

## **Media Release**

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### **The Fall 2009 Cultural District Arts & Dining Guide is now available**

(Calgary, AB) – The Cultural District is pleased to announce that the Fall 2009 Arts & Dining Guide is now available online at [CalgaryCulture.com/ArtsandDining](http://CalgaryCulture.com/ArtsandDining) and will shortly be available on stands throughout the Cultural District.

The Arts & Dining Guide is the go-to resource to find out what's on in the Cultural District this September to December. Included are over 50 restaurants, hotels and attractions as well as season listings for art, museums, film, theatre, literary arts, dance, live music, festivals and special events – all within blocks of Olympic Plaza.

The Cultural District is bustling in September with Culture Month including Alberta Arts Days (September 18-20), the Calgary Art Walk (September 19-20) and the ArtCity Festival of Art, Design and Architecture (September 11-20). The following months continue strong with events like WordFest (October 18-20), Calgary Opera Grave Gala (October 31), the 2009 Grey Cup Festival (November 26-29), and Skate with Santa (December 5), all while being complemented by a mighty fall theatre season, tons of live music and a brilliant lineup of exhibition openings.

For art lovers, theatre-goers, foodies, live music fans, those on their lunch breaks downtown, or for those who just want to know what's going on, the Fall 2009 Cultural District Arts & Dining Guide is the guide to experiencing Calgary's arts and culture scene this fall.

To view the online version or more information about the Arts & Dining Guide, visit [CalgaryCulture.com/ArtsandDining](http://CalgaryCulture.com/ArtsandDining).

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### **About Calgary's Cultural District**

Calgary's Cultural District is located downtown and is home to dozens of arts and culture hotspots like galleries, museums, theatres, concert halls and outdoor festival space, plus excellent shopping, dining and nightlife in the heart of the city. It's all within walking distance of downtown transit lines, several major hotels, Stephen Avenue Walk and Olympic Plaza, a key Calgary landmark that served as the medal ceremonies site for the 1988 Winter Olympic Games. This vibrant neighbourhood is filled with one of the highest concentrations of arts and culture venues in Canada, including the EPCOR CENTRE for the Performing Arts, the recently restored Grand Theatre, Vertigo Theatre, the Glenbow Museum, the Art Gallery of Calgary, Cantos Music Foundation and Art Central, along with many other galleries, music venues and festivals.

### **About Calgary Arts Development**

Calgary Arts Development was created in 2005 to lead long-term, strategic development of the arts sector in Calgary, guided by the 2004 Civic Arts Policy. Calgary Arts Development invests municipal arts funding of \$3.75 million annually in 160 local arts organizations, provides support to the arts community, private developers and public and private sector funders engaged in arts space projects and engages in strategic marketing initiatives to increase arts participation and raise awareness of Calgary's arts sector locally, nationally and internationally. Visit [CalgaryArtsDevelopment.com](http://CalgaryArtsDevelopment.com) for more information about our activities and initiatives.

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