



Happy Holidays from the Nina



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Consider giving the gift of original art this holiday season

As you approach the holidays and embrace the quest to find the perfect gift for everyone on your list, consider checking out the unique selection of original and affordable art created everyday in the Nina studios.

Your gift would not only delight the recipient, it would brighten the holidays for the artist that made it. Artists receive 50% of the proceeds from all arts sales, providing a little extra spending money during the winter break.

And if its just too hard to pick the perfect *objet d'arte* for that hard-to-buy-for person on your list, let them come down and decide for themselves with a Nina gift certificate.

House already full of art? Sign them up for the next Art Night at the Nina. These adult-oriented events have been hot tickets. Or touch their heart with a donation in their name. We will provide a special thank you to recognize your gift.

(Cover photo) Artists from the Nina Collective wish you and yours the best of the holiday season and a creative new year in 2016!



(Above) The holidays will be a little merrier for the artists who sold art at Here's Nina! All event photos courtesy of FO Photography.

TELUS Edmonton Community Board Funds Family Art Night



The Nina was delighted to learn that the Telus Community Board has renewed its support of Nina's Family Art Nights for 2016. Local artist Lorraine Shulba has been facilitating jam packed classes for several years now and is excited that families can continue to enjoy these popular classes at no cost. Classes run September to June, wrapping up the year with an exhibition and reception in the Stollery Gallery. For many families, these classes provide a unique and affordable activity the whole family can enjoy together. It is also an opportunity to connect with other families in the neighbourhood and are a great stress reliever. Classes are offered on a drop in basis but participants are encouraged to register in advance by calling the Nina as the classes fill up quickly.

Each Wednesday evening the Nina hosts free Family Art Nights thanks to generous support from TELUS.

THE NINAs - New Award Recognizes Nina Artists



**CREATE AWARD:
JAYMEE HOWARTH**



**CONNECT AWARD:
ULRIKE ROSSIER**

Four deserving artists were recognized at the *Here's Nina* event held at the Italian Cultural Centre in November.

Artists were recognized in three categories linked to Nina's tagline: **CREATE. CONNECT. CHANGE LIVES.**

Recipients of these inaugural awards were selected based on their growth and creativity as artists, commitment to their artistic practices, ability to connect with others through their art and the visible positive impact of art in their lives. For many in the Collective, being recognized as an artist changes not only the way others see them but also the way they define themselves.

The Nina thanks Jackie Rae-Green, Bob Westbury and Sarah Chan for presenting the awards. It was a truly memorable night for these artists, their families and everyone witnessing this special moment in their lives.



**CHANGED LIVES:
DESIREE STEWART**

(From top left) Jaymee Howarth with Josh Classen and Jackie-Rae Green; Oliver, Ulrike, Art and Nina Rossier; (Top right) Desiree Stewart with Josh Classen and Sarah Chan.

(Below) Stantec Artist of the Year, Scott Berry.

Stantec Renews its Support for Artist of the Year

It's been a big year for Scott Berry, culminating with the presentation of the Stantec Artist of the Year Award at the *Here's Nina* event in November. Scott heads to Calgary at the end of the month for the Sparks disability art festival for the 5th and final public exhibition of the installation inspired by his work, *Confusement*. While in Calgary, Scott, with support from Nina's Artistic Director Paul Freeman, will be working individually with artists to critique their work and share insights from his own practice. Based on the tremendous success of this project, Stantec has renewed its commitment. The 2016 Stantec Artist of the Year will be announced at Nina's 13th birthday bash in mid-February. Plans for next year's exhibition are already underway.



**STANTEC ARTIST OF THE YEAR:
SCOTT BERRY**



Join the growing number of art lovers following us on social media. Stay current with what's new at Nina and help spread the word.

Raising Funds & Fun...Packed House at *Here's Nina*

Nina's annual fundraising event, *Here's Nina*, enjoyed its best-ever attendance this year, with a packed house at the Italian Cultural Centre on November 2.

Huge thanks go to event Title Sponsor, World Stone Inc. , long-time event sponsor Lexus of Edmonton and raffle sponsor Cameron Development Corp. for their generous support.

Guests this year were able to enjoy a family style meal during the evening's entertainment and for the first time individual artists were recognized with Edmonton's hottest new arts awards, *The NINAs*!

Honorary Chair, Sarah Chan, proved to be a great sport during the stage show, once again produced by Stewart Lemoine, and Sheri Somerville, as always, was a total delight.

It was exciting to see to see so many new faces at the event as well as long time supporters like Ailien Holdis, Carl and Madeline Semashkewich and the folks at ARS Trucking.

Bidding was fierce for original art and one lucky winner of the live auction will be spending 5 nights at a beautiful property in San Diego, donated by our wonderful friends at Luxus Vacation Properties.

The real winners of the night, however, were the artists from the Nina Collective. All of the proceeds from this event go directly to supporting our busy studio program.

Thanks to the generosity of FO Photography, you can check out a great gallery of photos now available on the Nina website under *Events*.



(Top centre) Longtime event supporters Ailien Holdis with Carl Semashkewicz (left) and guests at the World Stone Inc. VIP Reception. Honorary Chair, Sarah Chan and CTV's Josh Classen hosted the reception, with music by Colleen Rae.



Jackie-Rae Green was triumphant in a game of musical chairs, besting Avenue Magazine's publisher Orville Chubb. (Right) Sheri Somerville was also back, here performing with local actor Mathew Hulshof during the stage show.

2016 Patrons Program Launched at *Here's Nina*

Thirty-four guests signed up at the *Here's Nina* event to join the 2016 Patron Program! Launched three years ago, the program was initially limited to 30 patrons but has "sold out" in each of the last two years so this year we have expanded the program with a goal to enlist 50 patrons.

We are excited to see many new names on the list along with returning patrons from prior years.

In exchange for a \$500 donation to the Nina, Patrons are matched

with an artist from the Collective and receive an original piece of art and enjoy the highlight of the year, the annual Patron luncheon.

The call for Patrons will continue until Nina's birthday celebration in February. Donors will then be recognized on our website and in this newsletter.

To renew your patronage or to sign up as a new patron, call Rona Fraser (780-886-6640) or Wendy Hollo (780-915-9037). Sign up before December 31 to receive a 2015 charitable donation receipt.



Nina Board Chair, Shelagh Kubish welcomed guests to *Here's Nina* and was excited to see so many new donors join the patron program.

In the Stollery Gallery: Joyeux Visages

Sponsored by the Rotary Club
of Edmonton Northeast

Once again, the Nina is proud to host its annual holiday season exhibition, this year sponsored by our dear friends at the Rotary Club of Northeast Edmonton. This is always a popular show as guests interested in purchasing original art to gift to friends and family during the holidays are allowed to take the piece right off the wall! (Don't worry, it is replaced with another piece.) The show runs to the end of December but please plan to join us for the Rotary reception on December 9 between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. for live music, refreshments and a wonderful collection of unique artwork in various mediums.



**Reception December 9, 2015
5 to 7 PM**
Regular Gallery Hours:
Mon - Friday 10 AM- 2PM
Thursday 4:30-8 and
Saturday 1 - 3PM

Who's Who at the NINA

BOARD: Officers: Shelagh Kubish, Janice Kosak, Svetlana Pavlenko; **Directors:** Cecilia Bloxom, Jodi Eyolfson, Bruce Kirkland, James Morrissey, Roy Skoreko, Noel Xavier and Heather Zwicker.

ARTISTIC STAFF: Sherri Chaba, Alysha Creighton, Brenda Kim Christiansen, Carolyn Gingrich, Amanda Howell, Brittney Roy, Cynthia Sentara, Susan Seright, Jill Stanton, Denis Yowney, Writer in Residence Jocelyn Brown, and Exhibition Coordinator David Janzen.

Exec. Director : Wendy Hollo;
Artistic Director: Paul Freeman;
Director of Development: Rona Fraser; **Community Engagement:** Stephanie Dickie.

Stony Plain Multicultural Centre Gallery Welcomes Nina Artists

Lucille Frost, Executive Director of the Stony Plain Multicultural Heritage Centre, was excited to curate an exhibition of work by Nina artists in November 2015.

The show, which ran for the entire month, showcased new work by twenty artists from the Nina Collective. Popular with guests to the gallery were the wonderfully whimsical figures in clay and fabric.

This is the first exhibition by Nina artists in the Heritage Gallery space, introducing a whole new audience to the artists and the Nina. Thanks go to board member Svetlana Pavlenko for bringing a group of seniors out to see the show.

