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# Capilano University and VanArts sign pathway partnership agreement for students to enhance credentials

NORTH VANCOUVER B.C. June 22, 2021 – Capilano University (CapU) and Vancouver Institute of Media Arts (VanArts) announce a new pathway partnership that allows graduates of VanArts' 12-month Acting for Film & Television diploma program to continue their education at CapU and graduate with additional credentials in Acting for Stage and Screen from CapU.

Acting for Stage and Screen is a three-year diploma program. This agreement allows VanArts graduates to apply up to 42.5 transfer credits and complete the CapU program in two years.

#### Quotes:

"This dual credential from two prominent acting programs opens doors to further opportunities, particularly for international students who wish to gain more experience in Canada."

-Alan Phillips, President of VanArts

"CapU is pleased to partner with VanArts to increase post-secondary education opportunities in the arts for students in B.C."

-Lee Ederer, supervisor, School of Performing Arts at Capilano University

This new pathway between CapU and VanArts coincides with the Province's BC Restart plan and helps to train qualified individuals to play an active role in reinvigorating the arts industry for a post-pandemic world.

Current VanArts students considering this pathway should contact VanArts admissions department and VanArts alumni may contact CapU admissions for more information.

## **About Capilano University**

Capilano University is a teaching-focused university based in North Vancouver, with programming serving the Sunshine Coast and the Sea-to-Sky corridor. The University offers 94 programs, including bachelor's degrees, in areas as diverse as film, early childhood education and tourism management. Capilano University is named after Sa7plek (Chief Joe Capilano), an important leader of the Skwxw47mesh (Squamish) Nation of the Coast Salish Peoples. We respectfully acknowledge that our campuses are located on the territories of the Lílwat,  $x^wma8k^w39m$  (Musqueam), shíshálh (Sechelt), Skwxw47mesh (Squamish) and Salílwata?/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

#### **About Vancouver Institute of Media Arts**

Vancouver Institute of Media Arts (VanArts) is one of the world's most well established and highly respected visual, media and performing arts schools. Our mission is to unlock the creative and career potential within each student in the areas of animation, game art, visual effects, photography, web development, acting, broadcasting & online media. With the help of our specialized instruction, small class sizes, industry-experienced faculty and connections to the booming industry in Vancouver, VanArts graduates have gone on to work for major studios, see their names in the credits of major feature films, and start their own companies.

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