Wood Buffalo Public Art Plan Update

Indigenous Art in Council Chamber



INDIGENOUS ARTWORK IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Treaty 8 and Métis Territory, Region of Wood Buffalo

PARTICIPANTS



Reconciliation Advisory Circle Mikisew Cree First Nation Fort Chipewyan Métis Nation Fort McKay First Nation Fort McKay Métis Nation Fort McMurray 468 First Nation Willow Lake Métis Nation

DAVID GARNEAU MA, BFA





- Professor, Visual Arts, University of Regina
- Métis artist, curator and writer born and raised in Edmonton
- Currently installing 400 Indigenous themed artworks for the pedestrian walkway underneath Edmonton's Tawatinâ Bridge.
- Art Director, Indigenous Peoples Experience, Fort Edmonton Park (opening June 2021).

Facilitator Role

- Support Knowledge Keepers in artist selection & project direction
- Facilitate discussions on art & reconciliation for Sharing Circle 1 & 2
- Offer support to Knowledge Keepers & Artists as they review and approve design concepts

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

ARTIST SELECTION

Initial Meeting - Knowledge Keepers & David Garneau (meet & greet)	Thursday, June 3, 2021	1pm to 3pm
Artist Selection - Knowledge Keepers & David Garneau	Friday, June 4, 2021	1pm to 4pm

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SHARING CIRCLE

Sharing Circle #1 - Isolated to Knowledge Keepers, Artists & David Garneau	Tuesday, June 29, 2021	12pm to 4pm
Sharing Circle #2 - Isolated to Knowledge Keepers, Artists & David Garneau	Tuesday, July 6, 2021	12pm to 4pm

DESIGN REVIEW

Design concept review - Knowledge Keepers, Artists & David Garneau	Sept (TBD)	12pm to 4pm
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SELECTED ARTISTS

Brandon Tyson Fernando Cienfuegos Jamie Mason Kritsana Naowakhun Liana Wheeldon & Ron Kirsch Acquisitions Program Potential Acquisition

Winter Solstice-The Longest Hunt by Amy Keller-Rempp amykeller.com

- Proposed Site: Birchwood Trails
- Material: Aluminum
- Dimensions: Two 8ft x 4ft panels





Artist Concept

The December Winter Solstice has the shortest daylight of the year and the longest night of the year. On that long cold winter night most creatures are tucked away trying to keep warm, except for one terrifying, yet amazingly beautiful creature—the wolf.

The wolf pack is out and about, playing, running, and searching for prey; their eerie howls echo in the bone chilling night air. Wolves are known for their ferociousness, but also display affection and playfulness with other members in their family pack. During winter solstice wolves enjoy the longest night of the year, and the longest hunt.

Artist Biography

Amy Keller-Rempp is an artist of First Nations ancestry (Mohawk) who grew up in Canada's great outdoors where deer, bear, moose, and elk freely roam. Her tremendous love for nature's creatures and her natural artistic talent furthered her desire to study art where she acquired a certificate in Drawing & Painting from Sir. Sanford Flemming College, School of Fine Art, Hamilton, ON.

Amy's current work focuses on customizing metal through a method of grinding and airbrushing. Amy has over 25 years of experience as a realism artist and 15 years experience in the automotive and custom airbrush industry. She has exhibited her art in a variety of galleries and exhibitions throughout Canada and has donated her work to many charitable organizations and events. Learn more at amykeller.com Downtown & Waterfront Revitalization *Update*