

September 2024

Dear Educators,

Warm greetings to you from all of us at the Gordon Smith Gallery as a new academic year begins.

On September 24th, registration for our popular grade 5 Gallery Program will open to schools outside of the North Vancouver School District. Our grade 5 Gallery Program offers students a deep, engaged dive into responding to and making art. Classes spend time in the gallery and studio making work that responds to the current exhibition, *Playhouse*. All sessions are co-taught by the classroom teacher and an art specialist teacher provided by Artists for Kids.

The new school year also marks some changes to the pricing structure of our program. Our standard price for the 2024-25 academic year will be \$500 for 4 hours of instructional time (tour and hands-on workshop), with a one hour of break time built into the day. These prices are aligned with other institutions providing similar tours locally and nationally.

Creating access to our programs is of utmost importance to the Gordon Smith Gallery, and thanks to the generous support of donors, we are able to offer a select number of accessible options for those schools who find the new price a financial obstacle. We have two levels of accessible booking options illustrated below.

TOUR + WORKSHOP (4 hours of instructional time with 1 hour of break time)

Up to 30 students + up to 4 chaperones + materials

- **Standard:** \$500
- **Access 1:** \$400
- **Access 2:** \$250

We leave it to you to select which option best applies to your school. We ask that teachers book the level that best reflects the financial capacity of their PAC and parents.

As always, if you have other access needs or require clarification on any of our program offerings, our team can be contacted at afkinfo@sd44.ca.

We are so looking forward to welcoming you to the Gallery. Our programs often fill quickly, so early booking is advised. We also welcome you to join us for our complimentary Teachers' Orientation on **Thursday, September 26th at 3:30 PM.**