

ARTS NORTH

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Williams Lake Hosts Arts Fest 2009

2009 ArtsFest Tour pieces chosen

- Carol Anders
- "Leaving Home"*
- Laurie Bare
- "Purple Potato Truck"*
- Hugh Perkins
- "First Snow"*
- Pat Gauthier
- "Whose the Boss"*
- Martha Cloudesley
- "I am Moving Forward to a New Day"*
- Laura McGregor
- "Northern Spring"*
- Anna Maria Lawrie
- "Body Image: She Thought Food was the Enemy"*
- Joan Ramsey Harker
- "Evenglow"*
- Tracy Cogan
- "The Cattleman"*
- Azu Rudland
- "Feel Free to Gaze"*

Congratulations to all of the artists and look for these wonderful pieces throughout the region from June 2009 to February 2010.

To the artists who submitted their work and those who participated in the Symposium, we thank you for your courage and dedication to the arts. We congratulate you for your vision, creativity and for sharing your personal journey with the entire region.

ArtsFest 2009 Williams Lake

ArtsFest 2009 was a quality, intimate event. Events took place in Williams Lake on May 22nd and 23rd at the Thompson Rivers University. There were 30 exhibits which displayed the diverse talent in our region. Pieces were adjudicated by Janet Zimonick of Williams Lake and Annerose Georgeson of Vanderhoof. Attendees included visiting and participating artists, volunteers and arts council representatives. Everyone had a wonderful lunch at Thompson Rivers University and attended seminars on The Creative Process and a CIRAC Brainstorming Session. We then finished with CIRAC's AGM. We wish to greatly acknowledge Thompson Rivers University, for providing us with a new and exciting venue to showcase the many talented artists in our region and for supporting us in bringing the arts to a new audience. Thankyou to the jurors, Janet Zimonick and Annerose Georgeson, for dedicating so much time and effort into selecting the Arts Fest 2008 Tour Award Recipients, Honorable Mention Awards and for conducting the Symposium.

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Presidents Report

Happy Spring to everyone, it looks like we are finally getting some of that wonderful sunshine so long due to us and that will mean hopefully getting out to enjoy all of nature's splendor and for some of us utilizing its beauty to create. On that note we are very excited to announce that in partnership with Thompson River's University, Arts Fest took place in Williams Lake at the TRU campus on May 22nd, with a reception and 23rd with workshops and meetings. We are very excited to be the first show of this kind at TRU and the showing space is absolutely wonderful. I encourage everyone to check out the Arts Fest Touring show that will be coming to a community near you. This year's entrants were amazing and so very diverse, what a great showing congratulations to everyone who participated. On a happy note CherieLynn our coordinator has announced she will be having a baby in the fall. This means she will be leaving us for maternity leave to spend time with her family. We are very pleased for her and her family and we will miss her very much however everything for planning is well in hand and she will leave us very organized and prepared to deal with upcoming events. Look for announcements through the summer about our fall regional meeting and Book/CD Nook. Enjoy your summer.

Best Regards,
Anna Barley - President

JOIN US! Regular Members receive:

- ◆ One year of Arts North, the quarterly journal of the arts
- ◆ One year of Newline, the up-to-date arts newsletter
- ◆ Eligibility to be listed in our web site's Artist Directory
- ◆ Early notice of special events, festivals and arts happenings
- ◆ Discount rates on special CIRAC events
- ◆ Opportunity to help shape arts development in the region by becoming a board member, attending meetings, volunteering and working on committees
- ◆ A chance to meet and share ideas with other people from around the province with similar interests
- ◆ Assurance that your views and interests are being actively represented to all levels of government and community agencies

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ArtsWells Festival

July 31-Aug 3 Wells/Barkerville

The sixth annual Arts Wells Festival will take place from July 31st to August 3rd. Brimming with the dynamic talent of over 50 performers, Arts Wells has garnered the reputation of BC's largest and best new Indie arts festival.

ArtsWells features

- Over [50 musical acts](#) of folk, jazz, country, funk, hip hop, electronic, world, pop, roots & more
- Performances include juggling, spoken word, fire spinning, dance, and more
- The 9th International [One Minute Play Festival](#)
- [Free workshops](#) and kids activities
- A [visual ArtWalk](#) around the town of Wells
- Artisans selling their wares
- & discounts to local attractions like [Barkerville Historic Town](#) - where you can catch more ArtsWells musical acts just 8 km down the road

Get paid to work for ArtsWells! There are currently two job openings at Island Mountain Arts involving the planning of the 2009 ArtsWells festival. call Julie Fowler at 1-800-442-2787.

Volunteering 12 hours over the weekend gets you a free festival pass, free food all weekend in our volunteer/ performer kitchen, and free camping

Volunteer Positions Include:

Set/up tear down-pre and post festival

Security

Stage/Sound

First Aid

Transportation

Box Office

Kitchen

Plus More! Contact volunteer@imarts.com or call 250 994 3466

2009 Arts Wells Tickets

Weekend Pass-Adult (19 and over) \$60.00 Youth 13-18 yrs \$25.00

New this year, with the purchase of an Adult Weekend Pass, festival-goers will receive a voucher to choose one performer CD at the ArtsWells Merchandise Booth. ArtsWells will pay the retail value to the artist, giving festival-goers the chance to support their favourite artist directly through the purchase of their festival pass.

23rd Annual International Harp School!

We are pleased to announce a great line up of instructors for the **23rd Annual International Harp School** which runs from **August 11 - 15, 2009**. The all-star crew of harpists include **Sharlene Wallace** from Toronto, **Lori Pappajohn** from Vancouver and **Sunita Staneslow** from Israel. Israeli fiddle player, **Gal Shahar** will also travel to Wells to teach.

The rate is \$499 plus tax which includes a ticket to the Annual Harp Dinner and Concert at the Sunset Theatre on August 12th.

For more information or to register please call 1-800-442-2787, email info@imarts.com

Kids and Youth Songwriting and Spoken Word Poetry Day Camp

**(Ages 6 - 18) with Kia
Kadiri and Corwin Fox**

July 28 - 31st, 2009

Island Mountain Arts, Wells

The course focuses on both writing and performance and will teach students how to self-express and get comfortable in the rhythm of song and spoken word. It will combine elements of musical theory, improvisation techniques, writing lyrics and collaboration with their peers. Corwin brings along his mobile recording studio to give students an opportunity to record their new tunes. Students will perform their new songs, rhymes and spoken word poems during the final evening concert.

**Contact Island Mountain Arts to
register or for more info:
250 994 3466**

Cello Boot Camp

Island Mountain Arts July 30-31

with *Morag Northey*

This two-day workshop will be tailored to the participant's level of achievement from beginner to Master Class. Some prep work may be required. Morag offers a very rewarding and memorable approach to furthering your love of the cello. "I am excited to work with any and all who come to play!" exclaims Northey. Morag Northey has been teaching for over 28 years at her very successful Broadview Studio in Calgary, AB. She is dedicated to teaching, having kept a significant place in her life to study pedagogy, including at the Associate of Arts (pedagogy) at the Victoria Conservatory of Music, the University of Calgary, the renowned "String Project" at the University of Texas with Phyllis Young, as well as Kodaly and Suzuki Training throughout. An accomplished performer, composer, singer, songwriter and poet, Morag has a unique ability to inspire her students. Her approach to teaching cello is informed and passionate, and through that the students creative potential is released, encouraging them to tap into their inner voice and listen to what the vibrations ask of them.

www.moragnorthey.com

Horsefly Arts Festival: "Arts on the Fly"

July 3rd and 4th

Horsefly, BC

Arts on the Fly began as a typical small town 'everyone knows everyone else's business' scenario. A couple of friends would run into each other at a local Horsefly hotspot and share their visions of an event which would both promote tourism in the area and fulfill their zeal for All Things Creative. Through similar conversations with other locals a common thread was woven, and a meeting was called.

Arts on the Fly went under the umbrella of the William's Lake Arts Council in order to connect with a well-established non-profit organization, for networking purposes and to share their non-profit status. Fundraisers consisted of coffeehouse events, phone calls and handouts of the 'beggar letter'. Their cause was advertised on CBC radio as well as a local station, in the newspaper and on television. With the support of caring volunteers, a large stage was constructed.

This year will mark our fourth annual festival.

Festival Line-Up

The festival activities begin Friday with an art show at the community Hall in the afternoon. The music festival begins at the school grounds at 7 p.m. with the fantastic Lily Come Down Band from Vancouver followed by the In the Works Dance Studio, and The Sofa Kings from Williams Lake.

The closers for Friday night are Mamaguroove, back this year by popular demand after last year's powerhouse performance.

Saturday during the day there will be entertainment for the children and vendors selling all sorts of interesting wares.

The performances begin at 11 a.m. featuring in no particular order, Yael Wand, Murray Boal and the Wingdamramblers, and many other fabulous acts.

Saturday evening's feature performers are in order: Linda McRae, formerly with The Spirit of the West, Stuart MacLeod, with his In Memory of the King tribute to Elvis Presley, The Tim Readman Band, a high energy Celtic group, as well as the mesmerizing Los Rastillos, an 11 piece Reggae band from Mexico City, who are touring BC this summer.

The music selection reflects the diverse culture and ethnic background of Canada in the 21st century, and compliments the culture of Horsefly.

Arts on the Fly extend a cordial invitation to one and all on this special day for Horsefly.

Credit: ArtsontheFly.com

Feature Artist Room

This is the last opportunity to come by Studio 2880 and shop from the Guilds in the Feature Artist Room. There are fine woven items that feel like silk to the touch, dazzling quilts of all sizes, eye catching artwork, beautiful wood and rock turned pieces, cross stitching that makes you go cross eyed even thinking of the work put into them, and creative, unique pottery. All of these items will be in the Feature room until the last week of June so if you haven't seen their amazing wares, be sure to stop in.

In the months of July and August, the Feature Room will be showcasing Prince George artists, Grace Kostamo and George Brooks.

Grace is a self taught artist hailing from the Phillippines and Africa. Her vibrant colors, high contrast canvases, and modern designs are a treat to the eye.

George is a retired teacher who took up the hobby of wood turning under the mentorship of Pat Baker. The grain in his bowls are something to behold!

Opening night will be held on July 3rd from 7pm to 9pm at Studio 2880 (2820 15th Ave., Prince George) As well as featuring our artists, the Gift Shoppe will be offering a 10% discount off all items in the gift shop for the duration of Opening Night. Light Refreshments will be served.

Credit: Prince George Arts Notes: June 09

Lakes District Arts News

The Burns Lake and District Seniors Society is sponsoring their ***First Annual BBQ and Live Music Event at Spirit Square on Tuesday, July 14th*** from noon to 3:00 pm. Admission for seniors and their guests is \$5.00, and includes a hamburger, salads, desserts, tea, coffee, juice and all the live music you can enjoy. Music will be by Ross and Jan and Country 'n' Stuff.

The Arts Council is sponsoring two other ***free, live music events*** this summer. On ***Thursday, July 23rd*** we'll be hosting our ***first 'Picnic in the Park'***, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Music by local performers and headliners ***Navaz*** from Prince George. Navaz began as a musical collaboration between Neda Jalali and Eric Tompkins. Eric's love of jazz and Latin music and his interest in world music compliments Neda's beautifully haunting voice. Navaz sounds like a warm breeze through a Persian garden. Don't miss them - you can listen and find out more at their myspace site:

<http://www.myspace.com/navazensemble>

Our second live music event will be held on ***Friday evening, August 21st from 6:00 to 9:00 pm*** at Spirit Square. It will be an afternoon and evening of local and Prince George bands for teens and young people, including rising local talent ***Brian McQueen and friends, and Lost Cause 34*** from Prince George.

A special word of thanks to the Village of Burns Lake for a grant-in-aid to the Arts Council, which has helped to make all these free summer events possible. And another thanks to Thorburn Sound, our hardworking sound specialists this summer at Spirit Square.

There's more ... ***66th Annual Lakes District Fall Fair and Music Festival September 11, 12 and 13*** - three days of entertainment, good food, 4-H events, agricultural exhibits, logger sports, heavy horse pull - and much more. Remember how much fun the Fair was last year? We expect this one to be even better. To see some pictures of last year's music festival at the Fair, go to:

<http://www.lakesdistrictarts.com/PDF/Fall%20Fair%202008.pdf>

And ... The line-up for the ***Arts Council's 2009/2010 subscription season*** is now up on our website, thanks to our web designer Jenn Gurtins of Jagware Design. In addition to the performers we announced back in April at the *musica intima* performance, we are pleased to announce The Montreal Guitar Trio in February 2010, and "Bassoon as You Are Ready" featuring George Zukerman with piano accompaniment in April 2010. The Arts Council website has links to all the performers' websites, where you can read bios and hear musical excerpts. Watch for season subscription information in mid-August. In the meantime, check us out at: www.lakesdistrictarts.com

Judy Russell Presents: The Who's TOMMY

Stunning guitar riffs, trademark power chords and a dazzling multi-media musical experience await audiences this summer as Judy Russell presents Pete Townshend's classic rock opera masterpiece *The Who's Tommy*. The show is recommended for mature audiences and runs from July 21 to August 1 at the Prince George Playhouse. with tickets on sale starting May 30 at Studio 2880.

Based on the critically and commercially successful 1969 double album Tommy, the Who's Tommy won five Tony Awards on Broadway in 1993. including Best Original Score for Townshend. The 1969 album is also ranked in the top 100 of Rolling Stone's list of the 500 greatest albums of all time.

'This rock opera's music is stunning,' says Judy Russell, producer and artistic director. "and is as powerful fresh and relevant as it was back in 1969.' Well known musician Paul

Forester takes charge of the band as Musical Director for the show as well as playing lead guitar and keyboards. He has also assembled a sensational band full of experience and musical chops that Includes Lloyd Larsen on bass Val Stanley on keyboards. Curtis Abriel on guitar and keyboards, Kirby Gerry on drums, and a little bit of harmonica help from Murray Gable.

And, for Paul, The Who's Tommy Is a very much a family affair, his son Eric Forester, best known for his drumming and percussion prowess, brings his dynamic vocal abilities to the title role of Tommy. As well, Paul's wife, Lecia Forester brings her years of sexy pop and rock power to the role of the Acid Queen.

Pete Townshend set his superb lyrics to complex arrangements, loaded with harmonies, belts, screams and nuanced deliveries. The music demands a cast that can deliver, and after a thorough audition process that will introduce some new faces, Judy Russell has assembled a team she is confident can rock the house.

Joining Eric and Lecia Forester are Jon Amos as Captain Walker, Sandra Clermont as Mrs. Walker, Murray Gable as Uncle Ernie, Charles Amos as Cousin Kevin, Andrew Halladay as the Hawker. Dwight Wolfe as the Minister. Dawn Roudreau as the Minister's Wife and a full chorus of 20 terrific experienced performers.

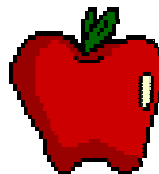
All in all Judy Russell's production of The Who's Tommy promises to be a powerful, driving rock opera experience that won't soon be forgotten. Visit www.tommypg.com for show details, cast information and a look behind the scenes Tickets are \$27 for adults, \$25 for seniors and \$22 for students (plus gst) and are available at Studio 2880. Call 250-563-2880 or visit 2820 15th Avenue.

Credit: PG Arts Notes June 09

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Operating from May to October



100 Mile	8:30am-1:30 pm	Fri.	Red Coach Parking Lot
Williams Lake	10am-3:30pm	Fri.	Boitanio Park
Quesnel	8:30am-1pm	Sat.	Helen Dixon Centre
Prince George	8:30am-2pm	Sat.	Court House Square
Fort St. James	12noon-5pm	Fri.	Stuart Drive
Bella Coola	10am-2pm	Sun.	Quonset Hut
Burns Lake	9am-3pm	Sat.	Heritage Centre-Highway 16
Southside	10am-1pm	Sat.	Southside Economic Development Assoc-Southbank

Upcoming Arts Events in Our Region

100 Mile House Contact: 395-3555

July 24-Sept 5 29th Annual Fine Art Show
Sponsored by the Cariboo Artists
Guild at the Parkside Centre in 100 Mile.
Tues-Fri 10-4 Sat noon-4. Admssion by
donation

**Barkerville/Wells Contact: Theatre
Royal 994-3225 www.theatreroyal.ca**

**Also visit www.barkerville.ca or
wwimarts.com for more events**

Sat. July 11 Hose Carriage Races hosted
by Theatre Royal. Call 1 250 994 3225 for
more info.

July 31-Aug 3 Arts Wells: Musical
Performances, Workshops, Artwalk
Sat. Aug 22 Mid Autumn Festival. This
traditional Chinese celebration honors
Barkerville's Chinese heritage. Activities all
day with lantern parade through Barkerville
at Dusk. Bring your own lantern or make
one at the Lantern Making Workshop

**Burns Lake Contact: Wayne Brown
Process 4 Gallery: 692-3434**

Ongoing: Burns Lake Artist Guild-members
works can be found on a rotating basis at 6
different businesses around town: (medical
clinic, public library, dental clinic, CIBC, NC
Insurance, The Lakes District Museum is
one of BC's

Premier small town museums. This two
storey structure, once housing the area's
forest ranger now displays community
treasured artefacts dating back to the turn
of the century. Open 9am-5pm weekly,
Also ongoing: The Native Art Gallery, and
the Burns Lake Walking tours takes visitors
through time to restored historical buildings.

Fort St. James Contact 250 996 8560

Mackenzie Contact: 997-4323
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McBride

Contact: Dannielle Allan 250 569 8891

Bella Coola

July 4th Vancouver Film Festival in Bella
Coola. Profits go to Bella Coola Search
and Rescue Team

Ongoing: Artist's galleries-Authentic art can
be found at home galleries and studio's
around the valley.

Contact: Pauline Russell 982-2126

**Vanderhoof contact: Azucena Rud-
land 250 690 6894**

Nechako Valley Exhibition/Fall Fair-3rd
Weekend in August. Animals, agricultural
events and education, home baking, crafts,
fun events for the whole family. All are wel-
come, contact the Nechako Exhibition Soci-
ety for more info.

Prince George Contact:

**Two Rivers Gallery 614-7800 or
Studio 2880 562-5426 [www.
studio2880.com](http://www.studio2880.com)**

July 3 Elmhurst College Jazz Band PG
Playhouse \$20, \$15

July 15-16 Lippizzaner Stallions CN Cen-
tre \$27.75, \$33.75

July 17 Grand Slam Party CN Centre
\$16.50

July 21-Aug 1 The Who's Tommy-A Rock
Opera PG Playhouse \$27, \$25, \$22

Quesnel Contact 992-8200

July 1-31 Quesnel Art Gallery-Artists in
the Garden. Artists who have shown and
demonstrated in the annual Artist event.
Sponsored by Edgewood Farm.

July 16 Billy Barker Days Festival- Le
Bourdais Park

Aug 4-31 Quesnel Art Gallery-"Double
Exposure". Photographers Chris Sadler
and Kris Wahlstrom collaborate. Spon-
sored by Garden Gallery B&B.

Williams Lake

Contact: 392-9737

www.stationhousegallery.com

July 26 -15th annual BC Fiddle Treat
Gavin Lake. Contact Old Time Fiddlers 250
992 5081

July 3 Arts on the Fly-Horsefly Arts Fest

July 3 Station House Gallery Greater Than One
Theme Show

June 18-Aug 27 Performances in the park
every Thursday. Gwen Ringwood Theatre in
Boitanio park