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Red Deer Arts Council and Red Deer Public Library  
are pleased to present:

# ALBERTA BOUND

WORKS BY  
**LYNN LECORRE**



running until October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
in the Kiwanis Gallery.

**FIRST FRIDAY RED DEER:  
SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2019  
FROM 6:00 TO 8:00 PM**

Members, affiliates, media, and invited guests  
are welcome to attend.

(R.R. 283 near Poplar Ridge School)  
Acrylic on Board, 2018  
Lynn LeCorre



*Canola in Bloom*  
(77 St. east of Red Deer)  
Acrylic on Board, 2019  
Lynn LeCorre

**\*NEW\* Gallery Viewing (Library) Hours starting September 2019:**  
Mon – Thurs: 9 am – 8 pm, Fri: 9 am – 5 pm, Sat & Sun: 10 am – 3 pm



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## News and Events Happening in September

### Alberta Culture Days

There are loads of exciting events happening as Alberta Culture Days in Red Deer later this month! Activities include: a Pop-Up Art Gallery, a Literary Tea Party at the Cronquist House, a garlic festival, eating krumkake cookies at the Norwegian Laft Hus, International artists presenting their talents at various downtown locations and a Celebration of Dance & Culture at the new City of Red Deer Culture Services building! Keep an eye open for event brochures around town and visit the many events happening on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. For more details, check out the organizing committee at: <https://www.facebook.com/reddeerartsdays/>.

We'd also like to thank the Black Knight Inn and the Downtown Business Association for their support to make sure these events are amazing! (PS – Did you know that the Arts Council also plans events for students during this week? From a presentation at RDC to artists coming into schools with fun workshops, we are grateful for the support of the City of Red Deer Culture Services and the Government of Alberta Ministry for Culture for their support.)

**Alberta Culture Days**  
**September 27-29, 2019**  
**Discover • Experience • Celebrate**

### Literary Open Mic Nights – A New Monthly Event!

We are excited to announce a new event in the Arts Council's monthly calendar: BRAVE NEW WORDS: A Literary Open Mic, happening on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at Sweet Capone's At Night offering the literary artists the opportunity to read their new works in front of a live, friendly, and supportive audience! This 18+ event takes place every 2nd Friday of the Month at Sweet Capone's Red Deer location to test out your new writing. It can be poetry, a short story, a textbook, or even an excerpt from your latest novel! We'll have some live music to start the night and some other good fun throughout the night! Doors open 7pm (not before) and readings start at 7:30!

### HAPPINESS IS



...talking about books  
with friends.

### Book Club Jamboree

The Literary Arts Committee is excited to host the first ever Book Club Jamboree in the Snell Auditorium at the downtown library branch. Join us for an afternoon that celebrates book clubs and book lovers from all over central Alberta. Share book club tips and favourite picks over wine and sweet treats. Enjoy bookish games, prizes, and a panel discussion with book club pros! BOOK your spot by calling RDPL at 403-346-4576, Ext: 1503. Space is limited, so sign up today. Co-hosted by Red Deer Public Library and the Red Deer Arts Council.

### CARFAC Alberta Meet & Greet

Attention Visual Artists! *Canadian Artists' Representation/Le Front des artistes canadiens* or CARFAC (Alberta) is coming to City of Red Deer Culture Services on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 3 – 5pm for a meet & greet with staff and board members! Please RSVP at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/505602980009187/>.

### 101 Workshop Series @ Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery

Artist 101: The Business of Being an Artist with Pat Matheson, Wednesday, September 25, 2019 | 6:30 - 8 pm Join experienced artist Pat Matheson to discuss how to write a C.V. (curriculum vitae) and how to present yourself as a professional artist in the art world. Registration is required. \$8/MAG & RDAC members & \$10/non-members. 101 Series is a presentation/learning series held on select Wednesday evenings in partnership with the Red Deer Museum & Art Gallery. Learn more about Pat at: <https://patmatheson.com/>. Also mark your calendars for October

### GuitarZ for Kidz

Raffle tickets available now for a Spanish Cedar Tenor Ukulele handcrafted by Gilmore Guitars! \$5 each and only 1000 printed! (License 533728) Help ensure every child has access to music! 403-348-2787 for info.

# Improvisation will Steele the show!

There's something exciting about setting out for a destination with no idea how you're going to get there.



Jason as Train Conductor on set in *Hell on Wheels*

Improvisation is at the core of many of Jason Steele's most memorable moments on stage or behind the camera. The winner of the 2019 Red Deer Arts Council's Emerging Artist Award recalls having to go off script to put out a fire in a garbage can during a production of *No Sex Please, We're British*.

"The audience just lost their minds," he says. "They knew that that was not a scripted moment."

He was 19 then, still nurturing the seed of drama planted during elementary school. It was only after a 15-year career as an RCMP dispatcher that the seed grew and blossomed into what has become a full-time devotion to acting, directing and even producing dramatic performances.

Ad-libbing safe resolutions to distressful situations was the most interesting part of his former career, but also good preparation, he recalls. While some people dread the risks of live theatre and improv, his former career helps Steele keep everything in perspective.

"Nobody's going to be hurt if I blow a performance," he laughs. "The worst that's going to happen is I get a bad review."

Steele has lost count of the roles he's played on stage with Central Alberta Theatre, the RD Players, or the Bull Skit improv group. He's done stand-up comedy and worked in front of cameras on his own productions and with other small companies. Breaking into acting in his 30s might have been a competitive advantage, he suggests: he was offered roles on his first three auditions. Now 41, Steele is sometimes the only man with grey hair to respond to a casting call.

Nine years after his career shift he has started spending more time directing or producing short and feature-length films. He has recognized a need to create acting and directing opportunities for himself and Central Alberta's other talented performing artists. As the performing arts facilitator at The HUB on Ross, he guides people with disabilities through projects to uncover their artistic side. He is on the board of the Red Deer Players Society, runs his own film company Porcupine Productions, and produces for party entertainment companies.

A recent project is his web series, *The Bin*, where a group of characters has been abducted by a religious zealot and imprisoned in a grain bin. It relies completely on dramatic improv; he never wrote a script for it. In a four-day window last spring, he outlined the plot and character notes, cast actors who could improvise, then let them find their characters and make up their lines on the fly. That led to more sincere acting, he says.

"I got a lot of really natural performances."

For more information, visit [porcupinefilmproductions.com](http://porcupinefilmproductions.com).



Jason Steele in Red Deer Players' *Mass Appeal*

**I Am the Arts**

I am an actor, director, producer and promoter of film and theatre.  
 I aim to leave audiences with questions or new ideas.  
 I value unique minds with unique ideas.  
 I am Jason Steele.  
 Join me in discovering the best our city has to offer.

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