

# WEXFORD COLLEGIATE SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

• Special Series Visual + Media Arts Program •

## APPLICATION PACKAGE

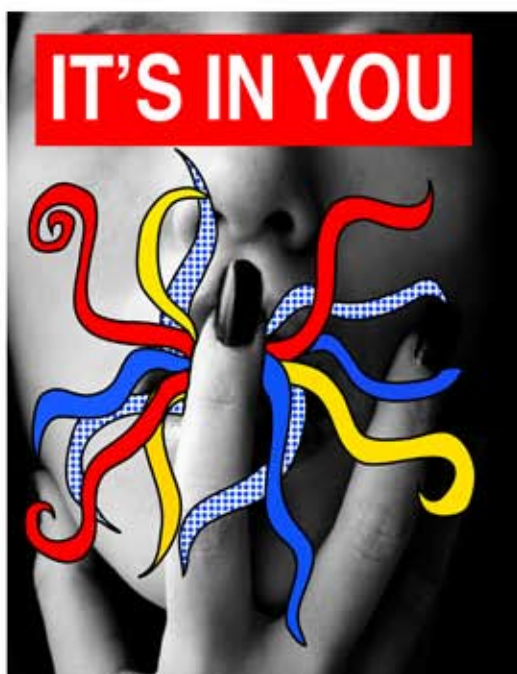
- Applications are due:  
Thursday, December 1st, 2011.
- Auditions/Interviews are:  
Tuesday, December 13th, 2011.  
Wednesday, December 14th, 2011.

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Dear Parent/Guardian and Student:

This package contains information regarding how to apply to the Special Series Visual + Media Arts Program at Wexford Collegiate School for the Arts.

### **About our program....**

Our Special Series Visual + Media Arts Program offers students the chance to specialize in a Masters program throughout their four year study. Wexford's studios are equipped with excellent facilities that provide students comprehensive opportunities to learn and develop expertise in many different media from film, animation, photography, sculpture, drawing and painting, graphic design to classical life drawing. This is a specialized art program where students complete two art credits in grade 9, two art credits in grade 10, four art credits in grade 11, and four art credits in grade 12. The junior years (gr. 9/10) are foundation courses in all media. The senior years (gr.11/12) are more specialized where students select specific courses according to their interests. In addition, students may apply for a portfolio year.

Our visual and media arts teachers are a dedicated team of educators who nurture and promote each student's creative abilities. Students will develop personal confidence that will motivate their desire to learn more about art. With each year completed students will demonstrate the development of skills and techniques in a variety of media. Their understanding of art history throughout the four year program enhances their own style and gives them a foundation for post secondary art programs. We deliver a solid program where students graduate with confidence and are accepted into prestigious art institutions like Sheridan's Animation Program, Ryerson's Fashion Program and George Brown's Graphic Design Program. Our students gain entrance into OCAD, NSCAD, and York U. They are often offered early admission and several of our students are currently attending international art programs with full scholarships.

We also stress the importance of academic achievement.

**The OSSD requirements for a High School Diploma - Total = 30 credits**

### **Required Academic Requirements:**

4 credits in English (1 per gr.)

1 credit in French as a Second Language

3 credits in Math (1 in gr. 11 or gr. 12)

2 credits in Science

1 credit in Canadian Geography

1 credit in Canadian History

1 credit in the Arts

1 credit in Health and Physical Education

0.5 credit in Civics

0.5 credit in Career Studies

Plus one credit from Grp.1, Grp.2, Grp.3

In addition, 12 optional credits

40 Community Hours

Successful completion of The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

### **Special Series Program:**

12 Special Series Visual + Media Arts credits (as described above)

# The Application Process....

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The entire application process is a simple one that involves SIX steps:

Step #1: Complete the Application form.

Step #2: Attach Final Gr.7 Report Card and Gr.8 Progress Report Card 2011.

Step #3: Include \$25.00. CASH ONLY PLEASE.

Step #4: Submit application form, Report Cards, \$25.00 cash by 4pm-Thursday. Dec. 1st. 2011.

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• Please do not fax. Incomplete packages may not be processed.

Step #5: Get ready for your audition/interview by preparing 'Your 'Portfolio':

- A. Your audition/interview is based on demonstrated and potential ability, energy, enthusiasm, desire, commitment, self-discipline and a record of regular attendance. The documentation requested in this package, along with an interview will determine your suitability for the program.

Your 'Portfolio': Select SIX to EIGHT art pieces that showcase your abilities in art whether you draw in your sketchbook, take private painting lessons, create art at school, or take photographs. You can include a sculpture, a ceramic piece, a digital photograph, cartoons, or a short video. We would like to see original art that you have done recently and mostly art that you are doing now.

• Work does not need to be framed or matted.

- B. We would like you to bring to the interview, in addition to the 6-8 art pieces, one tonal drawing. Use graphite pencil. Draw your hand holding a small object. Draw on white paper - 8.5" x 11". Do not draw from a photograph. Draw as realistically as possible adding tone, shadows, and highlights. Print your full name at the bottom right corner. Please bring this drawing to your audition/interview. We will keep this drawing as part of your application package.

Step #6: Come to your interview! Be sure to record on your calendar the date and time of your interview. See application form. Please note, there is NO confirmation call.

Date: **Tuesday, December 13th, 2011.**

Time: AM Session: 9am-11am or PM Session: 1pm-3pm

Date: **Wednesday, December 14th, 2011.**

Time: AM Session: 9am-11am or PM Session: 1pm-3pm



## What will happen on the Audition/Interview Day?....

- Arrive on time. Remember your portfolio, including your hand drawing.
- Meet in the main area as you enter Wexford Collegiate School for the Arts. You will be greeted by students who will escort you to the LIBRARY.
- Parents/Guardians may wait inside the school cafeteria or return to pick up their son/daughter approximately two hours later.

## During the two hour Audition/Interview:

### Part 1: A Drawing and Sculpture Session:

During the audition, the students will participate in an informal drawing and a sculpture activity. These will be evaluated as part of the audition.

### Part 2: Interview and looking at your Portfolio:

Each student will have a personal interview with one of the Visual + Media Arts teachers who will look at the selected art pieces that comprise the Portfolio. The purpose of this interview is to determine each student's suitability for the program. The teacher will assess the student's passion for the arts as well as their current skill level. Students are encouraged to be themselves and feel open to discussing their art work at any time during the interview. We are interested in what inspires students to create their art work. We want to know their interests and motivations. We want to be able to see their potential because it is not only about exceptional skill levels.

\* Please note: Laptops will be made available.

\* Please note: Juice and cookies will be provided for the students during the session.

### Step #7: When do we find out about acceptance into The Special Series Visual + Media Arts Program?

Parents/Guardians and students will be informed of acceptance into the program by mail/letter the week of January 30th, 2012.





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## PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's current school: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Work Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Check **ONE**:

Date and Time of Audition: \_\_\_\_\_ **Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**  
 9 -11am \_\_\_\_\_ or 1- 3pm \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time of Audition: \_\_\_\_\_ **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**  
 9 -11am \_\_\_\_\_ or 1- 3pm \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understood the details of the Special Series Visual + Media Arts Audition and give permission for my son/daughter to attend the audition at the date and time selected above.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_