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GCDF Arts Explosion Camps Are Back!

Guelph, ON (December 9, 2011) – Engaging and nurturing kids since 2008, the Guelph Contemporary Dance Festival's **Arts Explosion Camps** are now taking registration for our 2012 programs. Register early because spaces are limited and fill up quickly!

Our camps weave together the **energy** and **curiosity** of each child with the **skillful teachings** of local and national professional artists. With camps running during March Break (**March 12-16, 2012**) and two sessions in the summer (**July 9-13, 2012**; and **July 16-20, 2012**), there's no better way for children to enjoy a **fun-filled, pressure-free** exploration of the arts.

The Programs

For Campers ages 6-13

9:30 am - 3:30 pm | single day \$45 | full week \$195

This is a mixed program including four 1-hour workshops in a variety of art forms including dance, theatre and visual art. For campers seeking a more intensive dance experience, see Dance-focus program below. Campers will be separated into two groups based on age.

Dance-Focus Program ages 10-13

9:30 am - 3:30 pm | single day \$45 | full week \$195

This program is for children with at least two years of dance experience. Campers take two dance workshops in the morning at Temple Studios, which encourage their creative breadth and skill. In the afternoon, Dance-focus campers join other campers of a similar age to take arts workshops in other forms.

For Campers ages 4-5

9:30 am - 12:00 pm | single day \$25 | full week \$100

This half-day camp offers a variety of arts activities including dance, visual art, singing, and storytelling, all tailored to the younger artist.

Register your child now through the GCDF website: www.guelphdance.ca.

Subsidized spaces are also available; please see our website for details.

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About Guelph Contemporary Dance Festival

Established in 1998, the Guelph Contemporary Dance Festival is committed to creating opportunities for innovative dance artists to perform outside major metropolitan areas, while also engaging our audience with challenging, leading-edge contemporary dance and broadening the local cultural experience.

The GCDF is proud to be one of the **Guelph Fab 5**: a collaboration between five breakthrough arts festivals, each offering a range of dynamic arts programming that is sure to excite audiences. The **Guelph Fab 5** are: the **Guelph Contemporary Dance Festival**, the **Hillside Festival**, the **Guelph Jazz Festival**, the **Eden Mills Writers' Festival**, and the **Festival of Moving Media**.

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