



THIS IS MY CITY FESTIVAL 2015

AN INTERDISCIPLINARY FESTIVAL
OF ART FROM THE MARGINS

FOUND POETRY: Artwork from the Streets

APRIL 3 – 29

CENTRAL LIBRARY ART WALL, *main floor, 616 Macleod Trail S.E.*

The words we see around us - printed on signs, carved in stone, and cast on plaques - reflect our community's ideals and help to shape the communities in which we live. In interactive workshops led by artist and TMC Board chair Linda Hawke, participants have captured inspiring words they find in their neighbourhoods and used them to create works on canvas that are both poems and visual art.

PHOTOWALK: Urban Exploration With Cat

APRIL 19, 10:30 – NOON

Meet at the MUNICIPAL BUILDING, *by the horse sculptures, 800 Macleod Trail SE*

Grab your camera and explore sites of displacement and rebuilding in the downtown core, focusing on the East Village.

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 catswalk.wordpress.com for more info about Cat and her art practice.

VOICES IN THE WIND: The Patchwork Show

APRIL 24, 7:30 PM

COMMUNITYWISE, *Common Room, 101, 223 12 Ave SW*

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. This evening features music, spoken word, short film, and vignettes inspired by contributors from *Calgary Drop-In Centre, Alpha House, Calgary Women's Centre*, and our various community partners.

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

THIS IS MY CITY ART SOCIETY (TMC)

This is My City began as program of The City of Calgary's Arts & Culture department in 2008. Many of the original artist-mentors were committed to continue the work and in September 2010, we formed a non-profit society with that objective.

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
Alpha House
Calgary Homeless Foundation
The Women's Centre
Urban Society for Aboriginal Youth

PROGRAMMING PARTNERS:

The New Gallery (TNG)
Calgary Homeless Foundation
TRUCK Contemporary Art in Calgary
Tiny Gallery
artBOX on 17E
Loft 112
Calgary Central Library
CommunityWise Resource Centre

With special thanks to

Urban Curvz Theatre
University of Calgary



APRIL 11th – APRIL 25th, 2015

Exhibits • Theatre • Guided Walks • Music

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APRIL 11 - APRIL 25 — SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



VOICES IN THE WIND: Sharing Our Stories

In Festival 2015, THIS IS MY CITY (TMC) links a diverse group of agencies and arts organizations for the purpose of creating opportunities where the general public can engage with the artwork of some of Calgary's homeless, at risk, and marginalized community members.

These are voices that are not commonly heard and yet we are all richer for having listened.

*All programs are free of charge.
Donations are gratefully accepted at the door.*

VOICES IN THE WIND: Bridgeland

APRIL 5 – JUNE 6

TINY GALLERY, several locations in Bridgeland on 1st Ave NE.

Opening reception: **APRIL 11, 1 PM – 5 PM**
at Lukes Drug Mart, 112 4th St NE

Often times there are those whose voices are lost in the wind. We hope this display of art by some of Calgary's more marginalized citizens including children and youth from the various shelters and agencies that give aid to the homeless and less fortunate, gives you a chance to hear their *Voices in the Wind*.

POSSIBILITIES IN THE WIND: An Artful Partnership

APRIL 11 – 25

U-HALL GALLERY at TRUCK, 2009 10 Ave SW

Opening reception: **APRIL 11, 2:30 – 5 PM**

In partnership with *The Calgary Homeless Foundation* (CHF) this exhibit showcases the

transformation of a rundown rooming house into a vibrant work of art - its last hurrah before demolition to make way for housing for the homeless. Many community members worked together - and we celebrate them and their work!

FRIENDS AND MENTORS: Sharing Experience

APRIL 12, 2 PM - 3:30 PM

CENTRAL LIBRARY, main floor, 616 Macleod Trail S.E.

Enjoy an insightful celebration of behind-the-scenes inspirations and artists who make the Festival possible. This is where talent and diversity of expression meet social justice issues. We'll share our experiences about the making of Found Poetry, insights into writing projects at the DI and Alpha house, the coming together of artwork of *Urban Indigenous Youth* and more in several short presentations illustrated with slides.

EYE OF THE STORM

APRIL 5 - MAY 30

TNG +15 WINDOW, Arts Commons, 205 – 8 Ave. S.E.

EYE OF THE STORM: In the East Village

APRIL 9 – 27

LOFT 112, #112, 535 – 8 Ave. S.E.

Opening reception **APRIL 16, 7:30 – 9 PM**

The eye of the storm is a quiet center in the middle of chaos. It aptly describes what creating art represents for the artists taking part in this exhibition. Enjoy stunning visual artwork created by five artists of the *Wild Rose Studio* located at the Calgary Drop-In Center.

Bari Camero, An Dong, Ann Lee, Melva L. Thomson, and Ruth Vickers are making dedicated efforts to develop as artists despite their experiences of homelessness.

Painter, sculptor and TMC artist-mentor Patricia Lortie has worked with this talented group since December to guide them in mounting this exhibition.

The +15 window gives a taste of the expanded exhibit at Loft 112 in the East Village, a creative space where writers and artists come together.

UNCOVERING COLONIAL LEGACIES: Voices of Indigenous Youth in Child Welfare (dis)Placements

APRIL 17 – 25

ARTBOX ON 17E., 1807 42 Street SE

Opening reception **APRIL 17, 6 PM**

In collaboration with *Urban Society for Aboriginal Youth* (USAY) we showcase the astonishing work of young artists between 18 and 29 years of age.

By bringing together Indigenous youth with child welfare involvement, the exhibit engages all Calgarians to reflect on the lifelong impacts of childhood displacement from home communities and disconnection from family experienced by many Indigenous youth. Some of the artists who prepared this work will be available at the gallery during exhibit hours.

EVENT LOCATIONS

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| 1 112 4 St NE | 5 800 Macleod Tr SE |
| 2 2009 10 Ave SW | 6 112, 535 8 Ave SE |
| 3 616 Macleod Tr SE | 7 101, 223 12 Ave SW |
| 4 205 8 Ave SE | 8 1807 42 St SE |

