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Nina Welcomes Premier Redford

Visit provided a light moment in last days of campaign

The Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts was proud to welcome Alberta's Premier, the Honourable Alison Redford on April 19th, just days before the provincial election.

Premier Redford toured the studios, meeting artists, staff, family, board and supporters as well as families attending Family Art Night. She took time to deliver greetings before moving on to the Stollery Gallery where she joined families, students and staff from four inner city schools for the opening reception of the City Centre Education Partnership annual student art show and sale.

It was a tremendous honour to meet the Premier in such an intimate atmosphere and definitely a night to remember! Check out our photo gallery inside this edition of the Nina News.



Premier Alison Redford

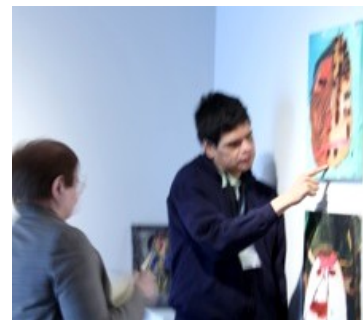
Alison Redford took time out from the election campaign to greet Nina artists and supporters. She was impressive, warm and clearly moved by her visit.

Dale Badger Chosen for Studio Visit 2013 Alberta Biennial of Contemporary Art

It is a distinct honour for an artist to be chosen for a studio visit in consideration for inclusion in the Alberta Biennial of Contemporary Art. The first and only exhibit of its kind in Western Canada, the Biennial promotes Alberta artists across the country and brings national recognition to Alberta's art scene. New and exciting work by over 130 artists has been featured since its inception in 1996, part of a 15-year commitment by the Art Gallery of Alberta (AGA) to support Alberta artists.

Nancy Tousley, recipient of a Governor General's Award for Visual and Media Arts for outstanding contribution, senior art critic, journalist and independent curator was selected by AGA to curate the 2013 Biennial. ATB Financial presents the exhibition at the AGA, on view from January 26 to May 6, 2013.

Dale Badger, relatively new to the Nina artists' Collective, has enjoyed much critical and commercial success this year, exhibiting twice in the Stollery Gallery with most pieces quickly snapped up by eager collectors.



2013 Alberta Biennial Curator, Nancy Tousley with Nina artist, Dale Badger. It was an honor to be selected for a studio visit. Artists selected for the 2013 Biennial will be announced later this year.

Cake Walk takes on Rat Pack Era Vegas

Cakes and Crooners set to swing at the Westin Hotel

The Nina Haggerty Centre is excited to be working with the Westin Hotel who have come on board as significant sponsors for this year's 7th annual World Stone Inc. Cake Walk. Thanks to their generous support, this event is already shaping up to be the most successful event to date, providing much needed financial support for the studio programs at the Centre.

This year, guests will have the opportunity to purchase tables of 8 or single ticket auditorium seats for this not-to-be-missed event. In addition to a great evening of entertainment, the raffle and silent and live auction will have many coveted items to be won. New this year is a fly-along with Edmonton Police Services and a stay at Oswego Boutique Hotel in Victoria!

There are still sponsorship opportunities available - there is sure to be a level that is right for you. Please contact Sponsorship Chair Trudy Callaghan (780) 451-1379/trudy@odvod.com or Wendy Hollo (780) 915-9037, email whollo@telus.net to find out how you can get involved. Please plan to join Honourary Chair Lynn Mandel on Wednesday, November 7 as the Westin Ballroom takes you back to the glamorous Rat Pack days of Las Vegas.



Colleen Rae will be performing with other local celebs at this year's Cake Walk fund raiser.

Nina Haggerty Centre Welcomes Premier Redford

Premier Alison Redford received a warm welcome from Nina artists and supporters and the artists and guests present for the opening reception for the annual City Centre Education Partnership student art show and sale.



(Above) Premier Redford took time to greet each Nina artist and supporter as she toured the studios • (Bottom right) Children attending the evening Family Art Class came prepared to get an autograph

Nina Honoured by Award Nominations

Nina Haggerty Executive Director, Wendy Hollo was in good company as a nominee for the 25th Annual Mayor's Celebration for the Arts John Poole Award for Promotion of the Arts. It was an honour to be recognized in this category, nominated by Nina Board Chair Curtis Gillespie for "unwavering vision to realize a better life through art." While not taking home the Award, it did stay in the neighbourhood, deservedly going to our friends at Arts on the Ave.

The Nina Haggerty Centre is proud to be nominated for the 2012 Community Citizenship Award to be presented in June by the Edmonton Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) Community Board. The award recognizes businesses, organizations or individuals that have demonstrated leadership in creating communities that welcome people with developmental disabilities as participating citizens. The Centre thanks Yoko Wong for this nomination.



His Honour, Donald Ethel, Alberta Lieutenant Governor poses with member of Telus Courage to Innovate Award winner IDance Edmonton and Nina Executive Director, Wendy Hollo, John Poole Award nominee

A Night to Remember for Nina artists/supporters, students, parents, staff of City Centre Schools

Nina artist Corwin Cherwonka presents the Premier with a gift of his artwork • Premier Redford enjoyed a moment of levity as Nina Haggerty Executive Director, Wendy Hollo, recounts 11th hour receipt of provincial grant that enabled purchase of Nina's new facility



City Centre Education Partnership Event Chair Rhonda Navrot welcomes Premier Redford • A student from Norwood Elementary School presents Premier Redford with a gift of his artwork • The Premier tours the student art exhibition in the Stollery Gallery



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IN THE GALLERY

Mile Zero Dance Nina Sessions

Performance May 7, 12:00—1:00 p.m.

Nina Haggerty artists delighted with a special noon hour performance of work created and performed in collaboration with Mile Zero Dance (Amber Borotsik), musicians Don Ross and Karen Porkka and photo-grapher/film-maker, Marc Chalifoux. Dances performed were choreographed by the dancers.



Gallery Welcomes 100th Exhibition

In July 2012, the Stollery Gallery will host its 100th exhibition since first opening its doors nine years ago. *Genesis...the Beginning* (June 2003) showcased early work created in the Nina Haggerty studios. Plan to join us this summer as we mark this new milestone with new work by artists from the Nina Collective.

Gallery Hours:

M-F: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thursdays: 4:30 - 8:00 pm

Saturdays: 1 - 3 pm

For more information:

Call 474-7611 or visit

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Blowing Glass... and Minds!

AFA project grant allows Nina artists to explore art of glass blowing



Thanks to a generous project grant from the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, two artists from the Nina Haggerty Collective are getting ready to blow some minds as they master the difficult art of glassblowing. The Centre is excited to be partnering with glass artist, Keith Walker, owner of Blow in the Dark Glassworks, a licensed studio located near the Nina Haggerty Centre. Each week, Jamie Laventure and Roy Skoreyko (artists from the Nina Haggerty Collective), Keith, Nina Artistic Director Paul Freeman and Jade Wetter spend the day honing their skills. Individual and group pieces created during this project will be exhibited later this year, with some of the work finding its way into a 3-D seascape mural commissioned by the new Eastwood Health Clinic.



(Far Left) Jamie Laventure works in the Glassworks studio. (Right) Keith Walker, artist and owner of Blow in the Dark Glassworks, in the studio with Jamie and Jade Wetter.