

TAKE PART IN 400+ FREE EVENTS DURING THE CULTURE DAYS WEEKEND

September 1, 2017 (Winnipeg) - Culture Days Manitoba is coming into its 8th year with a record-breaking number of events. Over 400 free participatory arts and cultural activities, exhibitions, and workshops will take place across Manitoba on September 29, 30 and October 1.

Twenty-five rural cities, towns and communities will be putting on Culture Days events, including Flin Flon, Portage La Prairie, Dauphin and Virden.

'We're excited to have an increase in events this year, but more importantly, many of the events have more hands-on activities, demonstrations or workshops,' says Melissa Courcelles, Project Manager for Culture Days Manitoba and Nuit Blanche Winnipeg. 'While experiencing art and culture is one thing, being able to participate means a richer experience for everyone.'

Culture Days Manitoba will be kicking off the weekend on Friday, September 29, with Student Day and Storytelling Day at The Forks.

Storytelling Day at The Forks – "Everybody has the Right": Culture Days Manitoba is partnering with Artspark and the Winnipeg School Division #1 to assemble a 120-piece puzzle, the size of a football field, created by students. Each puzzle piece has a story to tell and will be shared with 900 participating students. This year, students and attendees are encouraged to wear an orange shirt in solidarity with the national [Orange Shirt Day](#), a movement to recognize the harm the residential school system did to children's self-esteem and well being.

Student Day at The Forks: Culture Days Manitoba invites teachers, educators and students to participate in free workshops and tours by Winnipeg Aboriginal Sport Achievement Centre, the Canadian Museum for Human Right, Film Training Manitoba, Manitoba Children's Museum, Manitoba Theatre for Young People, K.I.D.S. Initiative, Freeze Frame and Graffiti Art Programming.

Student Day coordinated by Culture Days Manitoba aims to get youth involved and create, participate and share Manitoba's diverse arts and culture community.

Nuit Blanche Winnipeg, produced by Culture Days Manitoba and the Winnipeg Arts Council, has over 100 events for attendees to choose from during the dusk-till-dawn contemporary art celebration in Winnipeg's Downtown, St. Boniface and Exchange District. Culture Days Manitoba and Nuit Blanche Winnipeg organizers are expecting 50,000 attendees over the three days of Culture Days weekend.

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 this year's feature artist.

ABOUT

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 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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