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First Friday Concert with Dr. Duke Thompson for the Kiwanis Gallery

In Concert with Dr. Duke Thompson

Former RDC instructor and concert pianist Dr. Duke Thompson, on a return visit to Red Deer, will be giving a special performance August 7 at the Kiwanis Gallery First Friday event. Red Deer's music community fondly remembers Thompson's many performances during his 17 years at Red Deer College and at the downtown club The Vat, of which he is still part owner.

This performance is a rare opportunity, as Thompson now lives in Baltimore, Maryland, where he is president of the Maryland Conservatory of Music. He will give a full hour performance in the Snell Auditorium adjacent to the Kiwanis Gallery.

Thompson is offering a Musical Menu Cabaret, where the audience gets to select what he will play. The Musical Menu Cabaret includes many selections from several categories: Gershwin (Thompson's specialization), Classic Rock, Hybrids, Blues, Potpourri.

**The gallery opens at 6 p.m.; the concert runs from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
There is no admission fee, but donations are accepted.
This is a sit-down concert, so come early to get a good seat.**



Please note, the gallery will be open for viewing of *Goin' to California: My Motorcycle Diaries*, *Watercolours* by Susan Barker.

First Friday Red Deer, August 7 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Kiwanis Gallery, in the downtown branch of the Red Deer Public Library, 4818 49 Street.

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



Kristin Guttridge has had a love-hate relationship with drawing.

The Innisfail artist's talent with a pencil was evident early on. But the attention it drew and the frequent demands on her to draw for others wore thin for the youngster.

"I just hated drawing for others," she says with a laugh.

Her enthusiasm and passion for art were rekindled when she refocused and decided to do the art she wanted to do. A beautifully rendered elephant in chalk pastel and conté was the result. Ironically, this art for herself gave her career a boost as well. She sold about 20 prints of the elephant and a pensive gorilla portrait and other pieces followed.

Counting Robert Bateman as an early influence, she started out as hyper-realist. Her wildlife pieces, though, showed her growing confidence in taking a more impressionistic approach. Self taught, Kristin found she was less interested in perfect realism and more drawn to inspiring emotional involvement in her works.

"To this day, I try to create emotions rather than paintings. I try to create a story."

Born in Calgary, Kristin spent much of her childhood in the Middle East, where her father worked in oilfield safety. She attended Grade 9 and 10 at Red Deer's Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School, but finished out her schooling in Egypt.

In 2005, she started her company, Thousand Words Artistry, and found work designing logos, murals and designing shop windows among other commissions.

Over the years, she has experimented in just about every paint medium going, and has long loved working in oil. Large portraits featuring fascinating faces from around the world adorn the walls of her home and studio. The subjects are largely supplied by a globe-trotting cousin and her husband, both talented photographers. When painting in oil, Kristin turned to the old masters for inspiration, copying their techniques. While not afraid of tradition, the alternative-leaning artist has also branched out into other pursuits, including working with Red Deer artist and doll maker Charity Beasley on a line of "creepy dolls."

Kristin said she "fell back in love with pencils" as she drew intricate features on the off-kilter dolls.

The married mother of two also spends some of her free time in the elbow-tossing, jostling world of roller derby. Most recently, she is tapping into her drawing roots with a brand new career -- only weeks old -- as a tattoo artist. At the beginning of July she began apprenticing at Innisfail's Inspiration Ink, and will be learning for a year before she begins putting her own ink to skin.

"It's ironic that the first nine-to-five job is the most alternative job I could have found."

Public Market 2015 Season

Red Deer Arts Council Stall 81, (3rd aisle from the east entrance) watch for Kerry Wood Nature Centre - August 1 & August 15 , Strive Dance Academy - August 8, Country Pride Dance Club - August 22, and Wildrose Harmonizers - August 29.

Meat Draw Thursdays!

Red Deer Arts Council is again at East 40th Pub on Thursdays, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. throughout July and August with a Meat Draw Raffle; it includes 6 - draws, plus one bonus draw and one gift certificate (each ticket costs \$1.00). See us on August 6, 13, 20 and 27th! Makes a great date night! East 40th offers a BBQ dinner with a steak, baked potato, salad, dinner bun, fixings and a drink for all of \$13.50 - a steal of a deal and the steak is great! Thursday nights only. Come and help the Arts Council raise funds plus enjoy a night on the town! 3811 40 Ave, Red Deer - Phone:(403) 340-1844

Announcements:

Through *GiftFunds Canada*, a donation of \$1,100 was made to the Red Deer Arts Council from Patrick B. Anderson through his daughter, Carol Nault. We wish to thank the family for this generous donation.

Our past 2013 Princess Margaret Scholarship winner, **Matthew Peavoy**, recently received the opportunity to perform at **Carnegie Hall** this upcoming November through the American Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition. Matthew is a twenty-one-year-old, Red Deer born pianist, who is studying Piano Performance at Brandon University under Dr. Michael Kim. He has performed as a soloist with the RDSO on both classical accordion and piano, as well as the Brandon University Orchestra.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fc-QCSM4aAo>

Ross Street Patio

The first Friday of August 7 is going to rock! Art gallery openings all over downtown and a patio party on the Ross Street Patio featuring The Whisper Kings and the [Charlie Jacobson Band](#). The show starts at 5 p.m. This bluesy event will be sure to have you up dancing.



Matthew, Photo by Jeff Stokoe

Fort Normandeau Days Saturday & Sunday, August 22 & 23, noon to 5 p.m. at Historic Fort Normandeau. Have a blast in the past as we celebrate life as it was at the Crossing, circa 1885! Admission by suggested donation of \$3/person, \$10/family of five or \$15/carload of 6 people or more. Call 403-346-2010 for more info.

Sunnybrook Farm Museum

Lunch at the Farm, Wednesday, August 5 & 26, noon to 3 p.m. Relax in the 1889 Hanna log house and enjoy lunch including home-made pie with ice-cream and musical entertainment. Includes a guided wagon ride featuring Sunnybrook Farm Museum's history. Cost: \$10 per person. Reservations recommended.

Pioneer Days Festival, Saturday, August 15, Sunday, August 16, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pioneer breakfast, tractor pulls, tractor parade, threshing demonstrations, home-made pie, silent auction, children's activities, concession, face-painting and more. Cost is \$15 per family or \$5 per person (additional meal charges apply).

I am the Arts



Kristin - Roller Derby Queen, 2015
Brangwyn Jones Photograph

I am a wife and mother.

I am joyful and love to inspire and share my knowledge with the world.

I enjoy roller derby, being in the forests, my family time and, above all, adventure.

I love to define indefinable qualities, with paint.

I am Kristin Guttridge.

I am proud to call beautiful Central Alberta home.

Join me in discovering the best our city and area has to offer.

Upcoming Exhibit in the Kiwanis Gallery:

August 25 to Oct 18 *Prairie Circus Series:*
Figurative Works by Dawn Saunders-Dahl

We would like to thank
Fratters Speakeasy Venue

for their donation to our Emerging Artist Award of \$500 from their inaugural *Paco Event* held on Wednesday, July 15 during Westerner Days. They chose us as their "charity of choice" because of our joint ongoing support of the performing arts in Red Deer. If you haven't visited Fratters yet, it is a fantastic venue for music and great food! 5114 48 Street (Alexander Way) - you have to see this place!

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