



About 15 children attended the Spring Break Art Camp at the North Peace Cultural Centre

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David Truscott (second from left) interacts with actors at the North Peace Cultural Centre.

# Resetting the scene

WILLIAM STODALKA  
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Sometimes when you watch a movie, you might think you know what's coming better than the main characters do. Last Friday, some Fort St. John locals got a chance to try that out for real.

The PeacePlay, part of the Fort St. John Women's Resource Society's months-long Peace Project, made an appearance at the North Peace Cultural Centre recently. About a dozen young actors from Prince George made the trip to act out four scenarios that dealt with problems young people – and especially young women – may face.

"This was an effort here for our young people," said Peace Project coordinator Ellen Farrow. "We want to know how they see violence, and we wanted them to experience how to find solutions."

The project began with a day-long workshop with students to ask them about violence and what it looked like to them. These formed the basis of the vignettes that were performed on Friday.

Scenes the actors presented involved a woman who was catcalled, young girls facing decisions about what to wear, and a girl who faces pressure from her parents to choose a more traditionally female profession.

Then, the actors played the scenarios again, but this time, members of the audience were invited to change it up – either by playing the role of one of the actors, or inserting themselves into the scenario as an extra person. The actors then tried to improvise around the new performer.

As a part of the process, the group also discussed the flaws with some of the thinking present within

the scenarios.

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The PeacePlay attendees had their own ideas about how that scenario should have played out. Farrow tried to switch the scene up by having the women come up and try and talk to her potential catcallers. Then another attendee tried to call out the catcallers.

"Most people don't like it when you hoot and holler," Farrow responded. "You're actually making them more uncomfortable."

In the scenario about domestic abuse, the actors didn't try and sugarcoat their language.

One actor suggested that an abused wife should get her husband "blackout drunk, steal his boots" and beat up her husband in kind.

Another scenario was something that may be more prevalent in the Peace Region than elsewhere: A woman wants to become a welder, but her parents advise against it, for fear of the sexist treatment she may receive.

Farrow seemed pleased at the response the PeacePlay received from the students.

"In our morning performance, there was a lot of interaction," she said. "It was excellent. I love how passionate our students are in ending violence in our community."

# *Delicious decor*

*Dozens turned out at the North Peace Cultural Society's annual gingerbread house contest in Fort St. John*

David Dyck  
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The annual gingerbread house contest took place this past Sunday at the North Peace Cultural Society, and while there weren't a lot of entries, those who did submit houses had clearly spent a lot of time on

them.

Some of the younger construction workers even managed to refrain from eating their entries until after the competition was judged.

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**Admiring "The Victorian," which won the Grande Prize.**

# LOCAL NEWS



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(Right) Abbi Marshall (left) and her sister Myah critiquing one of the houses. (Left) Four-year-old Braden Fraser with his gingerbread house, which he entered and won for the "under 8" category. His 2-year-old sister Brooklynn helped, but wasn't interested in having her picture taken.



**Grace Brekkaas peeking around the side of her gingerbread house.**



**Cassy Robb, age 5, standing proudly with her gingerbread house.**



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November/December 2014



The Move Dance Centre presents the annual Christmas Recital. This is a great opportunity to see wonderful local talent, great choreography, and dazzling costumes. Come celebrate the success of the students and their teachers and enjoy an exciting evening of dance

**November 23rd**

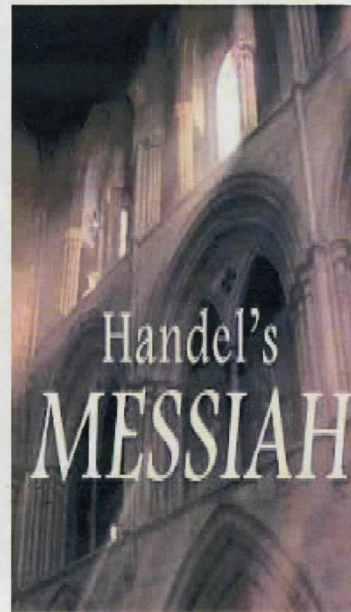


Studio 2 Stage presents the annual Christmas Recital featuring talented dancers from toddler to teen to adult! Always popular, and always a proud showcase for students, teachers and families alike!  
**December 14th**



"Once upon a time, there was a little ogre named Shrek..." And thus begins the tale of an unlikely hero who finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside a wisecracking Donkey and a feisty princess who resists her rescue. Throw in a short tempered bad guy, a cookie with an attitude, and over a dozen other fairy tale misfits, and you've got the kind of mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily, there's one on hand...and his name is Shrek!

**Date: December 5,6,11,12 and 13.**



Enjoy the wonderful and majestic Christmas presentation of Handel's Messiah! A collaborative gift of music presented joyously by the Northern Voice Adult Choir, Northern Lights Youth Choir with the orchestral accompaniment of the Northern Winds Community Band, complete with soloists, string player and other community musicians.

**Date: December 15, 2014**



Studio 2 Stage Dance Academy, Northern Dance Theatre Society and Stage North present the beloved Christmas classic The Nutcracker! Enjoy the famous Tchaikovsky score, the world of Clara, the Nutcracker and the dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy. A seasonal presentation for the whole family!

**Date: December 18,19,20 and 21**

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November 23rd  
The Move Dance  
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November 28  
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December 14th  
Christmas Dance  
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December 15th  
Handel's Christmas  
Messiah

December 18,19,20  
and 21







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**Thursday, February 5th, 2015**



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The FSJ Merchant Bazaar takes place every Sunday at the Centre, a chance to shop local and buy unique gift ideas, something for your home, or some tasty munchies.

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