



A dynamic community that celebrates
and supports the **Arts**

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

Sacred Circle Belly Dance

PERFORMING AT

DISBOUND

WORKS BY

KIM BRUCE

running until August 17th, 2019 in the Kiwanis Gallery.



Zip It
Encaustic Medium/ Zipper on a Book
Kim Bruce

Local belly dance artists perform their empowering movements, originally designed not to seduce, but to support a woman's body through childbirth. The feminine origins of belly dancing coincide well with visual artist Kim Bruce's works highlighting access to education for girls and women. This August, the dancers from Sacred Circle Belly Dance Studio will take to the Snell Auditorium stage with their strong rhythms, swaying hips, and feminine artistry.



**FIRST FRIDAY RED DEER:
AUGUST 2ND, 2019
FROM 6:00 TO 8:00 PM**

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



Ties II
Encaustic Medium/Encaustic/
Tacks/Ties on a Book
Kim Bruce



News and Events Happening in August

Literary Arts Committee

We are very excited to announce the formation of a Literary Arts Committee working on a project basis! After an initial session in May, the team is excited to start planning some great events including spoken word nights (starting September 12th at Sweet Capone's) and a book club extravaganza pairing readers with local writers at the downtown Library on September 21st! If you're interested in joining the committee, please get in touch at info@reddeerartscouncil.ca. We love to see our local literary artists getting involved!

RDC Music Society – Scholarship

The arts community in Red Deer was saddened by the ending of the Music Program at RDC in 2018, and this April also brought the end of the Red Deer College Music Society, part of the Students' Association, as well. The Red Deer Arts Council is honoured to have been entrusted with a donation of \$7,000 towards the creation of a NEW music scholarship for post-secondary students, and those returning to school to pursue music education. This \$750 scholarship will be open for applications in January 2020, so keep your eyes open for more details when it launches! To the students of RDC Music Society – thank you for your generosity and for your trust in us; these funds will help students further their musical endeavours.

Joining CARFAC Alberta

The Red Deer Arts Council is pleased to announce (especially to our Visual Arts members) that we have recently joined *Canadian Artists' Representation/Le Front des artistes canadiens* or CARFAC (Alberta.) Being part of this industry association will provide us access to information on professional development that we can use to help you, and it aligns well with our goals to ensure artists are compensated fairly for their creative work. We have always endeavoured to follow the CARFAC fee structure, but this membership continues our commitment, as possible based on our funding, to ensure artists and their works are valued in our community. City of Red Deer Culture Services is hosting a CARFAC meet & greet on Saturday, September 7th from 3 – 5pm. (more details to come!)

Canada Council

Following their visit to Red Deer this past April, we are excited to have been approved to apply for grant funding through the Canada Council in the future. This is a big step towards extending our footprint in and beyond Central Alberta. If you have a project idea that would help the Arts Council grow and develop, please let us know! We're excited to find the right project to support through these initiatives! If you're also interested in helping us review and complete some of these funding project grants, we'd be grateful for your input and help! Contact Suzanne at info@reddeerartscouncil.ca!

Meat Draw Fundraiser

Did you know that the Red Deer Arts Council hosts a fundraiser every Friday afternoon during the summer months at East 40th Pub? Be there at 5pm for the ticket sales to start on Round #1 (of 6) then cross your fingers for a chance to win your choice of delicious cuts of beef, pork, or chicken from Deer Park Co-op! It's only \$1 per ticket and you can help support the RDAC as we continue to provide our many programs and services to artists in our community! Thank you for your support!

Instagram, Facebook & Twitter

Some of you may have noticed that we have a new Instagram account: 'rdartscouncil' is our name and sharing creativity is our game! If you'd like us to be able to share your event or post, you'll need to make it 're-shareable' in your settings. We're still getting the hang of this new Social Media tool, but it's a bunch of fun (and we've already learned how to post from the desktop, contact us if you need tips!)

Sharing the Joys of Artistic Expression – Artribute Art School



Balancing her tremendous work as an artist with serving the community as an art teacher and being a mom to two youngsters certainly keeps Red Deer's Erin Boake on her toes. But this gifted woman simply wouldn't have it any other way.

Boake, who was born and raised in Red Deer, has long been showcasing her mesmerizing skills as a painter, and these days, she's also sharing with others the wonders of creativity via her Artribute Art School – based in the Old Courthouse in downtown Red Deer.

She purchased the school last year and has been loving the opportunities to guide others along their own artistic journeys. "It's kind of an ongoing art school for kids, so we have the chance to work on art projects over long periods of time," she explained. Ages run the gamut from six through to 18. And these days, Boake has 40 students attending Artribute.

She's hoping for even more. Boake said that essentially, the goal is to provide more artistic ventures for the younger set. "With this there is that

sense of continuity, and we can focus on lots of different things."

The studio space is perfect – bright, cheery, airy and extremely inviting. There is an immediate sense of feeling 'at home' the minute one walks through the door. "It's the best job in the world," she said with a smile. "To come and make some art with kids – it's the best thing! They also all want to be here – they are 'artsy' and super-engaged," she added. "It's really fun – I just love it."

Although Boake – who was also nominated for a Woman of Excellence Award earlier this year – wasn't quite sure of the venture at first. "When it first came up I thought, I don't know – I have two little kids of my own! So I wasn't sure – can I do both? But I'm really happy I decided to. It's wonderful. The kids are really inspiring. And it's more than creating paintings – it's also all about creative thinking and decision-making. There is so much more to it than creating a nice piece of art."

Watching the students grow in confidence as they explore their own abilities is also a delight. "It's nice to see them blossom. It's also exciting to see them get excited about it." Of course, Boake is no stranger to teaching art, having done so for more than 17 years including a stint in Iqaluit, Nunavut, where she taught drawing and design at Nunavut Arctic College.

And speaking of motherhood, Boake is thrilled about her latest exhibit at the Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery called *Hot Mess: A Residency in Motherhood*. It runs through to Sept. 29th. Through the compelling and imaginative collection of works, Boake explores the 'chaotic, cluttered and cyclical nature of motherhood'.

"It's about my experiences of being a mom, which is pretty new to me still as my oldest is four and my youngest is almost two," she explained. "One of my pieces is a 'to-do' list, and it's 98 feet long," added with a laugh. "There is a lot to think about all of the time! It's really a personal exhibit, for sure," she said. "This isn't so much about the 'pretty' things as it is about the 'busy' things."

Ultimately, for Boake, it's been an amazing journey as she's fearlessly honed her own skills over the years. And even with her outstanding and numerous accomplishments, she's as friendly, warm and accessible as ever.

She's also never been wary about delving deep and offering works that are always strikingly unique. "It's my passion. It's what I love to do," she explained. "I've also always liked the idea of creating things that no one else has ever done, and having a unique voice."

by Mark Weber

We Are the Arts

We are community members who strive to promote the arts.

We aim to provide quality art education for kids.

We believe in nurturing creative thinking and processes.

We are Artribute Art School.

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