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## Arts 4 All Bursary Program Launched

### Painting a Bright Future for the Arts

#### Partnership with Anna Razumovskaya & ArtHouse Studios & Co Publishing Announced

**CALGARY, AB** – The arts are a complex tapestry of disciplines and inspires and enriches our communities. For over seven years, Music and Play has been excited to welcome students to learn and grow through the performing arts and is now excited to be able to expose its clients and residents of Calgary to the art of internationally acclaimed impressionist, Anna Razumovskaya.

The relationship with Ms. Razumovskaya began in 2008, when while running Alberta Ballet, Music and Play co-owner, Darryl Lindenbach built a relationship with Shirley Louie (ArtHouse Studios & Co Publishing) and through her, an amazing modern artist. Anna's work was featured in the ballet's marketing soon after and her original, Romeo & Juliet inspired work, '*Love Story*' was then translated into a larger than life mural and displayed prominently on a building on McLeod Trail for over a year.

With her classic figurative forms, acclaimed Russian artist Anna Razumovskaya magically captures the lyrical romanticism of renaissance portraiture, while creating art that is completely modern and original. Anna is inspired by the graceful elegance of the female form, at turns, classically alluring, demure and provocative. Ms. Razumovskaya's work embraces the arts and her captivating images often capture the worlds of dance and music in new-found beauty.

The arts can be a challenging industry in which to work and for many, to thrive. At Music and Play, we are so grateful to Shirley Louie, ArtHouse Studios & Co Publishing and Ms. Razumovskaya for this wonderful new partnership that allows us to not only more fully embrace and represent the arts at our studios but also to help our studio ensure that arts education remains accessible for all.

Through this new partnership, any sales of Ms. Razumovskaya's work by Music and Play, will result in the contribution of 10% of the purchase price towards the new '**Arts 4 All**' Music and Play bursary program to help ensure that arts education continues to be affordable and accessible to everyone in our community.

Four of Anna's limited edition, hand-embellished Giclee's now grace the walls of the Music and Play lobby and studios and we are happy to introduce you to more of Anna's work and, if you wish, to help you secure one of Ms. Razumovskaya's amazing works of your very own to bring the arts to life in your home or office.

### **About Anna Razumovskaya**

Anna is best known for her classic, romantic figures that carry a sense of elegance and grace. They carry an aura associated with the Renaissance yet due to her signature expressive, dynamic technique they are refreshingly modern. Anna's eclectic mix of experiences has enabled her to create a truly unique signature style that resonates with those who share her passion for life. She is a great believer in art's power to heal, transform and inspire others in their journey.

Anna is a graduate of the Russian State University For Arts, where she was awarded the distinction of high-class artist in 1991. Subsequently she studied art in Germany, Belgium and Holland. With solo exhibitions in New York, Paris, Toronto, Amsterdam, Antwerp and Berlin and numerous works in private collections across the globe, she has become one of the most exciting and collectable artists on the contemporary scene.

Born at the height of the Cold War, Anna was exposed to very different worlds. She experienced the austere world of the communist regime alongside the sophisticated and feminine influence of her fashion-conscious mother. She excelled at art school, and enjoyed the freedom of learning and perfecting her technique in a variety of different media. Of particular interest to her were the portrait masters of the late 19th Century, John Singer Sargent, the Russian painter Valentin Serov, and earlier masters such as Peter Paul Rubens and Rembrandt. She traveled around Europe absorbing the influences of artists, and finally settled in Canada which she now feels to be her true home.

Looking at Anna Razumovskaya's works you always getting a feeling of artist sole tension behind the painting... "romanticism" is the word to describe Anna's works...interlacing of a quiet tones with the bright color impact at the end is the trade mark of the artist...abstract elements is the big aspect of every artwork and, in a combination with the sensual dynamics, creates an unforgettable experience for the viewer.

Anna Razumovskaya graduated from Russian State University (Rostov-on-Don) M.F.A. Fine Arts in 1991 and from 1992 to 1995 studied art in Germany, Belgium and Holland.

### **About Music and Play**

Locally owned and owner-managed, Music and Play is a leading Calgary performing arts school offering classes for all ages including: Group and Private Music Lessons, Musical Theatre, ShowChoir and Theatre classes and Dance classes. The Company also has two performance stream programs – where students (of all ages and from across Calgary) may focus on putting their skills to practice...on the stage. At Music and Play our students to go beyond the notes, the words and the steps and into the world of creativity and the arts.

