. Elements such as composition, shots, angles, “cheating”, crew positions and on-set dynamics will be applied in the creation of a short product written, directed, shot, and acted by the students. Schools can choose from a variety of genres and subjects, including music video, short dramatic scenes, documentary, mocumentary, or school promotional video. School themes or curriculum can also be incorporated. The overall objective is to teach students that filmmaking is an organic process with the imagination being the primary tool.

The Manitoba Arts Council is an arm's-length agency of the Department of Culture, Heritage, and Tourism that offers grants to professional Manitoban artists and organizations.

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