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In-Definite Arts Renovation Update

Although it seems like nothing is happening towards our renovations, there have been many things happening “behind the scenes.” We thought we would use this opportunity to update everyone on what’s been happening.

After months of negotiations with the City of Calgary and Enmax, our development permit has finally been approved. Now that this has occurred, we can move forward with our building permits. These should be completed, filed and approved without a problem within the next month. After that we need to do a package for the City of Calgary to approve the renovations, since the building we are in is owned by them. After that gets approved (and we don’t see any problems with that at all), we’ll be ready to start knocking down walls!

We have met with three different construction companies in order to have estimates done for the work that needs to be completed. We won’t be sure if we’re doing both floors right away, or if we’ll be doing just the upstairs first, until the bids come in. This should happen in the next two weeks. It was interesting to meet with them and discuss the work to be done. It reinforced to us just how beautiful the facility will be

when all the work is completed.

Gene Neel, In-Definite Art’s prior Executive Director, has agreed to briefly come out of retirement and do some consulting work with us around the renovations. He has a lot of experience with renovations, since he led In-Definite Arts through three prior facility renovations.

We have new neighbours! The Southern Alberta Women’s Hockey Association will be taking over the running of the arena beginning April 1, 2008. We have had a couple of meetings with their board to discuss the particulars of sharing a facility. Welcome SAWHA!

We’re really happy to report that the Community Facilities Enhancement Program has given us a grant for \$156,000 towards our renovations. In addition they funded us \$256,000 towards the new roof. We were also very pleased to learn that PDD will be giving us \$33,000 towards our renovations. The Fairview Community Association is going to be giving us some funds as well. Our last casino netted us over \$100,000 and these funds are earmarked for the renovations. With the money we have saved towards this over the past two years we should be in good financial shape to get everything done.

Featured Artwork



Majestic Sunset
by Tina Condic



Spanish Villa
by Brad McCaull



Dates to mark on your calendar

March 24

IDAS Closed, Easter Monday

April 27 - May 3

Volunteer Appreciation Week
Thanks to all our Volunteers!

May 19

IDAS Closed, Victoria Day

May 26, 7-9 pm

IDAS Annual General Meeting

June 16 - July 7

IDAS Closed, Summer Break

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Strengthening the Community



Balancing Acts 7 - Declaring the Movement!

The 2007 Disability Arts Awareness Week in December was the biggest and best we've ever sponsored. In-Definite Arts was proud to partner with Stage Left Productions and Studio C in presenting the festival which ran from November 27 to December 3, 2007. Balancing Acts is Calgary's annual Disability Arts Festival and the longest-running festival of its kind in the world.

This is the first year where visual arts constituted a main aspect of the festival, with venues including the Art Gallery of Calgary, Art Central, Studio C, City Hall and Epcor Centre's Big Secret Theatre. The festival itself involved presentations of Performance, Visual Arts and Lectures throughout Calgary. There was considerable media attention with exposure on the CBC evening news, Breakfast Television, City TV, Shaw TV and the Metro Newspaper.

The kick off event took place at Art Central and Studio C on November 27th and was very successful with close to 100 attendees.

Congratulations to all the artists who had artwork showing in the exhibitions - each one of you made In-Definite Arts look good!

Meet the Artist at Central Blends Cafe

On Saturday, January 26, 2008 In-Definite Arts, in partnership with the Central Blends Cafe in Kensington, hosted our first "Meet the Artist" event. This event showcased Debbie O'Gorman and 19 pieces of her artwork. Her works



had been on display for the previous month at this neighbourhood coffee shop. The afternoon event was a great success with many of the local patrons expressing great interest in meeting and speaking to the artist whose works they had been enjoying

all month long. It was also an opportunity to introduce In-Definite Arts and the incredible talents of artists with disabilities to another community in our city. For Debbie and her parents, it was a very exciting and proud day.

Debbie was extremely pleased with all the attention and yet, in Debbie's way, very humble. This event was very new for her but it was quite evident to all present that she knew it was "her day" and she owned it!



In-Definite Arts was a recipient of the 2007 Donald Norman Memorial Award for outstanding contribution to disability arts and culture in Calgary.

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