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Celebrating Kingston's arts and culture community during Culture Days 2018

Culture Days, a nation-wide, three-day event that celebrates arts and culture, is set to kick-off in Kingston and across Canada on Friday 28 September, Saturday 29 September and Sunday 30 September, 2018. The Kingston Arts Council (KAC), the region's primary resource for arts information and support, is the host organization for Culture Days this year, taking over from the City of Kingston. Culture Days in Kingston features a variety of free activities that provide an opportunity to build connections, awareness and pride in our cultural community and promote direct interaction between creators and the public as a means to strengthen long-term support for arts and culture.

Introducing Kingston's Culture Days Youth Arts Ambassador

This year the KAC partnered with Culture Days Ontario on its Youth Arts Ambassador Program (YAAP), which focuses on supporting the next generation of community-engaged artists in our province. In Kingston, local dancer Kay Kenney was selected for the program for her project, Movement Market / DANCE as COMMUNITY. Kay's artistic program will feature two choreographic movement workshops and two performances. Featuring thirty volunteer community members with a passion for performance art, Movement Market will use dance as a medium for self-exploration, building towards a choreographed performance accompanied by local musician Claire Bouvier on Sunday, 30 September at 1 pm and 2 pm in the Amphitheatre in Market Square. More information on YAAP in Kingston can be found <u>here</u>.

Culture Days Events in Kingston

A number of activities have already been registered. For full details about the activities, check <u>http://www.artskingston.ca/events/</u>. Here is a snapshot of what you can expect:

Friday, 28 September

Arts and Culture Pop Ups on Kingston Transit: City of Kingston Tett Presents: Making our Marks II Exhibition Union Gallery: Unravel: Union Gallery Poetry Reading Ontario Culture Days and Kingston Arts Council: Movement Market / DANCE as COMMUNITY Workshop WritersFest: Kingston WritersFest Community Outdoor Celebration Downtown Kingston! BIA: Art after Dark

Saturday, 29 September

Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts: Sunrise Yoga with Live Music Tett Presents: Kids Creativity Club The Pump House: Lego-nardo da Vinci Tett Presents: Making our Marks II Exhibition



Ontario Culture Days and Kingston Arts Council:Movement Market / DANCE as COMMUNITY Workshop

St. Paul's Anglican Church: Moellman Family in Concert - Music for Violin and Piano Kingston Potters Guild: Clay Play

Agnes Etherington Art Centre: A Library of Temporary Shelters-A book arts workshop City of Kingston: The Hub Project: connecting neighbourhoods through art

Rideau Heights Community Centre Presents: Drum, Sing, Dance, Create a Scarecrow @ Scarecrow Festival

Sunday, 30 September

WritersFest: Sugar and Snails: Children's Book Launch Tett Presents: Making our Marks II Exhibition WritersFest: TeensWrite! Songwriting Theatre Kingston: Play-A-Thon Joe's Mill in collaboration with The Isabel: Joe's MILL Instrument Petting Zoo Ontario Culture Days and Kingston Arts Council: Movement Market / DANCE as COMMUNITY Performances WritersFest: Viva Voce: YA Readings and Performances Tett Presents: Life Drawing and Live Music in the Malting Tower Tett Presents: Chinese Block Printing with Peng Wang Tett Presents: Arabic Calligraphy with Jamal Saeed Tett Presents: Explore Contemporary Art with Margaret Meban Kingston Lapidary Club: Create Gem Stone Trees with the Kingston Lapidary Club The Begin Again Project: The B.A.G. Project-Recycled Crafts Modern Fuel Artist Run Centre: Modern Fuel Open House Ollin's Global Community Drum Circle

About Culture Days

About Culture Days Culture Days has become the largest cultural event in Canada, attracting more than 2 million attendees to thousands of free activities and performances hosted by artists, cultural organizations and municipalities in 800 communities across Canada. From Nunavut to New Brunswick, British Columbia to Hudson's Bay – and all points in between – Culture Days highlights and amplifies the diverse arts and cultural life of our communities. As a leading national voice for an active and engaged cultural life, Culture Days provides a range of tools and skill development resources that lead to greater cultural engagement. The Culture Days annual national awareness campaign culminates in a three-day celebration of the arts starting on the last Friday of September. Visit www.culturedays.ca for more information.

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