



Daring to Be

One highlight of the community events happening concurrently with the G8 Summit will be the performance by the DAREarts Children's Choir in Calgary.

Since its inception in 1996, the DAREarts Foundation has run a student outreach program to provide children from all cultural backgrounds with opportunities for self-expression. Through a mentor system that includes professional artists from virtually every discipline, DAREarts shows children the value of self-discipline and leadership. The program offers them the chance to express themselves through music, drama, dance, visual arts and literature.

As the North American affiliate of Centipede Children for Peace, DAREarts had children performing with the international Centipede Children's Choir at the 100th Anniversary Nobel Peace Prize Concert in Oslo in 2001. Conducted by DAREarts founder Marilyn Field, the choir sang with musical celebrities from around the world, joining Sir Paul McCartney for the finale, "Let It Be."

Now the DAREarts Children's Choir is busy rehearsing for its performance in Calgary on June 25, as well as for a show at the NATO summit in Prague in October. All funds raised will go to the Centipede Children's Fund to help build classrooms in Africa and Afghanistan.

DAREarts has received funding for the Calgary concert from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT), and is being encouraged by DFAIT to focus its fundraising projects on Africa this year. 🍁



Members of DAREarts perform with the international Centipede Children's Choir at the 100th Anniversary Nobel Peace Prize Concert in Oslo in December 2001.



The African drumming and dance group Sankofa perform at the second Children for Peace Concert at the Toronto Centre for the Arts in November 2001.