

## Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts

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# Nina News

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## Let the Celebrations Begin...

### Nina Haggerty Centre Opened Its Doors 10 Years Ago

Judy Billard could hardly wait for the Nina Haggerty Centre to open its doors. She loved to make art and looked forward to the big, bright studio full of materials and possibility. On that first day in late January 2003, she was not only the first artist in the studio, she was the only artist! Within a few short months, however, she and founding Lead Artist Paul Freeman had lots of company. It wasn't long until the studio, then located on 111 Avenue, was home to up to 100 artists each week. Today, 10 years later, Judy Billard is still making art in the Nina studios, and she is definitely not alone. Now housed in larger, permanent space on Alberta Avenue, she and 160 other emerging artists are active members in the Nina Artists Collective, each free to discover and fully explore their creative voice. The new larger studios allow these fresh voices to find expression in a much expanded range of media, including glass, animation and dance.



Judy Billard with self-portrait (2011)

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### Record Attendance for Deep Freeze Byzantine Winter Festival

An estimated 25,000 people came down to Alberta Avenue to take in the 6th annual Deep Freeze festival, setting a new record for the weekend family arts festival. The Nina Haggerty Centre was proud to be a venue for workshops, exhibition and live performance throughout the busy weekend. This year, artists from the Nina Haggerty Collective embraced the festival as a venue to debut *Crowns, Crooks & Cowboys*, their first foray into puppetry. Working with resident playwright, Carolyn Gingrich, and lead clay and fabric artist Susan Seright, the Nina Puppet Troupe created original scripts and characters and learned to manipulate the puppets for performance. Enhanced by original music, film and animation, the show was a hit! If you missed the show, new performances are planned for February 14 and 21. Call the Centre for details.



Leona Clawson was all smiles, posing with one of the puppets she created for the *Crowns, Crooks & Cowboys* puppet show. (Left) the studios and gallery were busy hubs for free family friendly workshops and local art exhibition.

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can be powerfully expressed  
through the arts."

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## Puppets in Love: Bring your Sweetie (and the Kids) to Nina for Dessert Before Dinner, Feb 14th 5-7 PM

\$5 gets you a ticket to an early evening performance by the Nina Haggerty Puppet Troupe, a beverage and sweet treat. This is a must see if you missed *Crowns, Crooks & Cowboys* at Deep Freeze and this family friendly event is an ideal way to kick off your Valentine's Day while supporting a great cause. Will the love sick Prince regain the kingdom and find true love?

Watch for affordable original art sales by artists from the Nina Haggerty Collective, sweet silent auction items donated by local restaurants and businesses and surprise draws. **Tickets available at the door.**  
**20 Minute Puppet Performance at 5:30.**

All proceeds from this event support the studio program at the Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts and will help to sustain the popular puppetry program. Your support will help keep the paint jars full and doors open for the 160+ members of the Nina Artists' Collective.

# IN THE GALLERY

## 10 Years. 130 Shows. 300+ Artists Birthday Bash February 21, 2013

Hard to believe, but it's been ten years since the first exhibit, *GENESIS: The Beginning*. On that evening over 300 supporters came out to see the still under construction space on 111 Avenue. Now in its permanent home on Alberta Avenue, the Nina Haggerty Centre and Stollery Gallery welcome you to join our 10th anniversary festivities on February 21 between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. Take in a retrospective exhibition in the gallery and enjoy live music, a performance from *Crowns, Crooks & Cowboys* by the Nina Puppet Troupe, animation shorts and a sneak preview of this year's dance sessions with Mile Zero Dance. There will be refreshments, original art for sale at great prices and, of course, birthday cake!

The birthday bash is a free event open to everyone. Join the party as we kick off a milestone year of celebration.

### Regular 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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## Nina Welcomes RBC Support RBC & Allard Grants support artists in the studio, help match Stollery donation

The Centre is thrilled to welcome new corporate partner, RBC Royal Bank. Following a tour of the Centre by Senior Manager Jerilynn Daniels and local Non-Profit Specialist Janet Mosier, RBC approved a Community Investment grant in support of the studio program. This, along with a surprise donation from the Allard Foundation that arrived in late December, will provide artists in the Collective with materials and mentorship throughout 2013. These generous gifts are doubled, as an equivalent amount of funds can be directed from operations to the Centre's capital and sustainability campaign where they are matched by the Stollery Charitable Foundation.



Prince Sam is gives away his **Crown** but remains a love sick fool. A fan helps her hero **Dog the Bounty Hunter** track a **Crook** and true love prevails in **Cowboys**. These family friendly love stories were scripted by artists from the Nina Collective.



RBC Non-Profit Specialist Janet Mosier (above right) and Mascot "ARBY" present cheque to Nina Haggerty Director of Development, Rona Fraser. ARBY had his eye on the puppets!