



# A dynamic community that celebrates and supports *Arts and Creativity!*

Red Deer Arts Council and Red Deer Public Library are excited to present a performance **Improv Jelly** theatre group at

## **Alberta Community Art Clubs Association Alberta Spirit Show 2022**

running until October 16, 2022 in the Red Deer Arts Council's Kiwanis Gallery

**First Fridays Red Deer  
October 7, 5:30 – 7:30 pm**



Red Booth  
Watercolour  
Diane Peers  
(Southern Zone)  
Signature Award

**Library/Gallery Viewing Hours:**  
Mon – Thurs: 10 am – 8 pm  
Fri: 12 pm – 5 pm  
Sat: 10 am – 3 pm | Sun: Closed



# FIRST FRIDAYS RED DEER

## **Wings of Belonging: A Hub 2.0 Group Art Exhibition**



The Red Deer Arts Council's Community Gallery is pleased to present a group exhibition featuring works by participant artists from our Hub 2.0 program. With the help of artist leaders, community artists with developmental, cognitive, and physical disabilities have discovered created ways to express themselves in art and music. We are excited to share their beautiful creations! **First Fridays Red Deer Opening Reception**

**October 7 from 3 – 6pm with artists in attendance and a special performance at 4pm by Dean Ray of the song recently co-written with Hub participants!**

**Open to the public, all are welcome.**

Gallery Hours: Wednesday – Friday, 10am – 4pm and by appointment.



~Creativity Understood~

# What's Happening in October 2022

A COMMUNITY CHOIR FOR EVERYONE

## Ross Street Singers

Join us each Wednesday at 10:30am-12:00pm  
#5, 4919 49 Street - The Flex space next door to the Red Deer Arts Council office

**A WELCOMING, BARRIER-FREE OPPORTUNITY TO SING WITH YOUR PEERS**

FREE to attend  
All are welcome.

## The Ross Street Singers

We've had so much fun with new singers and so much success with the Ross Street Singers that we've already burst the seams of our new office! So, we're moving next door to The Flex space next door to our office, within the Imperial Block, to ensure we can continue growing! Join us Wednesdays from 10:30am – 12pm for our free choral singing program open to everyone!

## The Hub 2.0 at the YMCA

**YMCA**  
**Hub 2.0**  
**Wednesdays at the Y**

Inclusive Arts Programming at  
YMCA Northside Community Centre

Red Deer  
**Arts Council**

We have super fun activities for everyone at the YMCA each Wednesday with Mixed Media art in the morning, Strum & Drum and Creative Open Stage in the afternoon.

In October, we have Dacia Celeste teaching art class, a special treat! Bring your lunch and eat with friends between programs and join the fun! If you're looking to volunteer, we always welcome helping hands to make sure everyone is enjoying themselves to the fullest! Help during art and lunchtime (10:30am – 1pm) is especially welcome for setup and cleanup. The YMCA Northside Community Centre address is 6391 76 Street.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Have you ever attended a Powwow? Want to help make one happen in your own community? Sign up to volunteer at [pwtpowwow.com](http://pwtpowwow.com) and be a part of the big event on October 14 – 16 at Peavey Mart Centrium!

## Art Speaks Learning Series

*Emily Promise Allison: Performance Artist and Photographer*



Join us in a talk from a local artist with multiple artistic disciplines. Emily Promise Allison is a performance artist and photographer. She will discuss all her practices and processes.

Presented with the Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery on October 19 from 6:30-8:00 pm. For ages 16+. Pre-registration required, \$8 members/ \$10 non-members.

**2nd Annual** *honouring our languages*

# POWWOW TIMES INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

**Volunteers Needed**

**October 14 - 16, 2022**

**Peavey Mart Centrium  
Red Deer, AB**

**[pwtpowwow.com](http://pwtpowwow.com)**



## Red Deer musician is Jazzed about building Musical Community



Andrew Ludtke performed with Ricardo Villacorta (keyboard), Avery Acheson (drums), and John Gray (bass) at the LTCHS Jazz Café in November 2019.

When Andrew Ludtke returned to Red Deer last year, the jazz musician found that the city's once-thriving jazz music scene had gone underground. But that didn't mean it was dead and buried; it's just regrowing roots.

Ludtke has put on his gardening gloves and is coaxing those roots into fresh greenery by forming the Red Deer Community for Jazz Music. The new registered non-profit society is organizing its first fundraiser Oct. 22 at the Scott Block.

"We have a lot of great jazz musicians in Red Deer," Ludtke says, listing retired teachers, his former fellow students, and others he has connected with. But there

isn't the same network as when he graduated from high school.

Born and raised in Red Deer, Ludtke went through music programs at Central Middle School and LTCHS before leaving to earn a degree at Humber College in Toronto. After touring as a professional musician, he returned in 2015, joining the Red Deer College Big Band and teaching trombone part-time at the college (now Red Deer Polytechnic).

But after the college drew the curtain on its music program, Ludtke moved to Calgary, where his ability to pursue his passion failed to improve. When the pandemic stifled arts worldwide, he became a shoe salesman, but a shoulder injury put him out of work and still hinders playing his beloved trombone.

Returning to Red Deer was depressing on many fronts, but if he couldn't play music on stage, Ludtke realized he could become a community organizer and give young musicians the opportunities he had when he graduated. "I want to create something that people can plug into, to help support them in their endeavour," he explains. "This is what I would want if I were a kid."

He visualizes an annual jazz festival – on a different schedule from the Sylvan Lake festival – and getting jazz music back on Red Deer's numerous stages, whether big band, small combos, or soloists.

"There's a huge diversity in jazz," he says. "I want to do everything."

Selling jazz is harder than selling shoes, he admits, but he is excited about the feedback so far. Within days of starting the society, he was contacted by Kyle Key of the Velvet Olive and a regular Thursday night jazz session started, and he continues to get interest from musicians, patrons, and fans.

"My goal is to try to bring jazz back to some other venues as well," he says. Ultimately, he would like to bring in big names for workshops and concerts and help educate local people on the "vocabulary" of jazz.

"What I really like about jazz is it is really an exploration – a conversation you're having on stage, and that just allows for there to be so many possibilities and it can be different every time."

Even though his trombone is spending more time in the case while he rehabs his shoulder, Ludtke is still getting his musical fix by playing some baritone sax and piano and singing in the shower. But building the jazz community has become a priority.

"All I really want to do is (play) music, but I realized at some point that if I don't do this, I don't think it's going to happen in Red Deer."

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For more information, visit the [Red Deer Community for Jazz Music Facebook page](#).