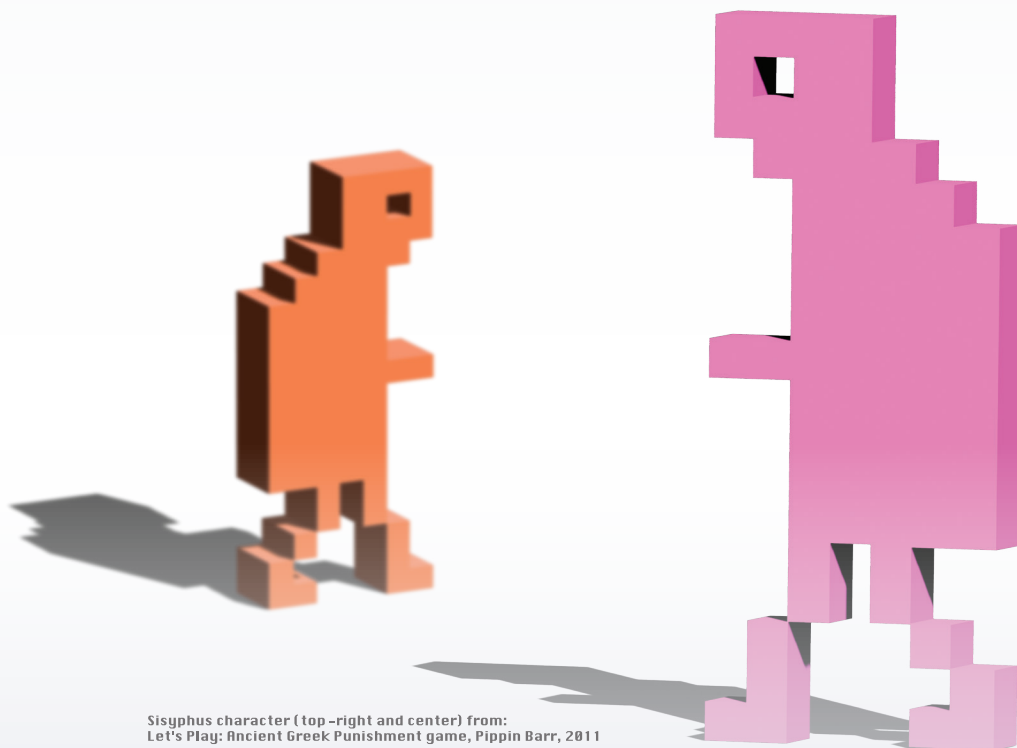


# VIDEO GAMES?

Art and Technology



Sisyphus character (top-right and center) from:  
Let's Play: Ancient Greek Punishment game, Pippin Barr, 2011

 ART GALLERY  
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## FEATURED EXHIBITION

# Group Exhibition *Video Games? Art and Technology*

October 6, 2022 - January 29, 2023

*Video Games? Art and Technology* is a group exhibition featuring Pippin Barr, Sandee Moore, and artist collective SpekWork with Cat Bluemke and Jonathan Carroll, who examine video games as an artform for design and self-expression. From computer art to digital art, to animation and web-based art, photography and film, to AR, VR, and Video Games, the Art and Technology movement of the 1960s provided artists the tools to mix technology, art, and science.

As technology advanced and progressed, gaming design grew as an artistic practice. In the 1990s digital artists explored the historical dimension of the computer and its development as a creative medium. Video Game creation allows artists to play with technological tools and game mechanics to question our perception of the physical world. Today in 2022, how has Video Games shaped and contributed to the way we learn history and understand issues in the contemporary world?

Video Games? Art and Technology aims to create a digital artistic experience that allows us to reflect on how technology and art can be used together to dissect design structures and societal themes. Through re-interpretation of classic video games and their aesthetics, the artworks offer a new way of seeing in our digital age.

Curated by Manar Abo Touk, Curator, Exhibitions & Collections



SpekWork, *Blindspot*, Video Recording of Gameplay, 2021.

**“Artists have always played a role in demonstrating the effects that new media have on society and working in video games gives SpekWork the ability to learn about emergent technology and convey what they find to the audience.”**

**- SpekWork**

## SHARING THE ART EXPERIENCE

The Art Gallery of Grande Prairie’s educational programs aspire to be comprehensive and inclusive of all community members. Our goal is to provide access to contemporary and historical visual arts for all, regardless of age, mobility and financial capacity. Unique programs serve as a flagship for the Art Gallery as they provide context and meaning to viewers and enable them to understand art forms from a personalized perspective.

## FACILITATING THE ART EXPERIENCE

Engaging with the works in AGGP’s current exhibitions, students practice careful observation skills and learn about interpreting a work of art. Interactive activities in response to the exhibition in the gallery space are often part of an Art Gallery visit. Hands-on take-home projects are a great way to ground and enhance student’s own art experience. Principles and elements of design are emphasized and integrated in AGGP’s educational programming.

## Option 1: 1 Hour Program

Groups who spend one hour at the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie often combine visiting the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie and the Grande Prairie Public Library at the same time. It is particularly beneficial when two groups from one organization visits the Montrose Cultural Centre at once because they can alternate between both institutions: while one group enjoys a tour of the Library, the other group appreciates the art showcased at the Art Gallery. That way they learn about two important community resources at the same time!

Cost: Free

To reserve an elementary library tour, please e-mail [info@gppl.ca](mailto:info@gppl.ca) or call the Information Desk at (780) 357-7435. The Library information desk will be able to direct your request to their coordinator.



## Option 2: 1.5 Hour Program

This is the minimum time to combine a facilitated tour with a take-home hands-on art project inspired by current exhibitions.

Hands-on art projects emphasize a contemporary mixed-media approach. The projects are age-appropriate and based on the principles and elements of art and design. These experiential components allow for student's own experience of the exhibitions to be enhanced and grounded.

Cost: Free

## Option 3: 2 Hour Program

This program is similar as 1.5 hour interpretive program. It, however, allows for more time to complete the artworks or to see another exhibition. This program concludes with an appreciation of the artworks students have created in response to one of Art Gallery of Grande Prairie's current exhibitions.

Cost: Free



## Option 4: Integrated Arts Retreat

Enjoy the day with your students at the Art Gallery. This custom-designed educational initiative allows for an extraordinary experience of making and sharing art in a nurturing environment. Engagement with our current exhibitions and take-home hands-on art projects are included as suitable to your group. Duration: All day, as agreed with Art Gallery of Grande Prairie's Learning Department.

Cost: \$ 60 per group

Includes all art material and facilitation costs.

Max. of 20 students per group.

Please Note: 1 (teacher/adult) : 10 (student) ratio is required for all School and Community Groups visiting the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie.

# The Carlstrom Family Green Space

The Green Space is an interactive gallery and self-directed studio space where visitors can enjoy responding to the Art Gallery's exhibitions through free, self-directed art projects that are designed to encourage reflection, creativity and inspiration.

The Art Gallery of Grande Prairie (AGGP) has received a generous donation and long-term commitment dedicated to The Green Space from the Carlstrom family of Grande Prairie. In December 2014, the space was renamed The Carlstrom Family Green Space.



## Supported by

These programs are all generously supported by ATB Financial. Without their generosity we would not be able to provide such excellent programming. Thank You ATB!



## Contact Us

Whether you wish to book a guided or self-guided tour or a facilitated art program, please e-mail [sabine@aggp.ca](mailto:sabine@aggp.ca) or call Sabine Schneider at (780) 357-7487 and provide us with the following information:

- Organization's name
- Contact person's e-mail and phone number
- Requested date, time and duration of your visit
- Alternative date and time of your visit
- Number of visitors in your group
- Please specify grade level or age of your group members if you are coming with a school or community group under the age of 18.

Information on the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie's current exhibitions and upcoming events can be found on our website and Facebook page.

# FREE ADMISSION

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## HOURS

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| Sunday    | 1 pm – 5 pm  |
| Monday    | Closed       |
| Tuesday   | 10 am – 6 pm |
| Wednesday | 10 am – 6 pm |
| Thursday  | 10 am – 9 pm |
| Friday    | 10 am – 5 pm |
| Saturday  | 10 am – 5 pm |
| Holidays  | Closed       |

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