

A vibrant community celebrating and supporting *Arts, Culture, and Creativity!*

Red Deer Arts Council & Red Deer Public Library are delighted to present

Colourful Travel Journey

Artworks by Aeris Osborne

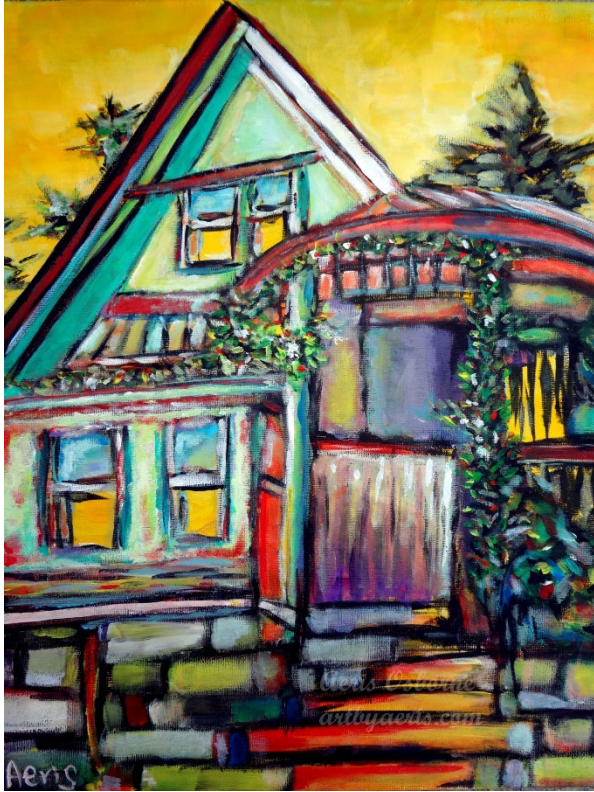
running in the Kiwanis Gallery until October 6, 2025

Using her travels through the Rocky Mountains to British Columbia, Aeris is a self-taught Hong Kong-born, Alberta-based Edmonton visual artist, the 3rd Alberta Artist in Residence/Art Ambassador appointed by the Government of Alberta and has been painting for over thirteen years. Aeris loves exploring our Canadian landscape, especially her travel journeys that helped boost her imagination as a form of self-exploration and an opportunity to connect with nature.

#FirstFridaysRedDeer Opening reception September 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm with the artist in attendance.

Gallery Hours: Mon to Thurs 9am–8pm, Fri 9am–5pm, Sat & Sun 10am–3pm

Café In Revelstoke
Acrylic on Canvas
Aeris Osborne



Red Deer Arts Council & Central Alberta Retired Teachers Association are pleased to present

True North Strong & Free An Alberta Culture Days Group Literary & Visual Arts Exhibition

at the Arts Council's Community Gallery until October 3rd. A celebration of all things that make up this country we call Home at a time when we wish to fiercely protect it. We asked artists to share what inspires them, whether it's Canada's natural beauty and wildlife, our cultural history, or the stories we live today in this Home on Native Land. Join us!

#FirstFridaysRedDeer opening reception on **September 5** from 5 – 7pm with many of the artists in attendance.

Community Gallery Hours: Mon to Fri 10am – 5pm



~ Celebrating more than 50 years of Arts and Creativity in Central Alberta ~

Creative Happenings in September 2025

September is always a magnificent month full of events and activities as we head back into the fall routines. Check out the back page of The Scene for more about all the FREE Red Deer Culture Days events happening throughout the city during the full month of September. Join us!

For our final In The Neighbourhood Concert of the season, bring your own lawn chair. Enjoy the musical stylings of Tennessee Rindal in West Park! Tips for the artist are gratefully accepted! September 6th at 1pm.



How to Not Cut Your Ear Off:
Surviving (and Thriving) in the
Creative Process
with Dr. Teena Dickerson

Art Speaks Learning Series

Wednesday, September 24
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery
FREE to Attend

Visit reddeerartscouncil.ca/alberta-culture-days for full details!

READ THE BOOK
THEN
MEET THE LEADER
THE AUDACITY OF RELEVANCE

BY ALEX SARIAN

BORROW THE E-BOOK
OR AUDIOBOOK FROM
RED DEER PUBLIC
LIBRARY

THE AUDACITY
OF RELEVANCE
CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS
ON THE FUTURE OF
ARTS AND CULTURE
ALEX SARIAN

PRESENTED BY THE RED DEER ARTS COUNCIL

IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CONCERT SERIES

Pop-Up Community Concerts
Red Deer & Central Alberta
Visit reddeerartscouncil.ca for more info
A 6th Annual Summer of Friends, Fun & Music - 2025

Tennessee Rindal
West Park Activity Centre
3811 57 Avenue
September 6, 1:00pm
Alternate Rain Date: September 13, 1:00pm

We've got dance, music, theatre, improv, art, writing, culture, and many more events in our Alberta Culture Days plans, but we can't do it alone. From our Open Studio Tour to our new Groove and Gather Family Dance sponsored by Juiced Events, we've got amazing partners across the City making this month possible!

audacity in the arts: reviving cultural relevance with alex sarian

The Scott Block Theatre
4816 50 Avenue
September 16, 2025 6:30pm

Reserve Your Free Spot at
showpass.com/AlexSarian-RD



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Join Alex Sarian, CEO of Calgary's Arts Commons, for an uplifting discussion about growing engagement in Red Deer's cultural community!

These critical conversations shine new light on how to make lasting change. If you want to understand how the world is changing - and what to do about it - Alex Sarian shows you the way.

Henry Timms, President Emeritus, Lincoln Centre for the Performing Arts

FREE EVENT

Stay and Continue the Conversation
with light refreshments

Alberta Culture Days

Discover • Experience • Celebrate



Cheryl Fisher Jazz Trio Keeps the Musical Flame Burning



The trio features Eric Allison, Cheryl Fisher, and Morgan McKee

Singer Cheryl Fisher, saxophonist Eric Allison, and keyboard player Morgan McKee will deliver up-tempo “summer songs” from the Great American Songbook at a Sept 6th pop-up concert for Alberta Culture Days. For 20 years, spouses Fisher and Allison jointly ran Sylvan Lake’s Jazz at the Lake Festival. Like many arts events, the festival was impacted by the COVID pandemic and reluctantly folded in 2022 due to lack of funding and volunteer supports.

But one on-going festival legacy will be an annual scholarship, awarded to a graduating high school student who is heading into a music-related post-secondary program.

Fisher and Allison are now focusing on performing jazz tunes across the province and beyond with their trio, which has been active for two decades. Fisher laughingly admits she and Allison, both recently retired from day jobs, don’t know how they managed

to do everything while still working full-time and running the festival.

Fisher, who’s released six albums and performed internationally, will sing back-up harmonies to Allison’s jump-swing tunes at the September 6 outdoor concert at The Golden Circle in Red Deer. Some ukulele duets are also planned. “There will be no heavy ballads or anything... just upbeat songs for a lazy summer afternoon,” said Fisher. (Editor’s Note: The event moves indoors for inclement weather.)

Later this fall, the trio are planning to switch it up by performing a big band version of some Peggy Lee tunes at Herman’s Jazz Club in Victoria on Nov. 12. Lee won several Grammy Awards and hung out with Frank Sinatra and the Brat Pack. The lyricist, composer, and actress was a “ground-breaking, brave, and forward-thinking artist,” said Fisher. She aims to capture some of Lee’s sensual presence with smoky renditions of her biggest hits, including *Fever*, *Is That All There Is?*, *Alright, Okay, You Win*, and others. Fisher has the talent to do justice to a Peggy Lee retrospective. The 2016 Global Music Award winner was called “one of the greatest female singers in the history of Canadian jazz” after performing at the Montreal Jazz Festival.

The former Calgarian received a master’s degree in music from the University of Miami. Fisher met her future spouse, Allison, in the Sunshine State. The Indiana native received his master’s degree in jazz music from the same university.

A versatile sax virtuoso, Eric Allison has been praised for his ability to jump from saxophone to flute and clarinet. Lately he’s also been teaching himself to play the ukulele as the trio are adding some ukulele songs to their repertoire.

Fellow trio member Morgan McKee is a multi-talented Red Deer-based keyboardist and composer, who has run the gamut, from writing an improv musical to Bach-inspired pop tunes for show at Edmonton’s Citadel Theatre.

Please bring your chair to The Golden Circle’s lawn for the concert in the park. Tips are gratefully accepted onsite.



**Sept 6,
2025
2pm**

The Golden
Circle North Lawn
Bring Your Own
Chair

The Concert moves
indoors for
inclement weather



**A SUMMER CONCERT
IN THE PARK WITH
CHERYL FISHER
JAZZ TRIO**