

## Creating a vibrant community that celebrates the *Arts*

### Central Alberta Refugee Effort and RDAC present *Steps along Our Journey* in the Kiwanis Gallery



Kimmy  
Beach, left  
and Fran  
Kimmel,  
below



*Steps along Our  
Journey* Youth at  
City Hall Park, 2012



Continuing to February 19, 2013

**Borrowing Art: The Red Deer Public Library Art**

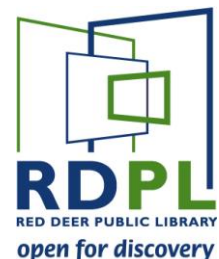
**Lending Program:** First Friday Opening, February 1<sup>st</sup>  
from 6:30 to 8:30 – **Kimmy Beach and Fran Kimmel**  
will be reading from their literary works at First  
Friday Red Deer. Refreshments will be served.

#### **A Special Presentation by CARE in The Kiwanis Gallery**

**February 21 to 24** *Steps along Our Journey*

Come celebrate the cultural richness in Central Alberta. View portraits of immigrant and refugee youth who have moved to Red Deer from countries all over the world. The photos, by Tracy Kuhl Photography Red Deer, in this exhibit are part of a book which shares these youth's stories in their own words. The photos were taken at the Old Court House and City Hall Park, downtown Red Deer.

This book will be launched on February 23, 2013 in the Snell Auditorium. For more information on this initiative please contact: Rachel Pinno at Central Alberta Refugee Effort [403-346-8818](tel:403-346-8818)



## Red Deer Festival of the Performing Arts

By Michael Lupul

The Red Deer Festival of the Performing Arts is one of Alberta's largest competitive arts festivals. Six thousand individual participants from Central Alberta take part in twelve hundred performances during the Festival Week. In comparison, the Olympics host twelve thousand individual participants who take part in three hundred performances. There is a large variety of arts performed at the Festival including various musical instruments, speech, and drama. The Festival's view is that best efforts are always brought forth when competing, thus the Festival's structure is competitive. Each act is professionally judged. Professional adjudicators provide constructive input and grading that these students of the arts can use to further their craft.

The Festival, formerly known as the Kiwanis Music Festival, was founded by the Kiwanis Club of Red Deer in 1964. In 1986, the Red Deer Festival of the Performing Arts Society was formed to plan and coordinate the Festival. As the years passed by, more and more public volunteers became involved in the Festival's operations, creating a large event that brings the community together. The Red Deer Festival of the Performing Arts Society is run by a board of directors who benefit from the viewpoints of the varied age of their membership; the youngest board member is twenty-six years old and the eldest is in their eighties. The focus of the Festival is the kids – participants tend to be children in grades one to twelve; however, it is not uncommon to see family performances.

This year marks the fiftieth edition of the Red Deer Festival of Performing Arts. The Festival will take place from April 22<sup>nd</sup> to April 26<sup>th</sup> and will be held in the Red Deer College Arts Centre. During the Festival Week, the best participants are selected to take part in the Performance Showcase, a special variety show, which is held within two weeks of the end of the Festival. Participants of the Performance Showcase are not necessarily winners from the Festival Week; however they do constitute the best variety of acts that were seen during the week. This event is open to the public and will be held at the Living Stones Church. There is no fixed fee to attend the event; rather a collection is put in place at the door. It is hailed as one of the best spent afternoons a person could experience.

We welcome you to join in the celebration the fiftieth edition of the Red Deer Festival of the Performing Arts this April.

Quartet Performing at the Festival, 2012



## Join us for an upcoming Where's My Tribe? Social & Networking Event

The Red Deer Arts Council presents an evening of fun and conversation for our members! It's early in the year so bring a friend who wishes to join the TRIBE of the RDAC!

WHEN: **Friday, February 22, 2013**

TIME: **7:00 – 9:00 pm**

WHERE: **4816 – 50 Avenue**

**Scott Block, Centennial Stage** (access rear courtyard off alley)



### EVENT DESCRIPTION:

This event is **FREE** and is designed for **MEMBERS ONLY**, but **new members are welcome!** A 2013 RDAC membership may be purchased at the door. Get to know your fellow members in this night of mixing and mingling and fun!

Our special guests are Liz Taylor from Red Deer Tourism and Janice Shimek of the Downtown Business Association. They will talk about their organizations and how they are using arts and culture to create excitement in their programming and marketing efforts.

This event is your chance to showcase your talents by bringing an item for the **SHARING TABLE**. This item may be a painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, CDs, books for sale or samples of your writing or poetry. We are not in a position to sell, but be sure that all your contact information is included or where people may purchase your work.

To make the evening truly memorable there will be door prizes and other giveaways so be sure to bring extra business cards for these draws.

### PRE-REGISTRATION:

We will be providing wine and cheese so be sure to pre-register by contacting the RDAC Office, Diana Anderson at (403) 348-2787 or email at [info@reddeerartscouncil.ca](mailto:info@reddeerartscouncil.ca) by **Tuesday, February 19, 2013**.

# We are the Arts



Dance Duet,  
Festival Performers,  
2012

We are grandparents, mothers, fathers, children, siblings, friends, and neighbours.

We are members of the community who provide effort and energy in the support of the performing arts.

We are proud to be a part of the Red Deer community by providing a wide and varied venue and platform for budding performers.

We are proud to call Red Deer home.

Join us in discovering & enjoying the best our city has to offer.

Upcoming Kiwanis Gallery Exhibit  
Feb 26 to April 28  
*When the City Isn't Looking:*  
Photographs by Bill Peters, Calgarian artist

**VOLUNTEER** with the Red Deer Arts Council and be involved in helping arts and culture thrive in Red Deer and area!

The Canadian Revenue Agency recognizes our **CHARITY** Status and enables us to give tax receipts for your donations.

**Give a little, give a lot!**

## Red Deer Arts Council

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