

The Reminder (Flin Flon)

Culture Days this weekend!

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Nearly 7,000 free activities will take place in some 800 communities across Canada for the third annual Culture Days on September 28-30, including over 70 activities planned to take place here in Flin Flon.

In expression of our city's support for Culture Days, and in recognition of the vital role culture plays in defining our local identity and in shaping the quality of life of our citizens, Mayor George Fontaine has officially proclaimed Culture Days in Flin Flon for September 28-30.

"Culture is an integral part of what makes our community so vibrant and we are very proud and excited to be participating (again) in Culture Days," said Crystal Kolt, cultural coordinator of the Flin Flon Arts Council, the organizing body. "This annual event is an opportunity to publicly showcase the enormous talent and creativity that exists right here in Flin Flon. I encourage everyone to express their love of culture by participating in some of the fantastic free activities on offer. Get out and discover our wonderfully talented local artists, roll up your sleeves and get creative yourself!"

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The third annual Culture Days will be

celebrated in hundreds of cities and towns from coast to coast to coast, with thousands of free activities from a wide range of disciplines, including visual arts, music, dance, theatre, architecture, heritage, film and video, literature, culinary arts and new media.

In 2011, 1.2 million Canadians participated in over 6,000 activities spanning over 800 communities during Culture Days. The momentum continues to build and participation in Culture Days 2012 is anticipated to surpass last year's.

Check out some of the many free and fun Culture Days activities in Flin Flon on September 28-30, including:

- Culture's Cool For Kids - Friday, Sept. 28, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Pioneer Square.

- African Stages - African drumming, storytelling and dance, Friday, Sept. 28, 6:30 p.m.

- Dancing in the Streets Beer Garden - Friday, Sept. 28, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

- Check Out a Living Book - Friday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Flin Flon Public Library.

- Portraits of the North exhibit by Gerald Kuehl - NorVA Centre

- Over 60 activities and entertainers -
Saturday, Sept. 29, Bakers Narrows
Lodge, with guest speakers Gerald Kuehl,
Doug Evans and James Gorton (free bus to
Bakers Narrows during the day)

- Dancing Down Main Street - Sunday,
Sept. 30, 12 noon, starting at Pioneer
Square

- Free film workshop with James Paschke,
a free sound tech workshop with Henry
Kreindler and a free choral workshop with
Marcia McLean.

To find out what activities are happening in
Flin Flon, visit www.culturedays.ca and
plan your Culture Days weekend using the
Bright Spots Schedule, presented by Sun
Life Financial.

"The growth of Culture Days since its
inception just three years ago has been
monumental," said Antoni Cimolino, chair
of the Culture Days National Steering
Executive Committee. "The cultural
community and the general public are
clearly united in their passion for this
creative movement. Participating
communities, artists, cultural groups and
organizations have multiplied, and
Canadians have responded by coming out
in droves for the opportunity to familiarize
and engage themselves with many of these
exciting and inspiring local activities."

Launched in 2010, Culture Days is a
society-driven initiative overseen by a
National Steering Committee and volunteer
Provincial Task Forces whose members
come from a variety of backgrounds.

To learn more, please visit
www.culturedays.ca.