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OVER 450 FREE WAYS TO CELEBRATE ARTS AND CULTURE IN MANITOBA

This weekend's Culture Days is set to have a record-breaking number of events.

Winnipeg, MB (September 26, 2017) Culture Days Manitoba is coming into its 8th year with a record-breaking number of events from September 29, 30 and October 1. Culture Days will be celebrated in **27 communities, towns and cities** and will feature over **450 free activities** from a wide range of disciplines including visual arts and installations, heritage, Indigenous arts and traditional practices, cross-cultural activities, educational tours, community street festivals, collective art-making projects, projection mapping, storytelling to avant-garde performance art.

"We're excited to have an increase in events this year, but more importantly, many of the events have more hands-on activities, demonstrations and workshops," says Mélissa Courcelles, Project Manager for Culture Days Manitoba and Nuit Blanche Winnipeg. "These events provide an accessible opportunity to build appreciation for arts and culture that will hopefully continue year-round."

Nuit Blanche Winnipeg (NBW), produced by Culture Days Manitoba with the support of the Winnipeg Arts Council, has two interactive feature works, 12 juried selections and over 100 independently organized exhibitions, installations and events for attendees to choose from during the dusk-till-dawn contemporary art celebration in Winnipeg's Downtown, St. Boniface and Exchange District on September 30.

Khan Lee's *Red, Green and Blue*, an interactive light and water installation, will give Nuit Blanche attendees an opportunity to walk on water and experience wind. Khan Lee is a Vancouver based, South Korean artist and one of this year's featured artists.

"We are so proud to host Khan's beautiful installation in Winnipeg this year," says Monica Lowe, Co-Chair of Nuit Blanche Winnipeg. "One of the best things about Nuit Blanche is exposing people to contemporary art and areas of the city that they may not be familiar with. It truly is a celebration of art and community and I am so excited to see it come to life."

Culture Days Manitoba and Nuit Blanche Winnipeg organizers are expecting 50,000 attendees over the three days of Culture Days weekend.

Check out some of the many free and fun Culture Days activities in Manitoba this weekend:

- **Storytelling Day at The Forks** with the help of [Artspark Manitoba](#) and the Winnipeg School Division #1 this year's theme features "[Everybody has the Right](#)" and [Orange Shirt Day](#). Five-hundred students will come together, assemble a 120-piece puzzle, the size of a football field and wear orange shirts, in solidarity in the spirit of reconciliation and hope.
- **5th Annual Midnight Medicine Walk** by **AYO! (Aboriginal Youth Opportunities!)** Midnight at NBW, AYO! invites you will walk together, smudge, and sing from the Exchange District to Main Street. The walk began in 2013 by Lauren Chopek to draw attention to the issue of sexual exploitation of young people.

• **Mini Culture Days** and **Mini Nuit Blanche** at **The Children’s Museum** provides children and their guardians to explore, create and participate in art, craft and cultural activities during the Culture Days weekend.

• **Swing Dancing with Hepcat Studio** and **Saturday Swing Dance at Ted Motyka Dance Studio** will give attendees two different opportunities to learn how to move their feet to the big-band sounds of the swing era. Enjoy a class during the Friday of Culture Days and during NBW.

• **Moths to a Flame** and **Sculptural Glass Prototypes** by **Warren Carther**

Internationally recognized artist, Warren Carther, whose artwork is featured at five international airports including Paris and Hong Kong, and Canadian Embassies including Tokyo and London, is exhibiting his work during Culture Days and NBW at Travel Manitoba.

For a complete list of Culture Days Manitoba and Nuit Blanche Winnipeg events and to create your personalized activity schedule, visit mb.culturedays.ca and nuitblanchewinnipeg.ca.

Download the 2017 Culture Days Manitoba Program Guide & 2017 Nuit Blanche Winnipeg Program Guide.

For photos from 2016, please visit the: [NBW Photography Folder](#) or [CD Photography Folder](#)

Culture Days Manitoba is a collaborative pan-Canadian volunteer movement to raise awareness, accessibility, participation and engagement of all Canadians in the arts and cultural life of their communities. The eighth annual Culture Days weekend (Sept. 29-Oct. 1) will feature thousands of free, hands-on, interactive activities that invite the public to participate “behind-the-scenes,” to discover the world of artists, creators, historians, architects, curators, designers and other creative people in their communities. mb.culturedays.ca

Nuit Blanche Winnipeg (NBW), meaning “a sleepless night,” is a free all-night exploration and celebration of contemporary art that takes place every Saturday of the Culture Days weekend from dusk to dawn. Held annually since 2010, all Nuit Blanche Winnipeg events and exhibits are spread across three main zones of activity - St. Boniface, Downtown, and the Exchange District. Nuit Blanche Winnipeg is run by Culture Days Manitoba. Nuit Blanche Winnipeg is produced by Culture Days Manitoba and the Winnipeg Arts Council. nuitblanchewinnipeg.ca.

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