

Communiqué

MANITOBA ARTS COUNCIL

MR MARK

Artists in the Schools Residency at Earl Oxford Middle School

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The Manitoba Arts Council (MAC) is pleased to announce that Mr Mark will be in residence at Earl Oxford Middle School in Brandon from December 6, 2010 to December 10, 2010 as part of the Artists in the Schools Program.

“One person’s junk is another’s ... Music!” This program explores the world of ‘found sounds.’ How many different sounds can you make on a garbage can? We will make the transition from noise to music by taking a pile of junk: garbage cans, buckets, and hoses, and transforming it into an orchestra. Stomp for kids!

The program begins with an interactive concert for the entire school, playing original songs on original instruments, and introducing to everyone the notion that all the world’s a drum. Each workshop session will begin with a Junk Jam, an improvisational setting in the style of a drum circle where kids are encouraged to explore and ‘find’ sounds. During the program the group will play several musical games intended to teach the concepts of rhythm, time, tempo, loudness, softness and...silence!

The conclusion of the program is a performance by our very own bands. The students will perform their own compositions as well as perform as foley artists, providing the soundscape for a story. Follow-up materials are available to teachers and dialogue between teachers and artist is encouraged.

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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