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Open Call to Performing and Literary Artists

Red Deer Arts Council's Performing Arts Committee is holding an open call for music, theatre, dance and literary artists. Submissions will be used to assist in programming and planning of special events during the 2019 calendar year. We are looking for a total of three acts for First Friday Red Deer and one act for our Annual General Meeting to provide all-ages entertainment in a variety of genres.

Submissions will be assessed based on quality, originality and how best they fit the themes of the Kiwanis Gallery exhibitions for 2019, as well as audience interaction and engagement. This call is open to all, although preference will be given to those artists who reside in Red Deer and Red Deer County residents. **All genres are encouraged to submit.** There is no fee to submit.

Red Deer Arts Council is committed to fair compensation for creative work. Performance fees will be negotiated based on the budget, the Red Deer Arts Council's Minimum Fee Schedule for Musicians & by negotiation with other genres, as appropriate.

The Kiwanis Gallery hosts exhibits in the lower level of the Red Deer Public Library on a rotating basis. The performance times are from 6 to 8 pm or portion thereof. The gallery events of First Friday Red Deer and one Annual General Meeting set the dates.

Synopsis of Exhibits:

1. First Friday Red Deer Opening: April 5 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

"Baby, It's Cold Out Here!": A Red Deer Arts Council Visual Arts Members Juried Exhibition

So, yes, we know that our Canadian winter lasts longer than we wish, but we are a Northern City and as such, we may embrace winter in all its facets. The Canada Winter Games are being hosted in Red Deer from February 15 to March 2, 2019. To help Red Deer celebrate and give our visual arts members a chance to flex their 'winter' muscles, our theme is wide open to their interpretation of how one spends winter, what one thinks of winter, what one does in winter or how one interprets winter - they used their creative imagination to give us this wonderful exhibit (no going south for this exhibit!).

2. First Friday Red Deer Opening: August 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

DisBound: Works by Kim Bruce

DisBound is an exhibition about education for girls. It's about choice. It's about girls, and boys too, but mostly girls, who, due to tradition or religion, don't get to choose. They are married off as soon as they hit puberty and often left to fend for themselves and their children because of war, strife or circumstance. DisBound is a bookbinding term that means to remove the book pages from its bindings; it is a metaphor for removing girls from the bonds of tradition so they can get an education. DisBound should not be confused with unbound, which is a bookbinding term used to describe pages that were never bound to begin with. Kim uses books as her canvas because books are knowledge and knowledge empowers.

3. First Friday Red Deer Opening: October 4 from 6:00 to 8:00

Alberta Bound: Works by Lynn LeCorre

Exploring the Alberta landscape has kept Lynn continually striving to capture the natural light and changing colours that radiate the fields, hills and all its varying forms. She has been a 'en plein air' artist for over 15 years. She strives to capture the relationship of colour through various compositions and formats while maintaining a painterly approach. She strives to capture the essence of the land and how the light enhances colour and form.

4. Annual General Meeting and Where's My Tribe event - March 13, 2019.

Support Material

Please include the following with your application form (attached):

- email and/or hard copy to the Arts Council with your bio, photo, excerpts from media and audience testimonials. Keep it simple.
- If available, a copy of audio/video/CD/DVD/USB or web link (YouTube, MySpace, webpage, Facebook, Twitter) relevant to the artist's current work. Clearly indicate which 5 minutes or two tracks you would like reviewed. If at all possible, give a sense of how you interact with and engage the audience. Literary artists provide reading details.
- List of recent or future performances or current touring itinerary.

Deadline for submissions is February 15, 2018.

Electronic submissions can be emailed to info@reddeerartscouncil.ca. Mailed submissions must be postmarked no later than this date or can be dropped off during regular business hours at Red Deer Arts Council, Suite 110, 4818 50 Avenue, Red Deer, AB, T4N 4A3. Applications received after this deadline will only be considered should performance opportunities still be available, and only successful candidates will be contacted.

Artist selection and contract will be completed by February 20, 2018. Arrangements for performance and production details will follow.

Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered, and submission materials will not be returned.

Artist Responsibilities

- Artists are responsible for any travel arrangements and expenses that are not included in their performance agreement.

For more information, call Suzanne at Red Deer Arts Council, 403-348-2787 or email reddeerartscouncil@gmail.com

Submission form follows



Submission Form

Deadline for submissions is February 15, 2018

Name of Artist/Group: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone (day): _____ Artist's contact phone (if different): _____

E-mail: _____ Website: _____

Social Network Site(s): Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, etc.): _____

1. Discipline/Genre of Applicant (Please check primary discipline):

- Dance Variety Theatre
Literary Music

2. Briefly describe your program. Indicate if the work is original and how you will engage the audience (300 characters max):

Note: If literary artist, please check only those things applicable.

3. Number of performers in group: _____

Special technical requirements: _____

4. Average Fee Range: _____

5. Length of full program: _____ min. Range of set, if adaptable: _____ min.

6. Booking availability: If your work fits a specific theme, please choose that date:

7. Have you attached a list of recent or future performances: Yes No

8. Which support materials are enclosed? Support materials will not be returned.

USB CD DVD

Link to online site _____

Please let us know which 5 min. or two tracks, we should listen to: _____

Please let us know which literary readings you will be using: _____

Anyone under the age of 18 must have parental consent:

Participant Name: _____ Age: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Signature: _____

Red Deer Arts Council maintains a database of Red Deer and Red Deer County artists. this database is used for communication with artists and presenters on an ongoing basis and is considered public information. Communications may include information about performance opportunities, showcases, professional development events, and other matters. If you would like the contact and program information that you provided in this submission to be included in this database, please provide your consent by signing here:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

All submissions must be received at the Red Deer Arts Council, Suite 110, 4818 50 Avenue, Red Deer, AB, T4N 4A3, info@reddeerartscouncil.ca, by email, or postmarked by February 15, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

The personal information in this form is collected under the provisions of the Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. The information collected will be used, with consent only, for the purpose of inclusion in a Red Deer artists' database. If you have any questions about the collection, use and protection of this information, please contact Diana Anderson, Coordinator, Red Deer Arts Council, at 403-348-2787.