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## **Children participating in Laurier's Arts Express camp journey over the rainbow**

WATERLOO – Ever wonder what is at the end of a rainbow? Laurier invites you to find the answer to that question during the 16th annual Arts Express recital, taking place Friday, July 17. Children with special needs and their siblings and friends will create and perform original dance, dramatic and musical numbers for the recital, themed “Over the Rainbow.”

Arts Express is an integrated arts camp designed for children aged six to 14 with a variety of special needs. Their siblings, friends and neighbours will join them for a fun-filled week of music, drama, dance and arts and sensory experiences at the KidsAbility Centre for Child Development.

“All week the children participate in music, drama, dance and art activities, allowing them the opportunity to be creative and express themselves,” said camp co-ordinator Elizabeth Mitchell, a part-time instructor for Laurier’s music therapy program. “The week’s activities culminate in a performance that they can feel really proud of.”

Arts Express is co-sponsored by KidsAbility and Laurier’s music therapy program, as well as the Carousel Dance Centre, the University of Waterloo and the early childhood education program at Conestoga College.

The Arts Express recital takes place Friday, July 17 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. at the University of Waterloo’s Humanities Theatre. Friday’s performance is open to the public and admission is free. Parking is available in Visitor Lot HV with a returnable deposit: [www.uwaterloo.ca/map](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/map).