

THIS IS MY CITY FESTIVAL 2014

AN INTERDISCIPLINARY FESTIVAL
OF ART FROM THE MARGINS

TELLING OUR STORIES: THE PATCHWORK SHOW

APRIL 16, 7:30 PM

ARTS LEARNING CENTRE, Epcor Centre,
205 – 8 Ave SE

As the Festival draws to a close, we celebrate the spirit of creative expression that has enveloped us over the past two weeks. Like a patchwork quilt, this presentation stitches together colourful snippets that reflect patterns and textures of diverse lives. The evening features spoken word inspired by contributors from The Alex Youth Health Centre guided by poet and artist-mentor Kirk Miles. Favourite moments from the Festival will be reprised and a few surprises are in store!

WRAP: A CONVERSATION IN MOVEMENT

APRIL 17, 12-1 PM

CITY HALL MUNICIPAL PLAZA,
800 Macleod Trail SE

This year, we are wrapping people and you can join in! At past TMC Festivals, artists wrapped benches and doorways with second hand afghans, observing that at times, people call these places home. Now, you can do an afghan to acknowledge those who experience homelessness. We'll guide the assembled group in movement and document the visual statements we create together. Join us as a participant, an observer, or to take pictures of your own. Inspired by project-based artist Barbara Amos.

FESTIVAL FILM NIGHT

APRIL 17, 7 PM

LUNCHBOX THEATRE, 160 – 9 Ave SE

A diverse program of documentary films showing courageous and creative responses to displacement and marginalization, presented in partnership with, and programmed by the Calgary Society of Independent Filmmakers. *City of Dreams* (2013) Dir. Sally Truss (19 min), *Siksika Strong* (2013) Dir. Trevor Solway (12 min), *Inocente* (2013) Dir. Sean Fine and Andrea Nix Fine (40 min). Q & A with filmmakers to follow the program.

"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:

Inn from the Cold

Calgary Drop-In and Rehab Centre

The Alex Youth Health Centre

Alpha House

Calgary Action Committee on Housing and Homelessness

Calgary Homeless Foundation

PROGRAMMING PARTNERS:

The New Gallery (TNG)

TRUCK Contemporary Art in Calgary

MoMo Dance Theatre

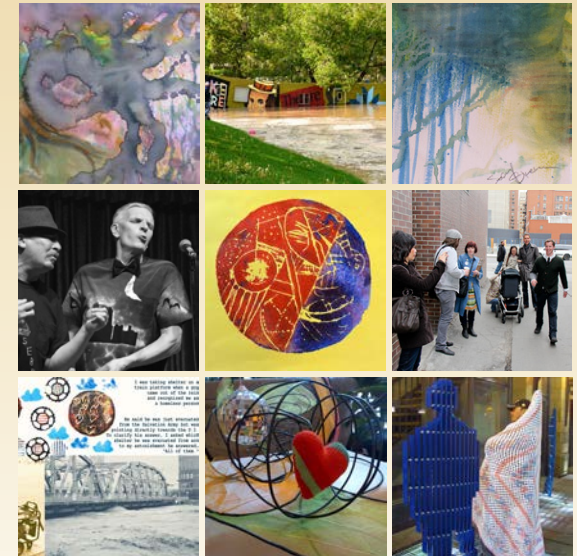
Calgary Society of Independent Filmmakers

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For Festival updates check www.thisismycitycalgary.ca



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Talks ▪ Music

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APRIL 3 - APRIL 17 — SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TELLING OUR STORIES: *FLOOD 2013*

Overnight, people who never imagined they'd be homeless were staring it in the face. The city's most vulnerable people were suddenly even more so. Agencies were evacuated, displaced, and in some cases required rebuilding.

Possessions and old ideas were swept away; leaving us with stories of compassion and courage. *Stories from the flood* is a theme TMC artist-mentors and participants have reflected on and developed over the past months. You will witness that exploration running like a river through Festival 2014.

All programs are free of charge unless otherwise noted. Donations gratefully accepted at the door and online at <http://www.investyc.com/projects/view/152>. Help us reach our Festival Fund goal of \$5,000.00!

TELLING OUR STORIES: *A MUSICAL REVUE*

APRIL 3, 7 PM

JOHN DUTTON THEATRE, Central Library, 2nd floor, 616 Macleod Trail SE

Join us in celebration as we launch our third annual festival! Our opening show features original and popular music performed in spirited collaboration by artists from the homeless community working in concert with musical mentors from the broader Calgary community.

INSPIRATION IN OUR HANDS: *ARTWORK FROM THE DI*

APRIL 3-29

CENTRAL LIBRARY ART WALL, main floor, 616 Macleod Trail SE

See a vibrant selection of artwork created at TMC workshops over the last year. The collection features a large colourful 'yarn painting' made collaboratively at the Drop-In Centre (the DI) over the last few months under the guidance of artist-mentor Margot van Lindenberg.

MUTATIONS

Opening reception: **APRIL 4, 8 PM**

TRUCK CONTEMPORARY ART, 2009 - 10 Ave SW
Installation artist José Luis Torres combines and repurposes unlikely items and creates something completely new out of nothing much. His recurring themes include shelter, mobility, and portability. The exhibit continues until May 3. For more info visit truck.ca

PHOTO WALK: *URBAN EXPLORATION WITH CAT*

APRIL 5, 11 AM - 12:30 PM

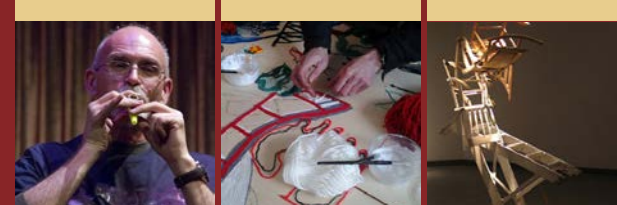
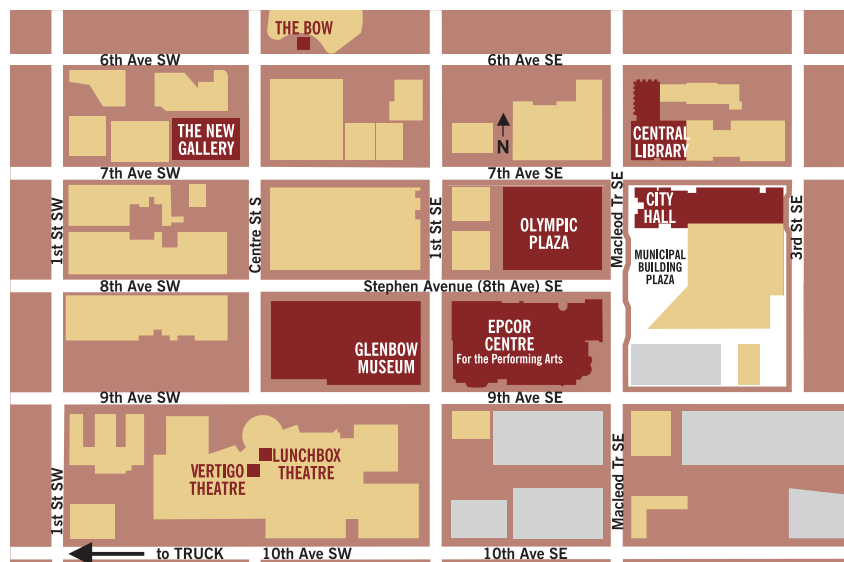
Meet at the *Wonderland* sculpture at the foot of the Bow Building, 6th Ave at Centre St. Grab your camera and explore sites of displacement and rebuilding in the downtown core. Cat Schick, a photographer and TMC artist-mentor, will share technical and aesthetic tips while creating opportunity for dialogue about life in our city. Visit catwalk.wordpress.com for more info about Cat and her art practice.

FRIENDS AND MENTORS: *A GROUP EXHIBIT*

Opening reception with artists' talks:

APRIL 5, 2:30-5PM

TRUCK's Community Space (Upstairs), 2009 - 10 Ave SW
TMC artist-mentors are professionals who volunteer their time to share their skills and love of art with the



homeless and at-risk. Enjoy insightful visual artwork by mentors, clients, and special guest artists. Talent and diversity of expression meet social justice. Exhibit continues to April 19.

FLOOD STORIES: *CREATIVE FLOTSAM ON THE EDGE OF HIGH WATER*

APRIL 8-MAY 31, reception **MAY 15, 6 PM**

TNG +15 WINDOW, Epcor Centre, 205 - 8 Ave SE
Take a look inside the process of creating a limited edition hand-printed book that honours images and words from many contributors. Stories and texts were collected from various sources including the homeless community. The images include relief prints made by youth at Inn from the Cold and photographs by Max, a Drop-In Centre evacuee. Printmaker and TMC artist-mentor Eveline Kolijn leads this project that captures the rawness and diversity of emotions evoked by the 2013 flood.

FLY WITH US: *SPRING SHOW BY MOMO*

APRIL 11, 2PM (pay what you can), 8 PM (\$20),

APRIL 12, 8 PM (\$20)

VERTIGO STUDIO THEATRE, 115 - 9 Ave SE
MoMo Dance Theatre is Calgary's foremost producer of mixed-ability dance. Now in their 11th season, they have developed works that became fan favourites at the High Performance Rodeo and the University of Calgary's Dance Montage. *Fly With Us* is based on themes of identity and self/group dynamics. Tickets available at momo.brownpapertickets.com. For more information visit momodancetheatre.org/

SIX MINUTE STORIES: *TALES OF REBUILDING*

APRIL 12, 2 PM

CENTRAL LIBRARY, main floor, 616 Macleod Trail SE
Join us for a fun and fast-paced series of presentations that reflect a diversity of responses to both art making and flood stories. Told against the backdrop of powerful images and followed by questions and discussion, Six Minute Stories will inform and provoke. Please check our website for speaker updates.