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Be Front Row Centre at Alberta Arts Days

CALGARY - EPCOR CENTRE for the Performing Arts is Calgary's premier venue for Alberta Arts Days, taking place from September 18-20, 2009. Alberta Arts Days showcases local performing and visual artists, encouraging all Albertans to discover and experience the creative diversity of our communities.

Alberta Arts Days activities at EPCOR CENTRE include an arts education day for school and community groups, an arts market and open house and a free family-friendly concert in Jack Singer Concert Hall integrating music, dance and theatre performances. Please see the attached listing for details.

"I am very pleased to see Arts Education play a key role in EPCOR CENTRE's Alberta Arts Days celebrations," said Lindsay Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit. "By offering Art Education Stations to the public, EPCOR CENTRE is helping Albertans gain access to the arts – which is one of the goals of Alberta's cultural policy, The Spirit of Alberta. The wealth of other activities, including the Welcoming Concert, Arts Market and Saturday Evening Concert, will give Calgarians every reason to celebrate the arts in their community."

The partnership between the Government of Alberta and EPCOR CENTRE promotes the importance of arts and culture in the lives of Albertans and showcases and celebrates Alberta's wealth of talent and creativity. Detailed information on other provincial events can be found at www.albertaartsdays.ca. For EPCOR CENTRE celebrations, visit epcorcentre.org.

"We are delighted to host Alberta Arts Days and celebrate the enormous artistic talent in our city," said Sandra Gajic, general manager of the Centre. "The very existence of the Centre is a celebration of arts and culture. We support and contribute to the development of the arts and cultural communities by providing infrastructure, programming, education, accessibility and collaboration to eight resident companies and countless community groups."

EPCOR CENTRE for the Performing Arts' mission is to ignite imagination, provide the public with cultural experiences that exceed expectations, assist artists in realizing their visions and to enable the artistic expression of all citizens.

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Alberta Arts Days Activities

Friday, September 18th

Arts Education Stations and Graffiti Workshop

Let your creativity take over while participating in a variety of artistic activities facilitated by Calgary performing and visual artists. Arts Education stations include salsa dance, mask making, clowning and mime. Visit 6 stations in a 2-hour journey and get inspired!

Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Register now for a graffiti creation workshop! Instructed by a professional artist, participants will create graffiti panels. Selected works will be displayed at EPCOR CENTRE.

Time: 9:00 am - noon

For more information or to register your organization or school, contact:

Arts Learning Programming 403.294.7455 ext 1075 or email registrar@epcorcentre.org

Alberta Arts Days Welcome Concert

C-Jazz and EPCOR CENTRE present

Cheryl Fisher CD Release

featuring Eric Allison and the Hutchinson Andrew Trio

8:00 pm Engineered Air Theatre

Tickets available at EPCOR CENTRE Box Office 403.294.9494

Alberta-born jazz vocalist, Cheryl Fisher will perform songs from her new CD, *Moments Like This*. Distinguished as “one of the greatest singers in the history of Canadian Jazz”, Cheryl is a regular performer on the international jazz circuit receiving outstanding reviews for both her live performances and her recordings. Cheryl is lauded for her originality, emotional depth and outstanding technical excellence from jazz lovers and audiophiles alike.

Saturday, September 19th

Open House and Arts Market

At EPCOR CENTRE for the Performing Arts

11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Explore your cultural community under one roof! The Open House features drop-in dance instruction workshops, interactive events, displays, performances by local bands and buskers and showcases by choirs and theatre companies. The Arts Market will feature over 27 local artists selling one-of-a-kind items including, jewellery, paintings, sculpture and stone carvings.

Evening Performance

Jack Singer Concert Hall

EPCOR CENTRE for the Performing Arts

Show time: 7:00 pm

Free concert featuring the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, Honens Laureates, Neil Cockburn playing the Carthy Organ, Decidedly Jazz Danceworks, Alberta Ballet, Theatre Calgary, Alberta Theatre Projects and more! Come early to enjoy the pre-show entertainment! Get your free tickets by phoning the Box Office at 403.294.9494.