



ROVING FESTIVAL LAUNCH PARTY

JANUARY 5, 2012, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Meet at MOCA (formerly Triangle Gallery) at 5:30pm for a guided tour of events led by TMC volunteers.

JOHN DUTTON THEATRE

Calgary Public Library, Central Library, 2nd floor, 616 Macleod Trail SE

THE EVICTION OF THE STUART BLOCK

JANUARY 5, 2012, 7:00 PM

This project unites a collective of professional artists and homeless Calgarians to explore a hundred years of evictions in this new, live radio play.

MOCA (formerly Triangle Gallery)

104, 800 Macleod Trail SE

OUT OF THE SHADOWS: New York - Calgary

JANUARY 5 - 25, 2012

The works of painter and photographer New York-born Bernard Safran, and Calgary-based photographers George Webber and John Dean focus on aspects of street life.

OTHER VOICES (MOCA)

JANUARY 14, 21, 2012, noon to 1:30 pm

Meet at MOCA. Join us for a guided Saturday art walk with a gallery volunteer and someone who has first-hand experience of life on the street. Created by TMC* artist-mentor Linda Hawke.

OLYMPIC PLAZA AND 8TH AVENUE SE

LIMELIGHT

JANUARY 13 - 15, 2012

Limelight replaces two conventional street light heads with outdoor theatre spotlights pointing to the same single spot, creating an open invitation for the passers-by to perform.

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THIS IS MY CITY Festival Events...

JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY

CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Central Library, 616 Macleod Trail SE

YOUTH SLAM!

JANUARY 14, FEBRUARY 11, MARCH 10, APRIL 1, 2012

Presented by the Calgary Spoken Word Society, *Youth Slam!* will weave themes relating to homelessness with other topics of interest.

THE NEW GALLERY

2nd Floor Art Central, #212, 100 - 7th Ave SW

WHAT WE TAKE WITH US

JANUARY 5 - FEBRUARY 4, 2012

This exhibit is a two-channel video installation examining what it is to call a place "home" - and the psychological shifts evoked by repositioning oneself.

THE COMPASSIONATE EYE OF JAMES BANNERMAN

FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 31, 2012, Epcor Centre +15

The photographs of James Bannerman, a past client at The Calgary Drop-In & Rehab Centre, speak about the intrinsic value of incorporating creative activity into daily life.

CURATORIAL INTERNSHIP PROJECT

FEBRUARY 10 - MARCH 17, 2012

This exhibit at TNG main space explores social and political discourse concerning identity, curated by Evan Smibert.

OTHER PEOPLE'S DREAMS

MARCH 23 - APRIL 28, 2012

Turner Prize artists - Jason Cawood, Blair Fornwald and John G. Hampton asked volunteer participants to recall a dream and then share it for artistic re-interpretation.

OTHER VOICES (The New Gallery)

MARCH 24, 31, APRIL 7, 14, 21, 28, 2012, noon to 1:30 pm

Meet at The New Gallery. Join us for a guided Saturday art walk with a gallery volunteer and someone who has first-hand experience of life on the street. Created by TMC* artist-mentor Linda Hawke.

CANTOS MUSIC FOUNDATION

134 - 11th Ave SW

BLUE MONDAYS ALL AGES BLUES JAM

JANUARY 30, 2012, 7 PM

Guests from the DI Singers (Calgary Drop-In and Rehab Centre) join the Cantos House Band for this all-ages blues jam.

VARIOUS LOCATIONS *see website for updates*

THIS IS MY VILLAGE

APRIL 7, 14, 21, 28, 2012, 10 am - 1 pm

Consider the historical and future potential of the East Village and environs through interviews, walks, mapping, audio recording and 'e-zine' workshops.

TAKE NOTE AND TAKE POSITIONS

Venue TBA, *see website for updates*. Curated by Tomas Jonsson, this video screening includes several short films exploring place and displacement.

NO PARTICULAR PLACE

WRAP

No particular time. *Wrap* artists draw attention to the lack of affordable housing and the importance of community through "acts of yarnbombing". Created by TMC's* artist-mentors, Cat Schick and Linda Hawke.



TRUCK CONTEMPORARY GALLERY

Grain Exchange Building, 815 First Street SW (Lower Level)

NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN

FEBRUARY 10 - MARCH 8, 2012

Karen Asher's photographs focus on people's interaction with public and private spaces in Winnipeg, depicting a surreal image of the city and its inhabitants.

GLENBOW MUSEUM

130 - 9th Ave SE

EDWARD BURTYNSKY: ENCOUNTERS

JANUARY 21 - MARCH 31, 2012

In this exhibit, works by Burtynsky are selected by over 20 Canadians, representing diverse views and life perspectives, each bringing their own meaning.

OTHER VOICES (Glenbow)

JANUARY 28, FEBRUARY 4, 11, 18, 25, MARCH 3, 10, 17, 2012

Meet at the Glenbow. Join us for a guided Saturday art walk with a gallery volunteer and someone who has first-hand experience of life on the street. Created by TMC* artist-mentor Linda Hawke.



ART WALL

Calgary Public Library, Central Library, 616 Macleod Trail SE

ARTIST TRADING CARDS

JANUARY 5 - FEBRUARY 1, 2012

This exhibition of portable and poignant miniature works of art by members of Calgary's homeless community is led by TMC* artist-mentor Cat Schick.

A MOMENT IN TIME

FEBRUARY 3 - 28, 2012

This exhibit presents examples from photographic activities in the homeless community in concert with Exposure, our region's annual photography festival.

WHY IS CALGARY MY CITY?

MARCH 1 - APRIL 3, 2012

The expressive collaged maps in this exhibit reflect the diverse ways in which people use, move around, and feel about our city, with particular attention to those who exist in its margins.

PORTRAITS

APRIL 5 - MAY 3, 2012

Here, those closest to the streets of Calgary portray their peers and themselves. Created by TMC* artist mentor, Eveline Kolijn.

CITY HALL

Macleod Trail SE

THIS IS MY CITY PHOTO WALKING TOURS

FEBRUARY 4, 18, MARCH 24, APRIL 21, 11am-1pm

Meet in front of City Hall for a series of public walking tours through areas of the city frequented by the homeless. Co-led by a TMC* artist-mentor and a photographer experiencing homelessness. Bring a camera and wear weather appropriate footwear for walking outdoors.

AUBURN SALOON *Plus other venues, see website for updates*

#163, 115 - 9th Avenue SE

SLAM! AND OPEN MIKE

JANUARY 26, FEBRUARY 23, MARCH 29, APRIL 26, 8 pm

SLAM! is high-energy, competitive poetry that brings together diverse poets and an enthusiastic crowd. Presented by the Calgary Spoken Word Society,

CALGARY SPOKEN WORD FESTIVAL

APRIL 15 - 22, 2012

Founded by Sheri-D Wilson, this event is a forum for dissemination and promotion of *Spoken Word* locally and nationally through performance and education.

CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Central Library, 616 Macleod Trail SE

ON COMMON GROUND:

Conversations About Our City

JANUARY 28, FEBRUARY 25, MARCH 31, APRIL 28, 1:30 - 4 pm

A series of conversations exploring the shifting ideas of home, the ethics of working with each other and urban renewal.

HOME AND HOMELESSNESS

JANUARY 28, 2012, 1:30 - 4 PM,

"For us, the land is our home, not the shelters we live in." FAYE HEAVYSHIELD. Bringing together people with diverse backgrounds and experiences, this conversation explores different perspectives of home.

A MATTER OF TRUST

FEBRUARY 25, 2012, 1:30 - 4 PM

"No greater evil is done than with good intentions." BLAISE PASCAL. Explore the relationship between artists and their subjects plus issues of privacy, voice and trust concerning marginalized communities.

URBAN WITNESS

MARCH 31, 2012, 1:30 - 4pm

Explore how urban renewal affects our communities, our landscape, our history. Trace forgotten and overlooked stories.

WHERE IS MY CITY AT?

APRIL 28, 2012, 1:30 - 4 pm

The City of Calgary has committed to reducing poverty, ending homelessness and creating a better city for everyone. Join us to examine the progress.

ALLEY BEHIND CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY

THE BLOCK PARTY - festival closing event

MAY 3, 2012, 5 - 8 pm

Bring on the tents, the food trucks, the performances, the blessings, and the community of This is My City! Presented by The City of Calgary, Arts & Culture.

" We recognize the creative voice of every citizen and believe that we are all richer for having listened. "

BEHIND THE SCENES

THIS IS MY CITY began as a program of The City of Calgary's ARTS & CULTURE department in 2008. A full year of multi-disciplinary arts programming involving over a dozen visual, theatre, music, and literary artists took place in homeless shelters, service agencies, public venues, and on the streets. Artists served as mentors, providing increased opportunities for homeless and at-risk individuals to engage in art-making. They also facilitated opportunities for the resulting expressions to be shared with the broader community. Many of the artist-mentors were committed to continuing the work and in September 2010, we formed a non-profit society with that objective.

THIS IS MY CITY ART SOCIETY (TMC)

No other organization is doing what TMC does. Scale, scope, and inclusiveness distinguish TMC in the following ways:

- We work with all comers and all agencies that support the homeless and those at risk.
- Our mission involves outreach and facilitation of dialogue among people from all walks of life. Art builds bridges—through it we enable diverse people to see shared values rather than differences.
- Our artists innovate. Their combining of art and social justice increases the validity and profile of our programs and introduces a place for homeless artists.

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THIS IS MY CITY FESTIVAL

An interdisciplinary festival of art from the margins



JANUARY 5 - MAY 3, 2012

In Calgary's Downtown Core

Exhibits ▪ Panel Discussions ▪ Theatre
Guided Walks and Tours ▪ Music

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