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Winter News from In-Definite Arts

Featured Artwork



"My Calgary at Sunset"
by Chris Stepler
Chosen for Exhibition at the
Balancing Acts9 Festival



"Autumn Harvest"
by Mary Jean Dunn
Chosen for Exhibition at the
Balancing Acts9 Festival

Renovation Update

We've FINALLY moved!! Staff and volunteers spent the Halloween weekend moving all of IDAS' belongings into our newly renovated space. The new space looks fantastic - if you haven't had the opportunity yet to see it, please drop by when you have a few minutes and check the place out! We're now having the downstairs painted and cleaned up so that our Gallery can open at the end of November - just in time for the exhibition we're hosting for Balancing Acts - Calgary's Disability Art Festival.

A huge thanks to everyone who helped us with the move - we had no idea we actually owned that much stuff!

Community Art Programs

We are currently running an after school program for 6-12 year olds on Monday and Wednesday nights. These programs have been funded by the City of Calgary. We have applied for additional funding to run these programs, as well as an additional program per week for 12-15 year olds, from January - June in the new year. The programs have been going great and the children have been producing great artwork. A big thanks to our two instructors, Lisa and Jill!

We're pleased to be able to partner with the Fairview Community Association for Skate with Santa on December 14. Art activities, cookies and hot choc-

olate will be offered in the lower level of In-Definite Arts for the children participating in the program.

Beginning in January, Artistic Expressions will be having some of their artists coming to our programs on Wednesday and Thursday. Many of these artists used to come to In-Definite Arts in the past and it will be wonderful to see them again. Artistic Expressions used to run their programs at In-Definite Arts and were waiting for the renovations to be completed so they could once again be attending here.

Holiday Art Sale

On November 14 IDAS held their annual Holiday Art Sale. We have not been able to hold this sale for the past two years but now that we're in our renovated space we were able to hold this event again. The event was a fabulous success with both IDAS and community artists having sale tables. In addition to the 18 sale tables, we had a silent auction, bucket raffle, bake sale and a small cafe where we sold treats. The day raised over \$6,500 for In-Definite Arts. A big thank you to everyone involved, especially all our friends and neighbours who donated items for the silent auction / bucket raffle and bake sale or who came and supported us by shopping at the sale. The money raised will be a great help to us for our programs.

Dates to mark on your calendar

December 7-10

Holiday Celebrations each day at
IDAS - Cookies, Hot Chocolate &
Christmas Karaoke with Carla

Thursday, December 10
Last Day of Fall Session

December 11 - January 3

IDAS Closed for Holiday Break
Happy Holidays to All From
the Board & Staff of IDAS

Monday, January 4
First day of Winter Session

Monday, February 15
IDAS Closed - Family Day

November 30 - December 5
Balancing Acts Festival
Calgary's Disability Art Festival

November - December
IDAS Artwork in the Telus
Convention Centre windows
fronting onto the LRT platform

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Strengthening the Community



Double your Donation to In-Definite Arts

As we get closer to the end of the tax year, you may be considering making charitable donations. Please consider supporting In-Definite Arts as one of your charities - new programs announced by the Government of Alberta will allow us to apply for additional grants based on the donations we receive.

The Government of Alberta has recently announced a new program to benefit charities like In-Definite Arts. In order to increase Albertans' charitable giving, they have created the "Community Spirit Program". This program has two components - an enhanced charitable tax credit and a new donation grant program.

The first part raises the provincial tax credit on eligible donations over \$200,

giving Albertans one of the highest charitable tax credits in Canada.

The second part of this program matches donations that individuals make to registered charities. Charities can add up the amount that has been received from individual donations and apply to the program to have those funds matched - effectively doubling the donation! Grants will vary from year to year depending on the number of applications and value of donations.

With the extra costs involved in renovating our building, IDAS could certainly use the funds, and wouldn't it be nice to know that not only is your donation going to a good cause, it was matched by the provincial government!

Balancing Acts

Balancing Acts is Calgary's 9th Annual Disability Arts Festival. This festival is the longest running professional disability arts festival in the world! There are over 100 Artists with Disabilities participating this year.

The Performing Arts Festival takes place at the Big Secret Theatre in the Epcor Centre. The Kick-Off Celebration is on December 3 and the Closing Celebration & Awards Ceremony is on December 5. In-Definite Arts has 50 tickets for the Closing Celebration, which features the best of Canada's contributors to the global disability arts & culture movement: Meg Torwl and Alan Shain. If you would like tickets for this performance, please contact us here.

There will also be five visual arts exhibitions happening throughout the city. In-Definite Arts has artists exhibiting in each of them.

Exhibitions are at: Big Secret Theatre (December 2-5); Art Central (December 1-5); Art Gallery of Calgary (December 1-5); Studio C (December 1-31) and in our own IDAS Gallery (November 30-December 3).

In-Definite Arts will once again have an "Art Walk" to check out the artwork at each of the locations. Information about the Art Walk will be given out in classes the week prior to the events. Last year's Art Walk was well attended and enjoyed by all.

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