NORTHUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF THE ARTS FACT SHEET

The arts are a fundamental part of a confident and cultured society. They challenge and inspire us. They bring beauty, excitement and enjoyment into our lives. They help us express our identity as individuals, communities and as a nation. Northumberland School of the Arts (NSOTA) is a multi-dynamic art school featuring education in visual arts, digital media, music, drama, photography, textiles, crafts, culinary, gardening, children's classes, and a variety of other mediums. NSOTA is a state-of-the-art facility in a beautiful historic setting. Offering studies in 4, 6, and 12 week courses, 1 day, 1/2 day, and 2 day workshops. Artists and students of all levels and ages come here for the opportunity to uncover, develop and stretch their creative spirits. They come for the faculty of renowned artists and gifted instructors and the supportive community that encourages experimentation and growth. NSOTA also includes a Mobile Outreach Programme (MOP), private lessons, reference library, and special event programming.

Mission
The mission of the Northumberland School of the Arts is to promote, enhance and encourage the development and enjoyment of all forms of the arts in the Northumberland Region.

Vision
The Northumberland School of the Arts offers programmes that engage the human spirit which is expressed throughout the world in art and craft. It enriches lives by teaching skills, ideas, and the value of the handmade. Northumberland School of the Arts welcomes everyone; from professional practitioners to interested visitors. It is a place of inspiration, enterprise, and creativity where people love to work, feel free to experiment, and often exceed their own expectations.

Values
The Northumberland School of the Arts is dedicated to rigorous standards of integrity, excellence, commitment to learning and working in partnership with others. We strive to be open and equitable in all our work and mindful of our social responsibilities. NSOTA works with Passion, Respect, Integrity, Determination and Energy. (PRIDE)

History
Established in 2009, founders Cindy Taylor and Jim Henderson (both accomplished artists in their respective fields) recognized a need for art instruction at a professional standard. Their commitment to excellence in the arts was established from the very beginning of the school's history. They wanted to contribute to their community in a way that everyone would benefit and enjoy. They are firm believers that creativity in all of its forms is the foundation of a prosperous and enlightened society.

Programmes
NSOTA offers courses in visual art, music, photography, digital media, drama, culinary, horticulture, lifestyle, eco living, textiles and domestic crafts. Instructors are practicing studio artists, craftspeople, and musicians. NSOTA also offers a Mobile Outreach Programme and Scholarship Programme.

Students
Students come from all walks of life. They welcome students of all ages and with all levels of experience from absolute beginners to professional craftspeople.

Location
As of September, 2009 NSOTA will move to their permanent location with multiple use classrooms, specialized studios and open spaces - that ensure an environment where people will want to discover, create, and learn.