



CITY OF DREAMS

APRIL 23, 24, 25, 7:30-8:30 PM

ARTS LEARNING CENTRE, Main floor
Epcor Centre for the Performing Arts, 225-8 Ave SE
Donation at the door

An ensemble of speakers from the Women's Centre of Calgary present talks on diverse and surprising topics that reveal personal passions and expertise. Inspired by magpies – those urban birds known to collect baubles and shiny bits from our city streets – the evening is full of insights and laughs that expose the depth and intelligence of women who have been marginalized. Presented in partnership with *Magpie Treasure Talks*.

DREAM QUILTS ON EXHIBIT

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In a residency at the Women's Centre of Calgary, Linda Hawke and Cat Schick worked with participants to create artistic quilts that explore themes of sleep and dreams. The finished works incorporate a variety of traditional and non-traditional textile media to tell personal stories of optimism and strength. The quilts are on exhibit in the City of Dreams (see above) performance space and are available for viewing before and after the show.

FESTIVAL FINALE

APRIL 25, 8:45- 10 PM

ARTS LEARNING CENTRE, Main floor
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Donation at the door

Join us for eclectic festivities that celebrate the spirit of the Festival. The evening will include spoken word performances by artist Kirk Miles and others, music from Drop-In Centre artists, and opportunities to meet and mingle with This is My City artists and supporters.

"We recognize the creative voice of every citizen and believe 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. Many of the original 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.

We gratefully acknowledge the following organizations:

AGENCIES:

The Calgary Drop-In and Rehab Centre
Inn From the Cold
The Women's Centre
Alpha House

PROGRAMMING PARTNERS:

The New Gallery
City of Calgary Public Art Program
Magpie Treasure Talks
Art Gallery of Calgary
Central Library

With special thanks to our friends at

The Art Board, PriMarc,

Woody MacPhail and the Banff Mountain Film Festival

For Festival updates check www.thisismycitycalgary.ca



THIS IS MY CITY FESTIVAL 2013

An interdisciplinary festival of
art from the margins



APRIL 4th - 25th, 2013
In Calgary's Downtown Core

Exhibits ■ Film ■ Theatre ■ Guided Walks
Talks ■ Music

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THIS IS MY CITY Festival 2013 . . .

APRIL 4TH - 25TH — SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

OUT OF THE BLUE REVUE

APRIL 4, 7 PM – 8 PM

JOHN DUTTON THEATRE, *Central Library*
2nd Floor, 616 Macleod Trail SE
Donation at the door

Join us for the opening event of the Festival: the premiere of a spirited variety show in which artists from the homeless community and the greater Calgary community come together to embrace a broad spectrum of performing arts: song, dance, spoken word, and comedy. The evening promises to entertain and delight!

THIS IS MY CITY'S ART

APRIL 4 – 25, check calgarypubliclibrary.com/ for hours
CENTRAL LIBRARY, Main Floor, 616 Macleod Trail SE
Free

View a lively selection of artwork created in *THIS IS MY CITY* workshops conducted at shelters. Prints, found object assemblages and more reveal the talent, insight, and personal perspectives of program participants.

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FANTASTIC AND SURREAL

APRIL 4 – MAY 25, *Public Reception: MAY 16, 7 PM*

THE NEW GALLERY'S +15 WINDOW, +15 WALKWAY, *Epcor Centre for the Performing Arts*
205-8 Ave SE, Free

Ryan Delve conjures up evocative, fantastic images in acrylic paint that flow across clothing and other three-dimensional surfaces. Bill's sensitive pencil drawings reflect his keen observational skills and a disciplined dedication to capturing the nuances of light and shadow which sometimes jump off the page onto a variety of objects. Though their styles are distinct, Ryan and Bill share a life-long passion for art that finds expression in the art studio of the Calgary Drop-In Centre where they reside.

PUBLIC ART 101 – ARTISTS IN THE COMMUNITY

APRIL 9, 6-9 PM

CLIFF BUNGALOW ARTS CENTRE
2105 Cliff St SW (not shown on map), Free

The *City of Calgary's Public Art Program* has developed a series of seminars that cover a broad range of themes designed to support local artists who want to develop their practice in public art. This session looks at artists who collaborate with communities. Presented by *The City of Calgary's Public Art Program*.

PHOTO WALK

APRIL 18, 12 NOON – 1 PM

Meet outside City Hall in front of the horse sculptures, 800 Macleod Tr SE
Free

Grab your camera and take a walk with photographer Cat Schick. She'll lead you through areas of our city that the homeless know well. Using photography as a means of connection among communities, the program will impart technical and aesthetic tips while creating opportunity for dialogue about life in our city. Visit catswalk.wordpress.com for more information about Cat and her art practice.



SIX MINUTE STORIES

APRIL 20, 3:00 – 4:30 PM

LUNCHBOX THEATRE, 160 9 Ave SE
Donation at the door

Join us for a fun and informative afternoon in a lively *pecha kucha* exchange. Each speaker has six minutes and 18 slides to tell their story. This celebration of ideas features personal experiences or professional projects that touch on universal social issues. Hosted by TMC chair Linda Hawke. Check our social media for speaker updates.

FILM PREMIERE: ART HAS NO HOME

APRIL 19, 12:10 PM – 1 PM

ART GALLERY OF CALGARY, 117 8 Avenue SW
Inspired by friendships with some of Calgary's talented artists who are often marginalized for being homeless, filmmaker Eunice Poon has married journalism and mixed media in this film. It gives voice to the artists through documentation of their art work, interviews, and their own animation/narrative within the film. The 30-minute screening will be followed by a question and answer session with the filmmaker and some of the individuals featured. Supported in part by GIGyyc.

WRAP

SPONTANEOUS DATES AND LOCATIONS

Through acts of yarnbombing, *Wrap* artists bring the warmth of home and communal creativity to the street. If you are lucky, you might see these textile interventions at festival sites before they are absorbed by the city.

OTHER – A PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION

APRIL 22 – 25

OLYMPIC PLAZA

Check our social media for updates.

Leslie Sweder's site-specific art responds to her environment in surprising and touching ways. Watch for her work as the festival progresses. Presented by *The City of Calgary Public Art Program*.

