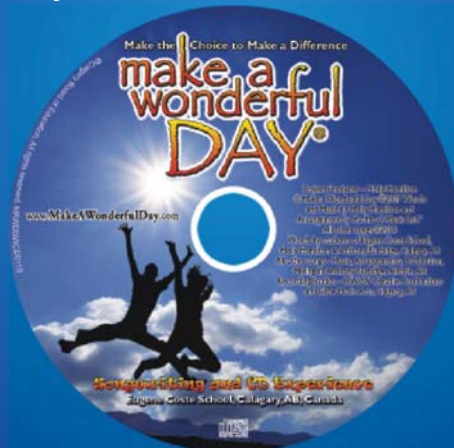


The CD – an everlasting legacy for years to come

A professional quality CD is then produced for each student who has participated in the song writing workshop. A treasured keepsake reminding students forever about the wonderful time they had while attending the school.

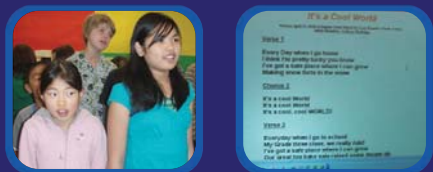


Each child customizes the Make a Wonderful Day® CD cover template with colourful drawings and poems, stories or a message about something WONDERFUL in their lives.



A School assembly to share the gift of song...

The songs are written, rehearsed and recorded and now it's time to share them with the rest of the school. During a special gathering in the gymnasium, each class introduces their new song creation to the other students in the school.



Lyrics shown on an overhead projector allow everyone to sing-along with the new original songs. This school assembly provides a great opportunity to celebrate and share the wonderful results of this song writing experience.

A Turnkey Fundraising Model that works!

We understand that your school wants to provide wonderful unique experiences for your students and teachers but that sometimes the lack of money gets in the way, we can help.

We have put together a system that will help your school to:

- ❑ Cover 100% of the cost of this Artist-in-School Residency
- ❑ Raise money for other school initiatives
- ❑ Raise school profile while benefiting the community
- ❑ Raise money to donate to your favourite charities (i.e. The Wonderful Music Foundation etc.)
- ❑ Support the Make a Wonderful Day® movement
- ❑ Produce and circulate positive music
- ❑ Involve the community in school activities...



What does the Fundraising model include?

We provide your school with a dedicated person to answer all your questions and hold your hand through every stage of the Artist in Residency project. We also provide templates for:

1. All information required to fill out an Alberta Foundation Artists and Education project grant.
2. School newsletter inserts
3. CD order forms
4. Media and community news releases
5. Advertising on social networks i.e. Facebook, MySpace, and Twitter etc.
6. Use of any Make a Wonderful Day® promotional advertising products (t-shirts, hats, pens)
7. Community Concert Posters
8. Community Concert Invitations
9. Licensing Agreements
10. FOIP Release Forms
11. And more...

Did you know?

The Alberta Foundation for the Arts provides Residency Program funding assistance directly to Alberta Schools. There is one application deadline per year. This April 1 deadline provides funding assistance for projects that will take place the following school year.

The AFA provides up to \$15,000 per school per year. This is a juried application. We expect that this year between 80 - 100% of the applications will be approved. Last year 90% were approved.

- ❑ Schools in the following locations are eligible for 50% funding:
Calgary, Edmonton, Airdrie, Okotoks, Stony Plain, Sherwood Park, St. Albert, Fort Saskatchewan, Leduc, Spruce Grove
- ❑ All other schools are eligible for 75% funding

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Songwriting and CD Experience

Artist in School Residency



Molly Hamilton (Miss Molly)

Singer, Songwriter, Entertainer

Biography

On June 16, 2007, Molly Hamilton made a Crazy Big Promise to -

Write a song to positively affect the WORLD FOREVER!

“Make a Wonderful Day” was born...

“My hope for the overall Make a Wonderful Day® music project is that it will encourage people to consciously choose to see the good in each day and therefore make a wonderful day for themselves and others around them.”

In 2009, Eugene Coste Elementary School principal, Gail Langdon, approached Molly to develop a Songwriting and CD Artist in Residency program. Their school was going to be closed at the end of the year & she wanted the children to have a unique experience before they left the school. She also wanted the songs written to be produced on a CD so that her students would have a treasured keepsake and reminder of the wonderful time they had while attending their school.

With a great deal of input and participation from the teachers at the school and using the Make a Wonderful Day® theme, this Artist in School Residency was successfully developed and executed.

In the residency, students have the opportunity to co-write positive songs with Miss Molly and other featured songwriters, record them and release a professional CD that students, teachers and families can enjoy forever.

“My dream is that students and teachers who participate in this Artist in School Residency will have a positive experience and that it will inspire them to continue to write and produce more wonderful songs fostering peace and generating greater good will throughout the world.”

Miss Molly enjoys a successful musical career and stands out amongst professional musicians due to her deeply caring heart. She is driven to make as many people possible experience joy through music.

Miss Molly was the official entertainer and musical ambassador for the Calgary Stampede Promotion Committee for fourteen years and has been acknowledged through many special awards.

She received the celebrated Tourism Calgary's White Hatter of the Year Award. This is given annually to only one person in Calgary - the person who best demonstrated the western hospitality and friendliness of the city.

Molly offers many different musical shows & educational workshops including a unique family symphony concert entitled Every Cowboy Needs a Horse which combines country classics played by a full orchestra. She continues to perform with Symphony orchestras world wide as part of either their Family or Pops Concert series.

She has released six CD's on her own 2M Records label where she was the executive producer as well as writing many of the original songs. Her music career has now spanned three decades and has literally tickled millions of people's hearts around the world.

Molly's newest project is co-founding a non-profit charitable organization called The Wonderful Music Foundation. It's mission is to provide live music, recorded music and audio visual equipment to children's hospices and hospitals in Calgary and around the world.

Molly's hope is that people will share the songs written through this Make a Wonderful Day Songwriting and CD Artist in School Residency and that they will encourage listeners to share more love, have more hope, show more gratitude and foster more charity in their lives.

Molly believes you have a choice to make a wonderful day. The need for peace & understanding is urgent and the Make a Wonderful Day® project is making a significant contribution to positively affecting the world forever!



The Make a Wonderful Day

Songwriting & CD Experience

Write it, record it and sing it again & again!

A hands-on experience to unleash creativity, and build self esteem as students work together to create songs the whole school can call their own.

This 5-10 day Artist Residency works with each class in the school to create brand new original songs based upon the Make a Wonderful Day® theme.

Through the class' four sessions, songs are created, practiced, recorded and revealed in a final concert where each class takes their turn sharing their new masterpiece with the rest of the school.

A professional mastered CD is then created for all to enjoy forever!



A song makes learning more fun, especially when the kids help write it

Combining the Make a Wonderful Day® theme with virtues, gifts of character, topics the kids are learning about in other subjects or their own wonderful experiences, children write lyrics and songs that they can relate to and be proud of. This process always starts with one question to describe something WONDERFUL in their lives.



This engaging learning environment allows kids to practice the skill of Song writing and creative expression first hand while they create their own positive songs.

Their songs encourage people to be happy, to laugh more and to be kinder and friendlier. They are songs that help Make a Wonderful Day® for the songwriters and listeners alike.

When students write their own songs, they're more apt to live by the words and quietly convince other students to do the same. The process fosters responsibility, cooperation, the sense of community and unity within a group dynamic towards a common goal.



“Our students had the pleasure of enjoying Miss Molly when she captured their hearts during a holiday performance last December. Molly has now become even more special to our school community by sharing her craft of song writing and her gift of music with our students. Molly has been so keen and professional right from the beginning of this project. She has sought input from staff & students to personalize the work for Eugene Coste School. Her organization and communication skills are first rate. I believe the children of our school have benefited greatly from the experience that Molly and her fellow songwriter provided in this Artist in School Residency.”

Deborah Fairhurst - Principal - Eugene Coste School



Students need no musical background to participate

Songwriting is a great team-building exercise that focuses on the elements of collaboration: listening, sharing, giving constructive criticism and praise, and celebrating good work.

The most important lesson of all, though, may be the realization that anybody can write a song. Awareness like that can break down barriers and empower young writers.



Children are exposed to various song writing tools & techniques to help them achieve their goal; brainstorming, song title, hook and theme development, the use of song form, meter, syllables, rhyme, melody and chord structure.

The end goal for the students is not to learn about synonyms or metaphors; it's simply to write “wonderful” songs.

It's about using music more intentionally, to inspire, uplift, heal or enlighten. Think of it as medicine or therapy via music.

Professionally produced Song Background Tracks

Once the songs are written, they are taken back to a recording studio where the music arrangements are developed, lyrics are fine-tuned and a recording is made for the students to practice with prior to the final recording of the song for the CD.



All lyrics and practice recordings are then posted to the website for easy access.

www.MakeAWonderfulExperience.com

Students and teachers then have the opportunity to practice at a time that is perfect for them.

Stay connected through webpages developed specifically for your school

Each school has their own Make a Wonderful Day Songwriting and CD Experience and these are captured throughout the process and posted on our website:

www.MakeAWonderfulExperience.com

Using a special password, students, teachers and parents have immediate access to:

- Songwriting workshop notes
- Song lyrics complete with the chords for each song
- Downloadable MP3 practice tracks with & without vocals (karaoke)
- Photos and videos taken during workshops, recording sessions and sharing concert
- The professional produced final versions of their original songs And More...

Practice makes perfect

Students and teachers have the ability to rehearse at will by accessing the song lyrics and practice recordings provided through the www.MakeAWonderfulExperience.com website. One last 60-minute rehearsal workshop session provides the opportunity to fine tune the songs and to both educate & prepare students for the recording session.



The Studio Experience – Recording the Brilliance

After each class has finished creating and practicing their own original piece of music from scratch, it is time to record it and capture their brilliance forever.



Using the services of a premiere location and live recording company, professional recording equipment is brought to the school transforming it into an on-location recording studio. This unique recording session adds yet another dimension and a better understanding for students of the whole music creation process.

