

AGO Youth Council 2010-2011



RINA KANG

Rina is a small human being. Though small she dreams that one day her ideas – those anyone would have really- will be bigger than her. She engages in solo activities whenever she can: she paints and sketches in small allotments of time whenever she is not buried with calculus and physics homework or worrying about grades. Separate from artistic endeavours, she curls on some days like the semi-Canadian she is and stumbles the internet in search of new things.

Because Rina is sixteen and stuck in high school, she cannot manage to do a plethora of fun, great things that she would like to do - her age has limitations. She would one day like to be an architect, allowing her to travel the nooks and crannies of the world seeking adventure and beauty. These are her current aspirations - but they will change, she would imagine.



NATALIA GAMALEY

Although simple looking on the outside Natalia's mind is a volcanic eruption of creative ideas for various art projects she undertakes. For an average high school student, Natalia's everyday life can be compared to a circus juggler, juggling academic studies, art portfolios and other extra-curricular activities. Her weekly escapes to the AGO are a great relief just like a yoga class only with various forms of art involved. Natalia loves to travel and read and both of these activities are very inspiring to her and have a huge impact on the art work she produces. She does not know yet what job she wants to devote her creativity and everyday life too but some of the possibilities include: illustrator, art teacher or set designer, all great fields to work in for an artistic person like her.



CLAIRE PENG

Claire Peng is an aspiring architect by day and a compulsive Skyper by night. She loves drawing, sewing, singing, and playing the ukulele. She is scared of pigeons and dark bathrooms. She suffers from Wikipedia addiction and can be found five days a week at her home away from home at the corner of Bloor and Spadina. Her favourite colour is red and she has a new technological obsession every month. She



is a hopeless romantic who is unbelievably talented at making awkward first impressions. Lastly, she lives to work with her hands and hopes to make something of herself one day.

PHAT LE



Choir Boy by day, Swan Queen by night.

Phat enjoys observing silly everyday things - like how un-proportional a Bratz doll is or how people rate things 100 out of 10 stars when it comes to rating movies. He also enjoys puking Barbie heads, Law and Order S.V.U., eating Flan at 2 a. m in the morning and Katy Perry.

Phat is currently in a school that requires you to be apart of a choir for the past 5 years. He also is studying music history, and piano.

Though one day, Phat intends on breaking his choir boy mold and compete to becoming Americas Next Top Model.

CAMILLE ROJAS



Camille is crazy for the arts- she is a painter, photographer, and dancer and enjoys playing violin (currently learning piano). One day she hopes to become a famous artist, and hopes to design her own home (in the international style of architecture, which she is crazy for). She has also been compared to being like a rubber band because of her freakishly flexible ways (due to dancing all the time). She loves to meet new people, so please say hello to her. Camille isn't so good a describing herself within 2-3 sentences, so it's best just to talk to her.

RACHEL WONG



I am very lucky, I posses one brain, two ears, two eyes, one mouth, two arms and hands, two feet and legs and everything else. I am also Chinese. I love playing tennis, so if you play too, you challenge me to a friendly match.

VIVIEN LI

I'm Vivien, and I'm seventeen.

I love art with all my life; writing is liberating and poetry fills my soul. Acoustic and Indie music keeps me sane. Exploring is what constantly inspires me. Some of my dreams are to go to Italy and eat pasta, go skydiving, and to own a tree house. I like good conversations, sleep, and surprises. I have aspirations to be a designer, but if that does not work out, I'll try for an international food critic.



ERIN LIU



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JASON KUNG



Once upon a time, there was a boy who lived in the whimsical city of Toronto. His name was Jason Kung. His favourite colour was blue, so he'd often be found dressed in various shades of blue from head to toe and even bits of his hair were blue. He loved to draw and dance as a child. Earlier in life, he managed to be accepted into an art school, where he could further develop his skills, in dance, film, music, theatre and visual arts. Jason enjoyed exploring the depths of his city and documenting his findings with his camera. He also had a particularly odd pursuit of creating a collection of sugar packets and subway transfers that he had come across throughout his life. Today, you can find him amongst the many citizens of Toronto. He likes to meet people, so if you bump into him, feel free to say "Hello"[and give him presents, preferably white chocolate].



DASHA KUZNETSOVA

I live with the thought that everything in life happens for a reason, the events, experiences, and people we meet are all in our lives for a purpose. Three more things: I love meeting new people. I believe in horoscopes (I'm a Pisces by the way) and the arts are one of the greatest outlets. It's a way to creatively express not only the talent but emotions and feelings, which I guess are subconsciously reflected in the art. Personally I prefer visual art, which I have been doing since the age of five. This has given me many opportunities such as painting a mural at school, and volunteering at youth galleries. At one point I thought I was possessed so I put would come out of it. Consequently, I abandoned that thought. Currently I'm in my last year of high school and very optimistic about the future.



KIRA XUE

Ridiculously clumsy, I, Kira Xue, am your typical teenager with an adamant fear of bugs and showing any sort of emotional weakness in front of others, and a budding feminist who's willing to alienate friendships for gender equality. My hobbies include reading ridiculously long books, getting out of practicing my violin (which I love to play, just not practice), illustrating in isolation for long periods of times, and sharing my eccentric dreams with other people, which occasionally scares them away.

MARY CHIU

Despite being a student of a supposed self directed learning center, Mary can easily be described as an indecisive and directionless mess. Although her dreams and aspirations are subject to constant change, she has never given up on -- and instead, continues to pursue -- the deep passion for art she developed at a young age. In between her tight schedule of attempting to prioritize and failing to care, she indulges her little free time in sketching random people on the public transit, fashion, indie music, antiques, nature, historical sites and Anne of Green Gables. She also fervently dislikes rodents when they're alive, but will -- not to be morbid or anything! -- keep her eyes glued on one when it's sprawled across the road with its guts spilling out. To close, Mary hopes that you'll all look past her gruesome fascination with road kill and stop to say hello if you see her!



MARCO HERNANDEZ

Its Marco again and I'm ready for round 2! After having a great first year with the Youth Council, I just wouldn't feel right without it. Even though I venture into the real world, Art is always on my mind. As I said last year, I balance the Council out with my Heavy Metal and Grindcore tendencies, because art can't be all bunnies and rainbows. I'm looking forward to meeting new artists, discovering new art and working with the rest of the Council!



JOANNA DECC

Joanna Decc loves anything that has to do with surrealism and the subconscious. It is ideal when these two things come together, for example in the case of Salvador Dali and Sigmund Freud. Joanna also loves film and travel; she takes her flip on every trip. When she's not filming her personal adventures she takes pleasure in watching other people's well-made films or documentaries. Besides enjoying various forms of art, Joanna also does sports like swimming and rugby to name a few. Lastly, the most important thing in Joanna's life is chocolate, she LOVES it.



HAILEN XU

"Let the beauty of what you love be what you do. There are hundreds of ways to kneel and kiss the ground." (My view on life, as voiced by Rumi). As was writing my bio, a dear friend thought it should be this Bob Dylan line: "She's got everything she needs, she's an artist, she don't look back. She can take the dark out of the night-time and paint the day-time black." Pink piggies are a favourite part of my childhood and I just can't bear to chomp on a fellow friend, so no pork for me; art is my food. Art captures precious life moments like nothing else can, inspires imagination, and connects the dots, so that we can connect with one another. Oh and I dominate at Plants vs. Zombies...

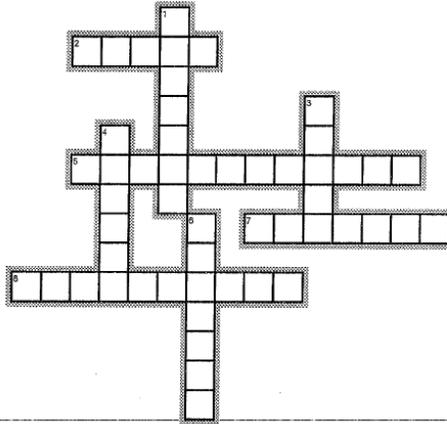


DORIS ISABEL POZO

My bio...well, I am 22 years old. I was born in Canada and my parents were born in Chile. Your life is art because you create everything. We are creative tools for the divine. Your heart holds the perfect painting of your life, listen to it and you will paint it.



Maia Desjardins



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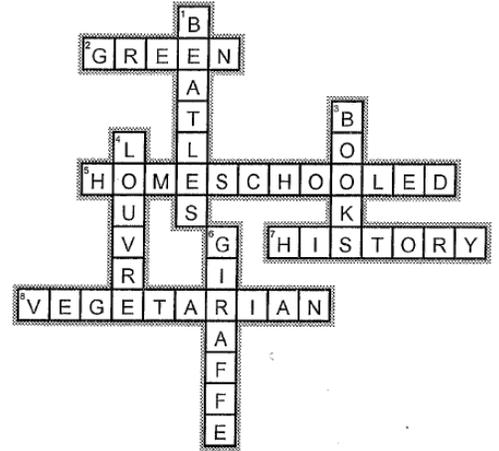
Across

- 2. My favourite colour is red's complimentary colour.
- 5. I don't go to school.
- 7. My two favourite subjects sound like only one when put together. Art and...
- 8. I avoid meat so I'm partially...

Down

- 1. My favourite (four man) band. The...
- 3. I work at the library shelving...
- 4. My favourite museum (found in Paris).
- 6. This animal and I share a tall awkwardness.

Maia Desjardins



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SOPHIE KERESZTESY

My name is Sophie and I have a love affair with the arts. I have never felt with a man what I have felt with music, painting, sketching, drama, and writing. All of these aspects speak for me. They communicate what I feel and what I am unable to express through my mouth. My experience with the AGO has helped me explore these things so much more.

I am currently in my last year of high school and I hope to take a year off before going to university to discover what I want to do with my life. Other than this and some other trivial facts about my life, I don't really know who I am. What I do know is that I breathe through art.



SOFIA LUDWIG

Sofia Ludwig is exciting and an enthusiastic person! She loves to travel as well as be involved in the art world where she is creative and works well with others. Her hobbies are making art; singing; swimming; reading and writing stories and creating opportunities for people to participate in fun activities. From home schooling in New York and London to taking videos and photographs in art shows and performances, Sofia is interested in people's possibilities and bringing out the best in everyone she works with.

JOHN WILLIAMSON



Equal parts amateur cook, budding entrepreneur, shameless bookworm, music enthusiast and Gleek, John Williamson, 19, is thrilled to be back for his fourth year as a member of the AGO Youth Council. His interests include long walks, dill, sarcasm, crossword puzzles and wearing shorts. He does not like rude people, although he does have a tendency to be less than polite at times. He is a co-founder/needle and thread manager of the webstore Kaluvinar's Critters, which specializes in 100% handmade fleece plushies. He is also beginning to understand the world's obsession with the Legend of Zelda video games.

LARISSA SAQUEIRA

An•at•ta

[uhn-uht-tah]

–Noun Buddhism

“The doctrine that there is in humans no permanent, underlying substance that can be called the soul. Instead, the individual is compounded of five factors that are constantly changing.” – Encyclopedia



A simple Buddhist concept that ironically best captures her perceived essence. Continuously changing, she finds herself too complex, even for her own understanding, making it irresistible for her to set foot into everything, from academics to athletics to arts. She blames this lack of understanding on her juvenile age of 17 where her life seems to just begin. But the best part of it is not knowing, it lets you explore the possibilities.