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## Cambridge Centre for the Arts Rolls Out New Programs

Cambridge, Ontario June 24, 2008... New and exciting programs are being offered this summer in a variety of mediums at The Cambridge Centre for the Arts. Children and their parents are invited to experience the world around us through art.

World Beats, Global Village and Around the World Dance Camp are three new additions which will open children's eyes to music, art and dance from different cultures. Hosted by Dale Marcell of the Marcell School of Drum, the program is limited to two workshops in the region, one at the Centre for the Arts. Dale travels globally to share his passion for percussion and the importance of community. His programs incorporate the use of the "Safety Zone" which allows participants to deal with self-esteem, community building, and finding one's place within society. Students will have the opportunity to meet drummers and learn about percussion from African, Indian, and Arabic cultures. The Global Village program will feature art projects and games with each day focusing on a different continent. In the dance program, children will learn the Mexican hat dance, the African circle dance, and the Phillipean stick dance along with making their own props and costumes. All Centre for the Arts summer programs offer a final day performance or art show so students can share their week of learning and creativity with family and friends.

The idea of experiencing the world around us is carried through with this year's Artist-in-Residence program, the 100 Mile Art Project by iconographer Christopher van Donkelaar. Christopher is creating an icon wholly from natural materials gathered within a 100-mile radius of the Cambridge Centre for the Arts. While there is the creation of a painting, an exhibition, a web blog of the process, and both children's and adult workshops, the aim of the project is to adjust one's eyes to the beauty around us. Christopher notes on his 100 mile art blog that "places near our homes are oftentimes the ones we experience with a kind of blindness." Children and adults are invited to visit [www.100mileART.com](http://www.100mileART.com) to learn more about the artist's travels, discoveries, and refining processes as well as experience the wonders that exist in our own backyard.

Summer programs are now open for registration. The Centre welcomes back the always popular Pirates Adventure, Pet Portraits and a number of Pottery programs to name but a few.

For more information on summer programs or the 100 Mile Art Project, please call 519-622-9676 or visit [www.cambridge.ca](http://www.cambridge.ca)

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