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Red Deer Arts Council and Red Deer Public Library are excited to present

Shiny Things

Red Deer Arts Council Visual Arts Members Juried Exhibition



Canuck
Oil, 2021
Philip Gauthier

running until May 1st, 2022
in the Red Deer Arts Council's Kiwanis Gallery.



Be Golden
Mixed Media Collage, 2015
Lorene Runham



Hood
Acrylic, 2020
Amanda Frost

First Friday Red Deer Opening March 4th – 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Library / Gallery Viewing Hours:

Mon – Thurs: 10 am – 8 pm

Fri: 12 pm – 5 pm

Sat: 10 am – 3 pm | Sun: Closed

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April 3rd, 2022 - 1:00 - 4:00 pm
 at the Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery
 Free to attend!
 Register at reddeermuseum.com

Business of Being an Artist Series

Artist Portfolio Workshop
 with Suzanne Hermary (Red Deer Arts Council) and Kim Verrier (Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery)

ATB Free to attend thanks to ATB Branch for Arts and Culture!

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Art Speaks Learning Series

We are excited to present a free workshop for Visual and Performing artists to help create a professional submission package for consideration on exhibitions or auditions. Register for this FREE workshop at <https://www.reddeermuseum.com/programs/artspeaks/artist-portfolio-building-workshop/>

Annual General Meeting – JOIN US!

The Red Deer Arts Council’s AGM is taking place Wednesday March 16, 2022 at 6:30pm. We’re holding it next door to our new space in the Imperial Block at 4919 49 Street (across from the Welikoklad Event Centre.) We’ll have refreshments, entertainment, and sneak peek tours of our new office location! (All are welcome; must be an RDAC member to vote.)

RED DEER ARTS COUNCIL

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The Imperial Block

4919 49 STREET



Red Deer Arts Council

PRESENTED BY THE RED DEER ARTS COUNCIL

IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CONCERT SERIES

City of Red Deer & Red Deer County 2022
 Visit reddeerartscouncil.ca for more info

CALL FOR MUSICIANS!

The Red Deer Arts Council is excited to start planning their 2022 In the Neighbourhood Concert Series and other performing arts for this coming year! If you’re a musician and excited to perform for your local community, we invite you to submit using our JotForm at <https://www.reddeerartscouncil.ca/news/call-submissions-musical-performers>.



Join the Red Deer Arts Council as a member for 2022!

Use the next page to become a member or go to our website and join there! \$30 individual, \$50 group/organization. FREE for Students!
<https://www.reddeerartscouncil.ca/join-the-arts-council/become-member>

Our New Resource Space and Office Location Downtown!

We are excited to move into our new venue and will be spending this month painting and hopefully installing new flooring, received through sponsorships. Sherwin Williams have been generously supplied a variety of primer and paints to help make the space our own. We are extremely grateful for their support, but we will still need your help to make the space ready! If you have painting equipment, ladders, and some time to help us make the space, we will be hosting a few work bees to get the room ready and afterwards to move our furnishings around the corner from our long-time home in the Scott Block building. We are excited to have a larger, accessible street-front venue where we can better serve the creative community, hosting our revived Brave New Words events and monthly Creative Connections gatherings, among other activities. We are grateful for the vision of the Board of Directors to make this huge step to be a better community partner and support Creative Living in Red Deer! If you have any questions, concerns, potential furnishing donations, or ideas, please connect with Suzanne at reddeerartscouncil@gmail.com.

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Creative Community




SHERWIN-WILLIAMS

Music puts the xo in Wiklund vs Wiklund

Music brought them together, and music has kept them together.

Dan and Melody Wiklund, the eponymous ingredients of the musical duo Wiklund vs Wiklund, met over a jukebox in Dan's hometown bar in 1998. Mel was visiting from her neighbouring Manitoba town.

"The pub in his town had a killer jukebox; there were great songs on there."

In the age of Backstreet Boys, the young Mel was punching up Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin – a selection that drew Dan's attention. Three months later they were living together, and they've been making beautiful music ever since. Or nearly ever since.

Dan didn't immediately know Mel could sing. She had only performed publicly in the school choir.

"I was very shy," she says.

But after she took a rare turn at karaoke, a mutual friend heard her and strongly advised Dan to recruit her into the family band. She reluctantly accepted Dan's demand to audition, and was shoed in.

After moving to Red Deer in 2001 and marrying in 2003, the Wiklunds' musical partnership continued. While Mel wasn't part of Dan's first band (she was the head "groupie"), they did get together in a cover band, then became the creative force behind Night at the Chelsea and The Well Witchers.

Finally, in 2017 they decided to be musically exclusive. During a marital "rough patch," they concluded some of their problems were from the pressures of working in bands. The frank recognition of the tension between them led to their new performing name: Wiklund vs Wiklund.

"We thought the Wiklund vs Wiklund was kind of funny because, at the time, we didn't know if we were gonna last," Mel laughs.

But instead of being a legal case, Wiklund vs Wiklund helped them reconnect on stage and at home.

"I think it's made us stronger, not just as performers ... but even in our own marriage," Mel says.

Dan agrees that their duo work has been their most successful and "most fulfilling."

They write together at home and record quickly in their private studio, from whatever inspires them – whether an old song or a dream Dan had the night before. They slip a few originals into their live shows, with Dan on guitar and Mel on percussion.

One of their few remaining struggles is defining themselves. Their 2018 album Love Aches sounds a little on the country side of folk. More recent works, released online last year, are full-band rock (with Dan on multiple instruments). It's contributed to a current "identity crisis," Dan laughs.

"We've got a fairly eclectic, diverse background."

Mel suggests the best definition might be "crossover" or "acoustic tunes with attitude."

Whatever it is, it's been working. They were named the best duo/group at the 2018 Red Deer Entertainment Awards. In 2019, they played 100 shows across Western Canada, with a couple of performances in Texas and New York at musician conferences. Last year they were voted silver medalists for best local band in the Red Deer Advocate's Readers' Choice Awards.

Like any old married couple, in person they talk over each other, finish each other's sentences, and apparently kick each other under the table. Sometimes those attitudes spill over on stage. It's that genuine chemistry – a love of music and each other – they hope the audience gets.

"We love what we do and we hope that it shows," Mel says. "We hope that people see that it's genuine."

For additional information about upcoming performances, visit wiklundvswiklund.com.



Wiklund vs Wiklund will perform at the Jewel Theatre in Stettler March 5.