

Leading a dynamic community celebrating the *Arts*

Prairie Circus continues and Jesse Roads in concert in the Kiwanis Gallery

In concert with Jesse Roads

First Friday Red Deer features local musician Jesse Roads October 2 in the Snell Auditorium. In 2014, Jesse Roads Band's single titled *No Love* made the "Top 50 of 2014" list in the central Alberta radio market. The follow-up single, *One More Time*, was released in the spring of 2015. Roads will be performing acoustically. This is a very cool and intimate way to perform for Roads, as he gets to tell stories and connect with the audience.

This is a sit-down concert, so make sure you come early and get a good seat. Roads will play two sets from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. and 7 to 7:30 p.m.

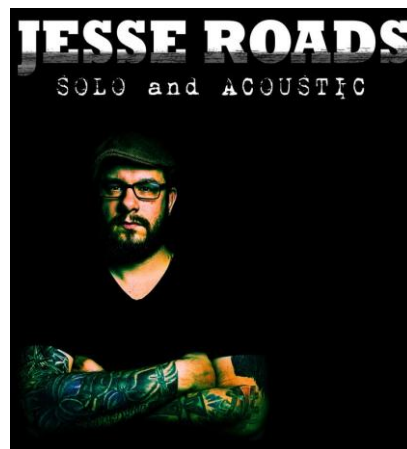
The Red Deer Arts Council is pleased to continue the exhibit *Prairie Circus Series: Figurative Works* by Dawn Saunders Dahl in the Kiwanis Gallery until October 18.

Upcoming Exhibit:

The October 20 to November 22 exhibit is *Second Thoughts: Works* by Joanne Madeley.

How does this Edmonton artist portray thought processes in prints and drawings? Instead of gears, Joanne depicts thoughts as individual figures whose ideas or state of being can be read from their faces and situations. You must come to the exhibit and see for yourself!

First Friday Red Deer is sponsored by the Red Deer Downtown Business Association.



Untitled II,
Etching, 2014
Joanne Madeley



Bird Bath
Screen Print, 2015
Joanne Madeley



Looking for space to pursue his artistic side, Doug Anderson found a place where he could also apply his business talents. "With the Scott Block, I went in to be an artist and ended up being a businessman," he laughs.

Anderson's connection with the downtown Scott Block was made when the hobby acrylic artist and sketcher was looking for a quiet place to work. The building was then owned by CultureLink, which soon recruited Anderson to its board. "The Scott Block was in tough times at that point," recalls Doug, owner and president of Peavey Industries. "So I worked with the board to try to get it stabilized."

It was hoped that a group of investors could be pulled together to back the building. "I'm kind of a numbers guy, so as I continued to work through the numbers I became convinced it would work," says Doug. "But I didn't feel we had enough time to convince other people it would work, let alone find enough investors to keep it going."

After talking with his family about what the building could mean to the community, he took the plunge and put in a successful offer in 2008. "It was exciting, I guess, and I was looking for something a little different."

He soon recruited another Peavey talent, Diana Gelden, to run the Scott Block. "We proceeded to renovate extensively the second floor and continue to operate the main floor as a black box theatre. We've converted the back dance studio into Centennial Stage and we've reinvested into the basement to create some low-cost, affordable art studios.

"We're waiting to find a group that wants to take ownership of that space and really create a community down there. There's also an area that would make a fantastic arts exhibition space."

Scott Block has been run for the last seven years as a social enterprise, with all net profits going back into the building or into the arts. "Last year has been our most successful year ever, in terms of theatre groups using it, full productions, and new theatre groups stepping up and being formed. That's kind of been fun as well.

"It's a great facility," he says, singling out Gelden for her efforts. "Scott Block would not be the success it is if it weren't for her, hands down."

Anderson's love of art is shared by his whole family, especially wife Erin. As well, both his children, 13-year-old Alisa, and 10-year-old Lukas, take art and music lessons. "Our house is absolutely full of art," he says, adding their collection includes many pieces from local artists. "It's addicting. And it brings joy into our house."

His office walls include pieces from a Nanaimo artist and a painter from Montreal and even his morning cup of coffee arrives in a mug fashioned by a Kindersley, Saskatchewan ceramic artist with ties to Red Deer College. Walls of the new Peavey offices in Riverside Industrial Park will soon be decorated with photographs taken by customers chosen in a contest.

Doug is happy he and his family have been able to help keep part of the local arts scene vibrant. "The arts is what adds the colour and personality to a city."

Presented by Visual Arts Alberta, City of Red Deer Culture Services and the Red Deer Arts Council.

Join us in Red Deer for a professional development workshop

Photo Document Your Artwork with Jeff Rodier

Monday, November 2, 2015

7:00 pm

Cultural Services Centre, 3827 - 39 Street, Red Deer

A Calgary photographer, Rodier brings a breadth of experience and knowledge of the medium to this workshop, particularly as it applies to documenting artwork. Rodier will demonstrate simple ways of documenting, including works behind glass.

Please RSVP by 4 pm on Friday, October 23, 2015 to Jessie Donald at 403.309.4091 or email jessie.donald@reddeer.ca. **This event is free!**

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Stop killing time – come volunteer with us instead.

The Red Deer Arts Council could use a few good folks to help with the tasks below. Build your résumé and help build Red Deer's arts community!

Director

We have one opening right now due to a resignation, and more positions will open up when terms end in March. This is a decision-making role for an analytical mind and/or a born leader, and requires a commitment of about 10 hours a month.

Communications Committee

There is room for up to three people who have experience in communications or marketing. There is still ground-floor work to be done.

Do you know anything about how Word Press websites work? If so, and you like to help out, contact our Communications Chair through the office. We could sure use your help.

I am the Arts



Doug Anderson,
on the trails, 2015

I am a husband and father.

I like to grow things: my garden, my business, and new ideas.

I love spending time with my family and dabbling in the creative world, any way I can.

I am Doug Anderson.

I am proud to call Red Deer and beautiful Central Alberta home.

Join me in discovering the best our city has to offer.

Upcoming Exhibit in the Kiwanis Gallery:

November 24 to December 2

Conversations in Craft: Presented by the Red Deer Arts Council Visual Arts Members.

First Friday Red Deer: Opening December 4 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Alberta Culture Days from September 25 to 27 was a smashing success! Hundreds of folks were outside in the downtown taking in the chalk art, kids' activities, art gallery events, dancing, food, fun and entertainment for all.

Thanks for your participation.

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