

ACD Newsletter

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Get Your Events Registered Today!

Don't wait to get your events on the [Alberta Culture Calendar](#). The longer your events are promoted on the Culture Calendar the greater the chance people will notice them. There's already 700 events registered!

Another reason to enter your events early is that Alberta Culture Days events are now being submitted to the national [Culture Days](#) events calendar. It's a great way to get national exposure and continue to show how important culture is to our province and country.



ACD Block Parties

Alberta Culture Days 2014 kicks off with free concerts and block parties in Edmonton and in Calgary on September 26. The celebrations get underway at 5 p.m. and run until 10 p.m.

In Edmonton, the 104 Street promenade (just north of Jasper Avenue) becomes party central with exciting local acts like [Wool on Wolves](#), [Oscar Lopez](#), [Michael Rault](#), and [Nuela Charles](#). [Blue Plate Diner](#), [Kelly's Pub](#), [Tzin](#) and [Cavern](#) will be extending their patio hours for this special event. Do some shopping at the artisan market along the promenade, or test your creativity by participating in an art workshop. As well, there will be street performers, an [Adventure Bus](#) for kids, and much more!

If you are down in Calgary, you can catch exciting bands like [Cowtown Opera](#), [Viet Cong](#) and [The Wet Secrets](#), as well as local DJs spinning beats from [BassBus](#).

There's also photography, printmaking and film workshops, along with some mesmerizing, interactive art displays. It all happens along Stephen Avenue Walk and Olympic Plaza.

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Q&A with host site Metro Cinema

What are you most looking forward to for Alberta Culture Days 2014?

Metro Cinema has a passion for film and video and, in particular, home grown film and video. How better to celebrate Alberta Culture Days than sharing that passion with the people of the Capital Region of Alberta.

Where are you hosting your events? What makes it a good facility/venue for Alberta Culture Days?

Originally opening its doors in 1940, and home to Metro Cinema for three years, the historic Garneau theatre plays proud host to Metro Cinema's Culture Days programming.

Who's your favourite Albertan artist (could be any discipline)? Why?

I'm a huge fan of Calgary's One Yellow Rabbit Ensemble. This is a group that has worked together, committed to working as a team for decades, and committed to remaining in the city of their birth. They embrace influences from many genres and styles, but continue to filter everything through their own wonky Prairie aesthetic.

What's your favourite memory from past Alberta Culture Days?

Rapid Fire Theatre's programming for Alberta Culture Days in 2012, which included their usual insanity and a brilliant improv workshop for seniors.

Why does celebrating culture matter to you?

All of us get so caught up in our own working lives, our own small circles. Culture Days gives us a hundred opportunities to break out of that and try something entirely new, without risk or charge.

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