

OVER 400 FREE WAYS TO CELEBRATE ARTS AND CULTURE IN MANITOBA **Celebrate Culture Days in your community from September 30 – October 2**

Winnipeg, MB – (September 27, 2016) -- From September 30 – October 2, FREE interactive and educational arts and cultural events will take place during the 7th annual Culture Days weekend. Here in Manitoba, Culture Days will be celebrated in **28 communities** and will feature over **400 free activities** from a wide range of disciplines including visual arts, heritage, educational tours, street festivals, collective art-making projects, theatre, dance and music to avant-garde performance art, new/digital media and spoken word.

“Culture Days engages people through free events and activities, and introduces them to the artists and cultural organizations in their community,” says Culture Days Manitoba Project Manager, Mélissa Courcelles. “These events provide an accessible opportunity to build appreciation for arts and culture that will hopefully continue year-round.”

Nuit Blanche Winnipeg (NBW), a special project of Culture Days Manitoba, is back and bigger than ever — thanks to producing partner Winnipeg Arts Council — to celebrate Winnipeg’s contemporary art scene on Saturday, Oct. 1. With over 75 free community organized events, 16 juried projects, and three featured installations that have travelled all over the world, this is sure to be a NBW like never before.

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

- St. B Hive Cultural Exhibition and Artisan Sale – Sept 30, 8:00am-5:00pm, 409 Taché Ave. Everett Atrium will be transformed into a hive of activity: vendors, music performances, crafts provided by the Art at the Bedside program, landscape dancers, and more.
- Explore 618 ARTlington! An Eclectic Winnipeg Gem — Oct. 1 & 2, 10:00am-4:00pm, 618 Arlington St. You are invited to come in and tour three floors of studios, and meet local artists and artisans who love to share their stories and talk about their work.
- Virten Culture Days – Oct. 1, 10:00am-2:00pm, 425 6th Ave. S. Art exhibitions, crafts, performances and more will fill the CPR Historic Centre for Virten’s first Culture Days!
- Exploring Music with the WSO & MCMA — Oct. 1, 1:00pm-4:00pm, Bryce Hall, 515 Portage Ave. Watch performances, take part in workshops, meet the musicians, and get up close at the instrument petting zoo.
- CLOUD — Oct. 1, 6:00pm-4:00am, foot of the Esplanade Riel on The Forks side. Experience *CLOUD*, by artists Caitlind r.c. Brown & Wayne Garrett, an interactive installation made of 6,000 incandescent light bulbs that will be sure to illuminate the night.
- Wheat City Nuit Blanche – Oct. 1, 7:00pm-1:00am. Brandon celebrates Nuit Blanche by transforming the studios, hallways, stairwells and hidden corners of the Art Gallery of Southern Manitoba into an all-ages multidisciplinary celebration of art.
- Flamenco Dress Rehearsal, Lecture, and Demo presented by Bolero Dance Theatre — Oct. 2, 7:30pm-8:30pm, 240 Taché Ave. A live dress rehearsal accompanied by explanations of the different styles of Spanish dance and costumes, with a sneak-peek performance at the end!



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 photos from 2015, please 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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