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## Summer News from In-Definite Arts

### Featured Artwork



**"Independence"**  
Acrylic on Canvas  
by Matthew Carberry



**"Captain Lloyd and Tony at the Salvation Army"**  
Acrylic on Canvas  
by Tony Goodison

### Collaborative Art Project

Eleven artists from In-Definite Arts have chosen to participate in a city-wide Collaborative Art Project, working in partnership with Studio C and the Calgary Region Community Board Persons with Developmental Disabilities. Two of the pieces created by our artists are shown here on the left.

The Collaborative Art Project is an opportunity for artists with developmental disabilities to examine and explore what it means to be an individual with a disability living in the Calgary Region. This project embraces the notion that art is the medium through which we tell our stories, shape our community and create a new, collective story for the future. For the Collaborative Art Project, each artist has worked with a member of the IDAS staff to tell their story through visual art and conversation.

The first of its kind in Calgary, this large-scale collaboration produced solely by artists with developmental disabilities will further engage Calgarians in discussing how persons with disabilities strengthen and add value to our community, and conversely how community can engage adults with a disability in a meaningful and purposeful way. Once completed, the project will be accessible to the public in the PDD Offices for the Calgary Region during regular operating hours.

### Renovations

Our building is now undergoing an exterior face-lift with a new paint job. Our portion of the building will be terracotta, with our ramp panels painted in different, complimentary colors. The accent colors for the building are dark grey and black. It's going to look like a new building when it's all finished!

### Community Art Programs

IDAS continues to offer after school art programs for children on Monday and Wednesday evenings; we're planning now to offer programs to other age groups beginning in the fall. To better understand what people would like to see us offer, we are currently conducting a survey. If you're interested in participating in the survey you can complete it on-line through our website at [www.indefinitearts.com](http://www.indefinitearts.com).

As part of our community art programs, we're participating with Pam's Scrapbooking and Chain of Love to present a Crop night on Friday, June 11 from 5:30-9:30 pm. Funds raised will give special needs children from Grit Society and sponsored children the opportunity to attend Journey Day Camp this summer. Cost to attend the event is \$30.00 which includes a light dinner, door prizes and four Make & Take projects. To register go to Pam's Scrapbooking at 7204 Fairmount Drive SE or visit the website at [www.PaMScrapbooking.ca](http://www.PaMScrapbooking.ca)

## Dates to mark on your calendar

**Thursday, June 24, 2010**  
Last day of Spring programs

**Monday, July 19, 2010**  
First day of Summer programs

**Monday, August 2, 2010**  
IDAS Closed - Heritage Day

**Monday, September 6, 2010**  
IDAS Closed - Labour Day

**Thursday, September 30, 2010**  
Last day of Summer Programs

## In-Definite Arts Annual General Meeting

**Monday, June 28**  
7:00 - 9:00 pm

**Refreshments Served**  
**Everyone is Welcome**

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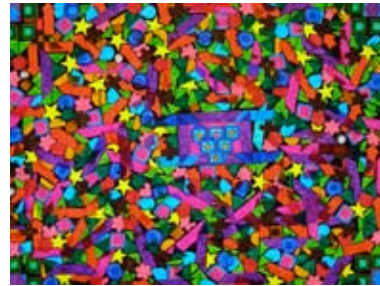
**Calgary Region Community Board**  
Persons with Developmental Disabilities

**Strengthening the Community**



## Congratulations to IDAS Artist, Jody Roll

Jody Roll, an In-Definite Arts artist, was the winner of the 2010 National Jane Cameron Award. The winning artwork, titled "The Family Jungle", ink on paper, is shown here.



Jody will receive a cash prize of \$500. A medal based upon one of Jane's tapestries, produced by celebrated Canadian artist Jeff de Boer, will also be awarded to Jody in the next week or so.

In memory of Jane and in recognition of her contributions to the arts, the Jane Cameron Archives Committee and the Canadian Down Syndrome Society established an annual award for a person with Down syndrome who displays expertise in an area of the arts.

There were many pieces of art submitted from all across Canada. One main prize is awarded each year and two honourable mentions. This year's honourable mention award winners were Chris Drake and Natalie Stevanus.

## Exhibitions

In-Definite Arts has had a busy exhibition calendar this past Spring, including several regional exhibits that are bringing the work of IDAS artists to the rest of Alberta! Over the past 3 months IDAS has exhibited artwork in the Royal Alexandria Hospital (Edmonton), The Melcor Cultural Centre's Program Room (Spruce Grove), and the Kerry Wood Nature Centre's Marjorie Wood Gallery (Red Deer).

In-Definite Arts would like to extend a special thank you all of the artists who exhibited as part of these three diverse displays, celebrating (respectively): color ("Chroma" exhibit), creativity ("Creative Energy" exhibit) and interpretations of nature ("Impacts").

Finally, IDAS would like to applaud and celebrate the accomplishments of our long time member artist Chris Stepler, whose solo exhibition of new and historic work was on display for the full month of May in Steeps Tea House. Congratulations, Chris, for a great collection of artwork and a wonderful gallery reception!

### Upcoming Exhibits:

Have you seen the new artwork gracing the walls of CPLF's renovated offices in Northeast Calgary? In-Definite Arts is pleased to announce our most recent partnership with Calgary Progressive Lifestyles Foundation, a new and exciting venue where we will be exhibiting sellable works of artwork for the duration of 2010. Currently CPLF is displaying the work of 12 different IDAS artists, including several purchased pieces by Amber Harriman that now belong to CPLF's private collection.

In June, In-Definite Arts will once again be hitting the international stage! We are so excited to be able to participate in this year's VSA International Arts Festival, bringing together creative minds from all parts of the globe to answer the question 'What is Disability?'. Three artists from In-Definite Arts will be sending artwork to the John F. Kennedy Centre for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC as part of this international art exchange. Congratulations Bryan Cocks, Rhonda Kottusch and Matthew Carberry.

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