

# Videos of Visual Artists in Greater Sudbury

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## Project Summary

**Brief Background:** Dr. Kathy Browning interviewed 14 Indigenous, Francophone, and Anglophone artists in Greater Sudbury and Manitoulin Island about their art to support the new Ontario Ministry of Education: The Arts Guidelines, particularly Visual Arts. These interviews were videotaped in partnership with the Director of the Laurentian University Film Studio Dr. Hoi Cheu. Ten videos received funding from the Ontario Ministry of Education through the Knowledge Network for Applied Education Research (KNAER) with the University of Toronto and four videos from Laurentian University Research Fund (LURF). These 14 videos were distributed to a variety of educational locations and available on-line for knowledge mobilization and information access.

**Research Context:** In the new Ontario Ministry of Education: The Arts Guidelines for Visual Arts, critical thinking is encouraged and while many questions are suggested that teachers can ask, there are no websites or texts suggested or descriptions of the artists' work. It is imperative that teachers and students in schools identify with artists in their own area. One way is through digital videos that are available through libraries or on-line through streaming at Laurentian University with links and information available at KNAER, Ontario Ministry of Education, Canadian Society for Education through Art (CSEA), Ontario Art Education Association (OAEA), Canadian Society for the Study of Education (CSSE), The Canadian Network for Arts & Learning (CNAL), Indspire, and teaching federations: Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) and Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) as well as artists' web sites.

**Knowledge Mobilization Activities:** Knowledge mobilization is inherent to this project, as it involved the creation and distribution of a needed resource. Copies of each of the 14 videos can be streamed from the Laurentian University web site or accessed through links. The URL is <https://laurentian.ca/videos-visual-artists-greater-sudbury> Fourteen printable Teacher's Facilitation Guides are also available from this site. Sets of 14 DVDs of artists' work are available through six universities in Ontario including the Desmarais Library, Laurentian University, the OISE/UT Library, and five universities across Canada and the [University of Waterloo Media Resources](#) catalogue for future teachers of Visual Arts and other subject disciplines in pre-service B. Ed. degrees as well as other faculty, staff, and students at universities, colleges, elementary and secondary schools, and the public in general. This video series received the Curriculum Services Canada Seal of Approval (2013) and the Canadian Network for Innovation in Education, Excellence and Innovation in the Integration of Technology in K-12 Classroom Award (2014). Dr. Browning received an ARTS Publication Award (2019) for her article: *Innovative Exemplars and Curriculum Created from On-line Videos of Visual Artists in Greater Sudbury*.

<https://jcacs.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/jcacs/article/view/40357/36368>

**Outcomes:** Through this project, students will be able "to interpret the works of others either individually or in a group" (Arts Guidelines, 2010a, p. 29) by having access to these 14 videos of Canadian artists in more remote areas like Northern Ontario where there is very little information available.