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PGI for literacy

Haida Gwaii, British Columbia

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Haida artist Robert Davidson (*Guud San Glans*) is one of Canada's most respected and important contemporary visual artists. He is a master carver of totem poles and masks and works in a variety of other media as a printmaker, painter and jeweler. Robert's deepest passion lies on reviving and perpetuating a variety of forms of Haida cultural expression, including song, dance and ceremony.

Reg Davidson (*Skil kaatl'aas*) is an internationally acclaimed Haida artist who creates sculptures, silk-screen prints, gold and silver jewelry, weaving, carved masks and painted drums. Reg began his artistic training under the guidance of his father, Claude Davidson, chief of the Village of Dadens, Haida Gwaii.

Ben (*tlajang nang kingaas*) is a Haida artist born in 1976. He began carving as early as four years old. Hanging around the shop, his father and Uncle Reg would give him projects to do, he recalls. Ben's formal apprenticeship in carving began at the age of sixteen.

We are celebrating "Arts & Culture" this year!
JOIN US ...

May 23th, Friday at Port Clements Hall
6pm - Haida Gwaii PGI Benefit Dinner
(dinner tickets will be sold at a later date)

May 24th, Saturday at Queen Charlotte Hall
1pm - Special Feature: "Understanding Aboriginal History through the lens of Haida Art"
3pm - PGI Music & Poetry Showcase, Learner Achievement Awards

(both events are free. Donation to our literacy programs appreciated)

Interview with the Davidson family of artists

Understanding Aboriginal History through the lens of Haida Art



Special celebrities appearance at our
PGI Musical & Poetry Showcase



Mike Stevens

World renowned harmonica virtuoso will perform with our local youth.



Shelagh Rogers

Host of CBC's *The Next Chapter* & Honorary National Chair for the PGIs. Shelagh is our 2014 Poet Laureate.

The Haida Gwaii PGI is our second annual fundraiser for island literacy initiatives. All the money we raise stays entirely in Haida Gwaii to address literacy programs for islanders.

Your support would mean so much!

If you would like to sponsor this event or volunteer at the event, contact us...

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