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Edmonton Cultural Capital Program

Community Arts Grant: Cultural Collaborations – *Voices Less Heard*

Artists and community groups share a natural impulse to make Edmonton a better place. The Cultural Collaborations program will bring imaginative people and committed people together to create new art, and new possibilities for our city. We encourage people in diverse communities to gather the stories that matter most to them, and work with a professional artist, curator, historian or researcher to share their imaginative vision with Edmonton's citizens.

What might that look like? Consider any artistic collaboration that nurtures our urban culture: perhaps a night of storytelling or a photographic exhibit; a flashy video or a challenging sculpture, a book of stories or an original play, a wall mural or a dance workshop, art in the playground or an unforgettable concert.

We have put aside money for the Edmontonians we believe are 'least heard' in our city – those who need fair access to funding, community resources and the large audiences they deserve.

Interested? There are two ways to apply to the Cultural Collaborations program.

- A community group can recruit a professional artist or resource person to assist in the gathering and sharing of its stories. This work could be in any tangible form – for example, interviews on videotape, or the collection of photographs.
- An artist can approach a community group with a proposal to collaborate on a work of art. This project could be in any artistic discipline including digital media and the written word. The community can be involved in the creative process in varied ways, although active participation is encouraged.

Artists and community groups will share this process with the public. If they are collecting stories, for example, they might prepare a storytelling event, a photographic exhibition, a book or an on-line posting. If they prefer an artistic representation of the stories, they might create a work of visual art, a video, a concert or a play reading. Each project will be featured during a showcase in March of 2008.

Our goal is to promote understanding among members of a particular community, and to share that understanding with other Edmontonians through the arts.

We hope these creative projects will be a small but important step toward social change, and a better quality of life for all citizens in Edmonton.

For a grant application package go to the Edmonton Cultural Capital website
www.edmontonculturalcapital.com

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