

# Creating a vibrant community that celebrates the Arts

# Alberta Skies: Acrylic Paintings by Judith Hall In the Kiwanis Gallery

June 24 to August 25, 2013 Alberta Skies: Acrylic Paintings by Judith Hall

Alberta is the land of the big sky. It is the dominant feature of our landscape. Our lives are affected by our Alberta Skies. In this series of paintings, Calgarian Judith Hall examines the skies in all its many moods and manifestations; a Chinook arch bringing warm weather in winter; sunrise and sunset in all their majestic colours; a sky full of storm clouds brings a sense of forbidding; a night time sky reminds us we are on a planet; and the northern lights dance in the sky. It does not matter whether we live in urban or rural areas, the north or the south, or anywhere in between, the sky is always there as an important part of the view. Explore the Alberta sky with Judith and discover your favourite sky!

First Friday Red Deer, July 5 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Share with Judith the special glories of our Alberta skies and enjoy refreshments at this First Friday of the summer events!

First Friday Red Deer, August 2
Details to be announced

Disappearing Snow, Acrylic Painting, Judith Hall



Fields in Bloom, Acrylic Painting, Judith Hall

First Friday Red Deer is sponsored by the Red Deer Downtown Business Association







Supporting the Arts Downtown



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## Red Deer Arts Council Events for July out and about in our community!

#### Wednesday, July 3 & Thursday, July 4 - Ross Street Patio

This week on the Ross Street Patio brought to you by <u>Housewarming</u>, Wednesday from 4:15 - 6:30 p.m. and Thursday from 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. our featured artist will be <u>Shiv Shanks</u>. This local Red Deer musician will be taking his unique blues style to the Calgary Folk Music Festival this year. Come and discover your downtown while enjoying the deep rhythms of this undiscovered local.

#### Friday, July 5 - Ross Street Patio -Ross St and Gaetz (50th) Ave, 5 - 8 p.m.

Red Deer's own <u>Oldbury</u> and <u>Half Chance Heros</u> will be rocking out on the patio, a great way to start your weekend and enjoy the summer. Grab your dancing shoes and come out to this free concert.

#### July 7 - Summer Sundays at Bower Ponds - 2 - 4 p.m., Bower Ponds stage

Free family-oriented concert featuring Canadian Children Entertainer <u>Fred Penner</u>. Remember him crawling through the log on CBC, or how about singing along to "<u>Cat Came Back</u>". Whether you remember him from your childhood or want to introduce him to your children this will be a great show.

#### Wednesday, July 10 & Thursday, July 11 – Ross Street Patio

This week on the Ross Street Patio, Wednesday from 4:15 - 6:30 p.m. and Thursday from 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. our featured artist will be <u>Alecia Aichelle</u>. Listening to her wonderful voice you can feel her love music. Come down and discover your downtown Red Deer while listening to Alecia.

#### Wednesday, July 17 & Thursday, July 18 - Ross Street Patio

This week on the Ross Street Patio brought to you by <u>City Roast Coffee</u>, Wednesday from 4:15 - 6:30 p.m. and Thursday from 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. our featured artist will be <u>Nuna'y</u>. Master of all traditional Andean instruments, mixed with some classic rock creates a sound that will whisk you away on a musical journey. Experience some South American culture while you discover downtown Red Deer.

#### July 17 – 21: Westerner Days Fair & Exposition Westerner Park, Red Deer

#### www.westernerdays.ca

#### July 18 - August 4: Bard on Bower - Bower Ponds Stage

Shakespeare festival returns! Join us in the park this summer for "Romeo and Juliet" and "As you Like It". For more information on exact times and performance dates visit <a href="www.primestocktheatre.com">www.primestocktheatre.com</a> or find us on facebook.

#### Wednesday, July 24 & Thursday, July 25 – Ross Street Patio

This week on the Ross Street Patio brought to you by the <u>Cafe Pichilingue</u>, Wednesday from 4:15 - 6:30 p.m. and Thursday from 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. our featured artist will be local blues rocker <u>Charlie Jacobson</u>. Come and discover your downtown Red Deer while listening to this talented musician.

#### July 27 - 28: CentreFest

CentreFest celebrates its 10th anniversary as an International Street Performers Festival featuring world class acts and local performers. Friday, July 26 – noon to 1:30 Launch at City Hall

### Phone: 403-340-8696 www.centrefest.ca

#### Wednesday, July 31 & Thursday, August 1 - Ross Street Patio

This week on the Ross Street Patio, Wednesday from 4:15 - 6:30 p.m. and Thursday from 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. our featured artist will be <u>Lauren Busheikin</u>. Trained in both jazz and classical she brings a strong voice to her original music.

## The Doll Sisters By Michael Lupul

The Doll Sisters, comprised of Jenna and Shelby Doll, are a musical duo from Rocky Mountain House, whose unique style can be compared to Celtic Americana, a very folksy, bluegrass, and Appalachian style of music. The sisters are both singers and songwriters, writing their own lyrics, composing their own music, and playing a multitude of different instruments in their songs, including the guitar, fiddle, banjo, mandolin, and bodhrán. Beginning to experiment with music five years ago, the duo did not start to take it seriously until three years ago; however, they have made a great deal of progress in that short amount of time.

Jenna and Shelby released their first album, "The Road", in 2011, which proved to be very successful. In addition to local stations, "The Road" experienced air time in radio stations as far away as Ireland. The sisters are currently recording their second album, "Off the Edge of the Earth", which they plan to release in the fall. Recording takes place at OCL Studios, located ten minutes outside of Langdon, near Calgary.

Since their first album, The Doll Sisters have experienced immeasurable growth with regards to their musicianship and song writing skills. While songs on "The Road" consisted solely of the two sisters, their new album that is in production features the skills of many different musicians, adding a full sound to their music. One of the most prominent themes that Jenna and Shelby have noticed while recording their new album is storytelling, as each song represents a different story. The new album also emphasizes the Celtic style of music. Two producers, Greg Godovitz and Paul Shatto, are assisting with the production of the album.

The duo was very grateful to receive the RAWLCO Radio recording grant last year. This grant allowed them to begin the process of creating a second album. When asked how long it takes to record an album of this magnitude, the sisters responded by saying it is an extremely long process. Producers need to be selected, a recording studio needs to be chosen, and the songs themselves need to be written, practiced, and recorded. "Off the Edge of the Earth" will feature songs that Jenna and Shelby have had written for a couple of years now; songs that have been floating around in their heads but needed to be put down in writing, and songs that were written a week before the recording process began!

In addition to putting the final touches on their upcoming album, The Doll Sisters will be performing all summer long. A few of the performances they are looking forward to include the *Come by the Hills Music Festival* in Mistahiya, Alberta on August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and opening for Duane Steele on the Ross Street Patio on September 6<sup>th</sup>. The sisters will also be performing at the OCFF conference in Ontario, to which they hope to be traveling by Via Rail with their on-board entertainment program. They will also be showcasing in the Alberta Room at Folk Alliance in February of next year, which will be held in Kansas City, Missouri. At these conferences an entire hotel is reserved and musicians perform in various rooms. Attendees will visit each room while sampling the musical talent of each artist or group.

Jenna and Shelby love to interact with their fans via social media. If you would like to learn more about the Doll Sisters or keep in touch with them or book them for a performance, please visit their website, www.dollsisters.com, their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/thedollsisters, or their twitter account, www.twitter.com/thedollsisters. Shelby also explores many other kinds of art, including drawings, painting, portraits, acting, and photography, and has been commissioned to create a few pieces for an auction house. Her art work can be viewed at www.facebook.com/shelbydollart.

### I am the Arts



Jenna and Shelby Doll

We are sisters, daughters, granddaughters, and friends.

We are bookworms and retro-video game lovers.

We are musicians, writers, and artists.

We are proud to call Central Alberta home.

Join us in discovering the best our province has to offer.

Upcoming Kiwanis Gallery Exhibit August 27 to Oct 6 Connections: Fibre Art by Dawna Dey Harrish

Red Deer Arts Council Vision Statement Red Deer Arts Council creating a vibrant community that celebrates the Arts!

Red Deer Arts Council Mission Statement To make Red Deer a better community by stimulating, developing, and promoting the arts through education, advocacy, and programming.

The Canadian Revenue Agency recognizes our CHARITY Status and enables us to give tax receipts for your donations.

Give a little, give a lot!

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