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MCFP Grant Makes Dream a Reality NHCA Home on the AVE

Minister Lindsay Blackett, Alberta Culture and Community Spirit, presented the Nina Haggerty Centre with a cheque for \$750,000 at a special presentation held at Government House on May 7. Board Chair Curtis Gillespie, Director Wendy Hollo and Lead Artist Paul Freeman were thrilled to attend on behalf of the Centre. Each played a founding role in the Centre's creation and could not be happier with the announcement of this grant. All funds received will be used to purchase the Centre's permanent home now under construction on Alberta Avenue.



(L) Board Chair Curtis Gillespie Centre Director Wendy Hollo & Lead Artist Paul Freeman with Minister Lindsay Blackett. This grant makes the purchase of Alberta Avenue facility possible.

The Centre learned of the grant on April 27 when it hosted a 'Letter Opening Party' in the studio with artists and invited guests. It was a brave move, not knowing what news the letter would contain, but in the end it created a wonderful moment of shared euphoria. Filmmaker Yvonne DuBourdieu, on the NHCA Board, was on hand to capture the moment on film.

Watch for a clip to be available soon on our website! The Centre has been given tremendous support from the City of Edmonton and now awaits news of a potential federal grant through Canadian Heritage under the Cultural Spaces Canada program.

Special Grants Avert Crisis Private Donor, Stollery & Allard Foundations Cover Shortfall

Even as plans forged ahead for a new home on Alberta Avenue, the Nina Haggerty Centre faced a looming shortfall in its operating budget. The crisis has been averted, thanks to a very generous private donation from Marian Allen and grants from the Stollery Charitable Foundation and Allard Foundation

"We've managed to cover costs for six years and are almost at a point where funding is stable, but we faced a serious shortfall this year," said Centre Director Wendy Hollo. "We were looking at making some very tough decisions.

These contributions have really saved the day."

Marian Allen, Assoc. Chair of the English Department at MacEwan College, has been a long time supporter of the Centre, initially drawn to events and exhibits by her son (Founding Lead Artist Paul Freeman). The Stollery Foundation has also been there from the beginning, providing the first major grant in support of the new project. Moved by Marian's contribution, they approved a matching grant, with the Allard Foundation coming forward to cover the remaining shortfall.

New Projects and a Trip to Brazil



The Nina Haggerty Centre has applied for a Community Public Art grant to create a vibrant mural on the east wall of its new home on Alberta Avenue. If approved, artists would begin the project in September,

hoping to have it installed before the snow flies this winter.

We have also applied to the Lee Fund for a grant to engage studio and community artists in pinhole photography. Artists will build simple pinhole cameras and explore their world through its lens.

Paul Freeman and Nicole Galellis are off to Brazil at the end of May! Paul will be presenting at an International Conference in Campinas Brazil. His trip and the conference are sponsored by the Fundação Síndrome de Down, a connection initiated by local .

Brazilian filmmaker Julio Munhoz of Chronopia Communications. He hopes to work in partnership with the two organizations and colleagues in both countries to produce a documentary focused on the potential exchange between Brazilian and Canadian artists. Julio has also put Paul in touch with other art and disability organizations and introduced him to artists and journalists.

We hope that this exchange will lead to new connections for NHCA artists. Some of their work will be displayed at the Conference.

Groundbreaking to Final Stages of Construction



Mayor Mandel and Councillors Tony Caterina (left) and Ed Gibbons (Centre) were on hand last May when the fabulous Carrot Café hosted our (indoor!) groundbreaking event. We hope they will join us again in September when we officially welcome Edmonton to our permanent new home on 118th (Alberta) Avenue.



Delnor Construction and Rockliff Pierzchajlo Architects have kept the project on time and on budget for project developer, Edmonton Inner City Housing Society (EICHS). The three-story, multi-use building will house the Nina Haggerty Centre on the main floor (7500 square feet), with two floors of condos above.



The project is scheduled for completion by the end of July and the NHCA plans to move in mid-August. The existing Centre will close for three weeks (August 3rd to 21st) re-opening in the new facility on August 24. We are working with *Arts on the Ave* to coordinate our official opening with the Kaleido Family Arts Festival (September 25 –27).

With a Little Help From Our Friends

The Centre is grateful for the ongoing support of the Edmonton Region PDD Community Board and three-year bridge support from the Edmonton Community Foundation. These, together with arts grants, donations, artist fees, sales and fundraising allow the Centre to run its studio and gallery programs.

A generous grant from ECALA (Edmonton Community Adult Learning Association) supports the Centre's community outreach programs (free and low cost art classes currently geared to adults and families with school-aged children).

This year we have been very fortunate to receive special grants and donations in support of specific programs and ongoing operations. The Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation provided a grant that will keep the clay studio in supplied for most of this year, and the Golden Gate Lions Club purchased clay tables and special equipment that make it easier for our clay artists to prepare materials.

Faced with a cash flow crisis, the Centre welcomed support from Marian Allen, the Stollery Charitable Foundation and the

Allard Foundation. Staff were especially touched to receive a private donation and wonderful letter of support from Sophia Wong, in recognition of support provided to her brother Leo Wong.

The Centre also receives grants in support of operations from the City of Edmonton (Edmonton Arts Council) and looks forward to operating support this year from the Alberta Foundation for the Arts.



We've Come a Long Way!



All You Need Is Cake...and *Die Nasty* actors

Mark Tuesday, November 3 on your social calendar - this will be an evening you don't want to miss! Sheri Somerville is back to host this year's World STONE Inc Cake Walk with CTV News Anchor Carrie Doll, and this year she is bringing her friends! At least eight of the amazing actors from the cast of *Die Nasty* will join teams on the runway, with live music by Thom Golub, Terry & Dan McDade and

Howard Fix. Honorary Chair Lynn Mandel and Sponsorship Chair Trudy Callaghan remain at the helm, and we are pleased to welcome back title sponsor, World STONE Inc and event sponsor Canadian Western Bank.

This year's event brings back the Beatles and all things 'sixties with *All You Need is Cake*. Watch for more information in June - tickets will be on sale September first. .



The Art of Cake created this sensation for Team Lexus (Bruce Kirkland), taking top prize.



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Duncan Johnson Louis O'Coffey And The Works

Artist Duncan Johnson partners with NHCA artist Louis O'Coffey to bring us *Spatial Nature*. This exhibit is part of the Works Festival of Art & Design (June 19 to July 1) and will be held over for the month of July. This marks the Gallery's 63rd exhibit and the last to be held in the current location. The new Stollery Gallery opens in Sept. 2009 with *ReGenesis*, work by NHCA and Alberta Avenue artists.



IN THE GALLERY *Come What May 2009*

Don't miss the last group exhibit of work by Nina Haggerty artists to be held in the current Stollery Gallery!

*"In the Spring, at the end of the day,
you should smell like dirt."*

Margaret Atwood

Check out what's new this spring, and consider original garden stakes or plant watering horns created in our clay studio.

The new Stollery Gallery will open in September 2009 (92 Street and 111 Avenue) with *ReGenesis* (working title), an exhibit of work by NHCA and Alberta Avenue artists. Over 300 artists in different disciplines live and work in this community, and the Nina Haggerty Centre looks forward to opportunities to collaborate on new projects with *Arts on the Ave* and individual artists.



Gallery Hours:

Mon-Fri: 9:30 - 2:30

Tues, Wed. & Thurs: 9:30 - 4:00

Tues. & Th. Evenings: 6:30-8:30

For more information:

Call 474-7611 or visit

www.ninahaggertyart.ca

There is much anticipation that Nina Haggerty artists will have the chance to be at the heart of some really interesting multi-disciplinary projects. Watch for live music, dance and poetry at future openings, and forays into new visual art mediums thanks to expanded studio space.

Exhibit Held Over at ARTery

Jesus Is It OK If I Have a Girlfriend was described in *VUEWeekly* as 'one of the best (exhibits) of the year' to be shown at the ARTery, a funky new gallery on Jasper Ave.

Curated on a theme of love, sex and relationships, the group show included work by NHCA artists Mark Traficante, Leona Clawson, Rob Armstrong, Leo Wong, Yvette Prefontaine and others.

The show ran from March 27 to April 18, and was held over until May 2.



The Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts and theARTery present

JESUS, IS IT OKAY IF I HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?

Rob Armstrong • Kyle Kowoson • Leona Clawson • Elyse Enger • Cassandra Tobin
• Mark Traficante • Leo Wong • Louis O'Coffey • Randy Stenness • Ulrike Rossier • Scott Berry •
Dorothy Loh • Brian Betcher • Chris King • Deborah Cardinal • Ryan Dowling • Yvette Prefontaine

OPENING RECEPTION: SUNDAY, APRIL 5 • 2-5PM

MARCH 27 — APRIL 18, 2009

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