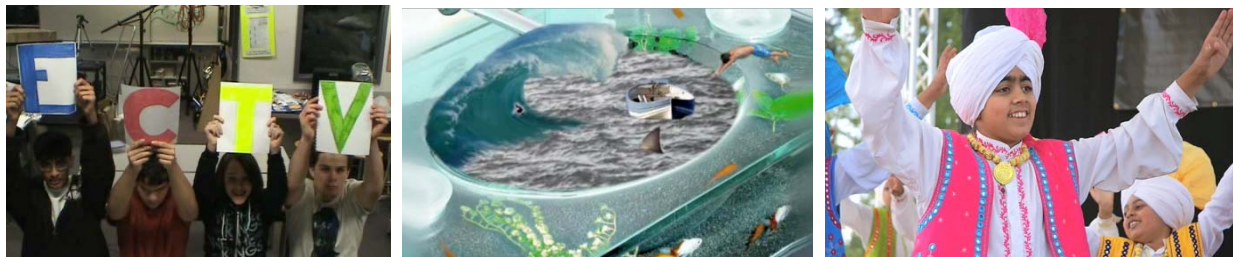


# *Me and My World* Art by Surrey Secondary School Students

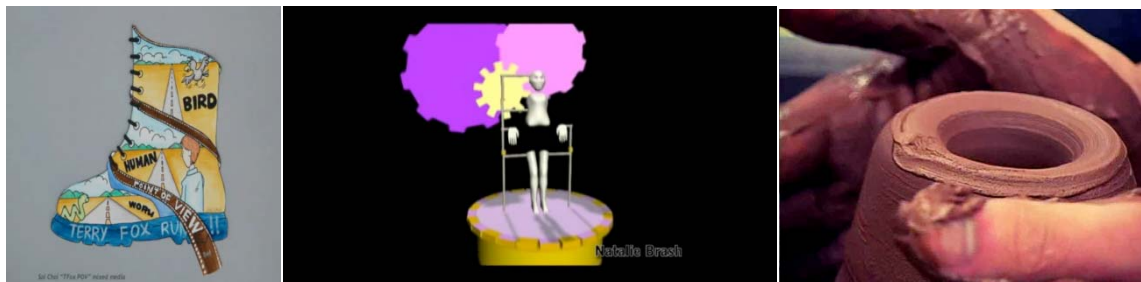
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Screen captures from the presentations by Enver Creek, Earl Marriot and Sullivan Heights (left to right)

In the fall of 2008, the Surrey Art Gallery invited the Surrey Secondary School Art Teachers to partner on the planning and production of a unique exhibition to be presented in conjunction with the massive influx of visitors to Metro Vancouver during the winter of 2010. The resulting screen-based exhibition *Me and My World* presents a vast and intricate “fingerprint” of the city of Surrey through the dynamic creativity of its diverse youth population.

*Me and My World* documents artworks by hundreds of Surrey youth. Each of the 12 participating schools showcases their students’ art practice on a dedicated monitor. The screens present a wide range of disciplines, media and artistic genres. Visual art projects using drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, and digital animation are shown alongside works of performing art such as theatre and dance.



Screen captures from the presentations by Johnston Heights, Clayton Heights and Fleetwood (left to right)

The student projects reveal a spectrum of subject matter. In addition to the portrayal of scenes of everyday life at home and school, from family dynamics to the trials and tribulations of dating, the art also presents the students’ interest in societal issues such as animal abuse, the effects of urban development, the ongoing problem of drinking and driving, and the impacts of climate change on the environment.



Screen captures from the presentations by Lord Tweedsmuir, Princess Margaret, and Elgin Park (left to right)

As the largest school district in the province of British Columbia, there is an abundance of art being made by Surrey's students. The screen-based nature of this exhibition allows for the participation of a larger number of students than would normally be feasible in a conventional exhibition. The flat-screen video monitors allow for the presentation of a diverse set of fine art practices, from the visual arts to media arts, dance, music and theatre. The breadth and quality of the work on display showcases the importance of art education in Surrey's growing school district.



*Screen captures from the presentations by Frank Hurt, Guildford Park, and Queen Elizabeth (left to right)*

*Me and My World* offers a rare opportunity for students to present their works, their ideas and concerns about their world they experience to a public audience. We hope that you will appreciate the range of ideas and the artistic talent of Surrey youth today.

We want to thank the support of the Surrey Art Teachers Association to realize this project, and acknowledge the Surrey School District's commitment and support for arts education. Our thanks also go to all the students and teachers who contributed to each presentation. They should be proud of their efforts. We know that each presentation will serve as a legacy for all the participating schools.

Brian Foreman  
Assistant Curator

**Participating Secondary Schools:**

Clayton Heights  
Earl Marriot  
Elgin Park  
Enver Creek  
Frank Hurt  
Fleetwood Park

Johnston Heights  
Lord Tweedsmuir  
Princess Margaret  
Queen Elizabeth  
Sullivan Heights

Guildford Park (with Ellendale, Hjorth Road, Holly, Lena Shaw, Mary Jane Shannon and Riverdale Elementary Schools)



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