



## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Musée Ambulant visits the Lower North Shore!**

ELAN Quebec, through its ArtEd Program is pleased to announce that funding from its ArtistsInspire Grants is helping to bring the Arts directly to students and communities on the Lower North Shore. From February 24 to 28, 2020 Musée Ambulant, a travelling contemporary art exhibition, will be visiting Lourdes-de-Blanc-Sablon, St-Paul's River, and Old Fort to deliver a one of a kind arts experience.

ELAN's ArtEd Program was developed to connect Artists with Schools through capacity building, matchmaking, and cross-sectoral collaboration. ArtistsInspire Grants are made possible by an ELAN Quebec/LEARN partnership for students from Quebec's English-speaking communities to participate in arts and culture experiences, thanks in part to funding from the Government of Canada. ELAN is excited that months of work to develop this collaboration have resulted in the Museum reaching Lower North Shore schools and communities with an arts experience that otherwise would not be possible close to home.

### **Heartwarming Arts Activities!**

This first visit to the Lower North Shore is an opportunity to introduce Musée Ambulant to the community. Like a traveling circus show, festive and full of surprises, the Musée and its arts educators will offer fun and educational activities including interactive visits of an art and crafts exhibition, and workshops where students can develop their own creativity.

For this first ever tour to the Lower North Shore, Musée Ambulant has designed an exhibition that showcases the talents of professional artists in arts and crafts that demonstrates the richness and diversity of contemporary creation. Through the discovery of work with a strong connection to nature such as the sculptures and drawings of Catherine Arsenault, an artist from Baie-Comeau, an ink drawing by Karine Locatelli, from Baie-Saint-Paul, and a photographic installation by

Québec artist Aurée Demers-Roberge, students will be encouraged to ask themselves about environmental impact while exploring the wonderful ways in which the natural world inspires artists. Video works by Lydia Mestokosho-Paradis, from the Innu community of Ekuanitshit, and Caroline Monnet,



Algonquin-French artist based in Montreal, will also be presented, allowing visitors to discover animation and video editing techniques while considering the issues raised by the socially engaged practices of these two Indigenous artists. A highlight of the exhibition will be a magnificent quilt created by Blanc-Sablon's Emelda Etheridge as part of a culture and heritage project developed by her daughter, Serena Etheridge. This quilt, from the 'Once upon a Coast' project, will allow young and old to exchange memories and stories about their communities, linking traditional practices that are alive and well to contemporary art practices.

With Musée Ambulant, art is a party and everyone is invited! The Museum's doors will be open to the general public free of charge:

**Tuesday, February 25 at Mountain Ridge Elementary School, Old-Fort, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, February 27 at Mgr-Scheffer School, Lourdes-de-Blanc-Sablon, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

During the evening visits, students will act as guides for their parents, helping them discover the works exhibited, along with their own creations. No reservation or registration required. This will be an event not to be missed!

**Musée Ambulant** is a non-profit organization whose mission is to celebrate and bring contemporary art to the public, wherever they may reside. Since 2017, with its travelling exhibitions and its team of arts educators, Musée Ambulant has been visiting communities across the province to spark rich encounters between professional art and artistic practices, and audiences, especially those with limited access to art. More information about activities and ongoing tours is available at [www.museeambulant.com](http://www.museeambulant.com) and on social media (Facebook & Instagram : /museeambulant).

**ELAN, the English-Language Arts Network**, a not-for-profit organization that connects, supports, and creates opportunities for Quebec's English-speaking artists and arts communities. ELAN also provides a forum to work together with the Francophone community and Anglophone artists from various disciplines and regions of the province, with the goal of forging new alliances and bringing together new audiences. [www.quebec-elan.org](http://www.quebec-elan.org)  
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