

MANITOBA WELCOMES BACK CULTURE DAYS

Celebrating its 6th Anniversary, Culture Days launches on September 25-27th

Winnipeg, MB – (September 22, 2015) -- From September 25-27, free interactive arts and cultural events will take over the country during the 6th annual Culture Days weekend. Here in Manitoba, Culture Days will be celebrated in **30 communities** and will feature **345 free activities** from a wide range of disciplines including visual arts, heritage, farmer's markets, street festivals, collective art-making projects, theatre, dance and music to avant-garde performance art, new/digital media and spoken word.

"The aim of Culture Days is to promote the work of the artists and organizations who make Manitoba a more beautiful and exciting place to live", says Culture Days Manitoba Project Manager, Mélissa Courcelles. "Our goal is to make art and cultural celebrations accessible to Manitobans and to expose them to even more of the cultural projects taking place in every community across the province."

In Manitoba, Culture Days also includes **Nuit Blanche Winnipeg (NBW)**—a free all-night party celebrating the city's contemporary art scene. This year's NBW on September 26 will feature large-scale illuminated light installations spanning Graham Ave.

Check out some of the many free and fun Culture Days activities in Manitoba this weekend:

- [Student Day at The Forks](#) – Sept 25, 10am-2pm, The Forks: Free musical and dance performances, interactive activities and collaborative mural making.
- [Graffiti Art Programming & Wall-to-Wall: Dany Reede MURAL](#) – Sept 25, 12pm-8pm, 567 Broadway Ave: Exterior mural creation with Danny Reede and Studio 393 artists with a community BBQ and record spinning.
- [Bike Art and Cultural Activities at the Bike Lab](#) – Sept 25, 1:30pm-4:30pm, 515 Portage Ave: Helmet painting party with local artist, Gabriela Agüero.
- [Luckygirl POP UP Shop](#) – Sept 26, 12pm-11pm; Sept 27, 11pm-4pm, Old Market Square: A creative collective of inspired local vendors specifically curated to share and sell their craft.
- [Morden's Cultural Corridor](#) – Sept 26, 12pm-5pm, Stephen St: Stephen Street will be filled with interactive workshops, art exhibits, performances, cultural animators, a Fair Trade Market and much more.
- [Glenlawn Collegiate Presents: Ignite by the Bridge](#) – Sept 26, 3pm-5pm, 766 Jubilee Ave: Glenlawn's spoken word team "Ignite" invites you to fire up your muse and come share your poetic creations in an afternoon of spoken word and slam poetry.
- [Bibliothèques éphémères / Boulevard of Books](#) – Sept 26, 6pm-10pm, Provencher Blvd: Les Éditions du Blé and th Maison des artistes visuels francophones will be installing a series of four small temporary reading rooms along the Provencher Boulevard.
- [Nuit Blanche Gimli](#) – Sept 26, 7:30pm-2am, throughout Gimli: From live jazz to art openings, theatre and everything in between, take in Nuit Blanche by the lake in Gimli, Manitoba.

For a complete list of Culture Days Manitoba and Nuit Blanche Winnipeg events and to create your personalized activity schedule, visit mb.culturedays.ca and nuitblanchewinnipeg.ca.

For 2014 b-roll and photos, visit www.mb.culturedays.ca/en/about/media

ABOUT CULTURE DAYS www.culturedays.ca

Culture Days is committed to reaching the goal of having all Canadians in every community declaring "I Love Culture" and making culture a daily habit. Founded in 2009, Culture Days is a non-profit organization dedicated to building a national network of cultural connections devoted to providing Canadians with opportunities to participate in, and appreciate, all forms of arts and culture. Through an annual three-day national celebration each September, hundreds of thousands of artists and cultural organizations in hundreds of cities and towns come together and invite Canadians to participate in free interactive and behind-the-scenes activities to discover their cultural spirit and passion.

ABOUT NUIT BLANCHE WINNIPEG www.nuitblanchewinnipeg.ca

Nuit Blanche Winnipeg is a free all-night exploration and celebration of contemporary art that takes place every Saturday of the Culture Days weekend from dusk to dawn. Held annually since 2010, all events and exhibits are spread across three main zones of activity: St. Boniface, Downtown and the Exchange District. Nuit Blanche Winnipeg is designed to encourage involvement in the arts by all.

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