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BC Day long weekend, July 29 – Aug 1, 2005 will bring the **2nd Annual Artswells Festival of All Things Art** to the historic mountain hamlet of Wells, British Columbia. Last year's festival was recently recognized by **Art Starts In Schools** for its success in celebrating the arts in Learning and Life, during this year's **Arts and Culture Week**.

Last year's event featured over 40 nationally recognized performing artists who traveled to Wells from across Western Canada to take part in over 100 individual performances and workshops over three days. The event also attracted over 500 festival goers from throughout the region who became active participants in the many workshops, the [5th Annual International One Minute Play Festival](#) and the many and varied live performances.

This summer's festival has an International line-up with performances by master of the didgeridoo [Shane Philip with belly dancer Omana](#); former front man for the Grapes of Wrath, [Kevin Kane](#), who will also be leading a songwriters workshop; urban hip hop queen [Kia Kadiri](#) the upbeat country crooner, [Rae Spoon](#); spoken word rhymer [Corwin Fox](#); alternative rock man [Wax Mannequin](#); blues guitarist [Courtney Wing](#); acclaimed acoustic rock man from Toronto, [Reid Jamieson](#); man of electronica, **Mike Jevne**; hip hopster from Prince George, [Shae Morin of Versus](#); folk man [Raghu Lokanathan](#) from Prince George; **Mark Fisher** from Smithers; from Vancouver [Rodney Decroo](#) and [Linda McRae](#); singer songwriter [William Kuklis](#); folk man from Kamloops [Trevor Caswell](#); veteran man of folk, [Dave Soroka](#); from Australia, [Emaline Delapaix](#); from the UK [Dana Shellmire](#); local Wells songstress [Yael Wand](#) hailing from Dragon Mountain Farms, folk singer [Murray Boal](#); from Golden the **Billy Grass Goat Boys**; from Toronto [Snoovy](#); powerful vocalist [Caroline Spence](#); Victoria's folk duo [Her Sweet Time](#); from Vancouver [Pernell Reichert](#); from Prince George, 16-yr old **Ryan Ziegler**; from Quesnel **John Brisco**; from Duncan [Bob Campbell](#), local folks **Those Guys** and **Gold Quartz Drive** and more to come. The festival will end on Monday evening with many of the performers participating in the **Monday Mayhem Open Jam**.

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The festival will also feature the [6th International One Minute Play Festival](#). This, along with a host of great workshops including djembe drumming with **Granville Johnson** of Prince George, storytelling with acclaimed children's author **Anika Stafford**, and an **ArtWalk** around the town with artists **Marie Nagel**, [Joan Beck](#), Lisa Hebden, Beth Holden, Galen Hutcheson, [Sherrard Grauer](#) and more, **MineFest**, [Fred Wells Days](#) events, as well as games for kids, discounts to local attractions like BC's largest heritage site, [Barkerville Historic Town](#) and great access to hiking and canoeing. Festival passes are \$20 for members of Island Mountain Arts, students and seniors, \$30 regular and free for kids under 12. For more information www.imarts.com, 1-800-442-2787.

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