



THE NINA NEWS DECEMBER 2016

It's official! Apricity named the Nina as its 2017 partner

This was a hard to keep secret! We are all over-the-moon with excitement as we anticipate the upcoming year.

This dynamic group of self-starters formed three years ago and already they have had a big impact. Last year, they raised over \$26,000 for a Boyle Street program for at-risk women.

Willing to share their drive, connection and considerable talent, Apricity works closely with their chosen non-profit to identify areas of greatest need. And then they get to work!

For the Nina, that means raising funds and awareness. While we have a few things on our wish this, we need more than ever to maintain a high profile.

Nina is working with our MLA, Brian Mason and Minister Sabir to address a funding inequity with respect to our disability contract.

The Nina receives only 25-30% of its operating funds through its PDD contract while the Calgary region funds a similar program at a much higher rate (last year 58% of operations).



*(Above) Poppy Barley launch event
(Below) Apricity at the Nina with Rona Fraser and Wendy Hollo*



Shop the Nina for affordable original art this holiday season

As you approach the holidays and embrace the quest to find the perfect gift for everyone on your list, consider checking out the unique selection of original and affordable art created everyday in the Nina studios. Too hard to choose? We have gift certificates too!

Your gift would not only delight the recipient, it would brighten the holidays for the artist that made it. Artists receive 50% of the proceeds from all arts sales, providing a little extra spending money during the winter break.



Apricity is a collective of Edmonton-based change makers passionate about amplifying local causes. From the Latin, "the warmth of the sun in winter," they aspire to bring a little warmth to our city.

THE NINAs - Award Recognizes Nina Artists



**Cameron Development Corporation Create Award:
Colleen Honish**



**TELUS Connect Award:
James Horucki**

Four deserving artists received "Ninas" at the *Here's Nina* event held at the Italian Cultural Centre in November.

The *Ninas*, CREATE, CONNECT, and CHANGED LIVES awards, link to our tagline. Top recognition is reserved for the Stantec Artist of the Year.

Recipients of these awards were selected based on their growth and creativity as artists, commitment to their artistic practices, ability to connect with others through their art and the visible positive impact of art in their lives. For many in the Collective, being recognized as an artist changes not only the way others see them but also the way they define themselves.

The Nina thanks Tina Naqvi-Rota (Cameron Development Corporation), Theresa Stevens (TELUS), Josh Ramsbottom (Shannon Zwicker), and Jodi Eyolfson (Stantec) for presenting the awards. It was a truly memorable night for these artists, their families and everyone witnessing this special moment in their lives.



**Shannon Zwicker
Changed Lives Award:**



**Stantec Artist of the Year:
Leona Clawson**

New awards sponsored by ATB and Odvod Media

Two new award categories were introduced this year. The ATB Emerging Artist Award recognizes an artist in the early years of their artistic career who has fully explored a new medium and is ready to take the next steps in their artistic career. The Odvod Media Sustained Support Award recognizes an individual or company whose support over time has helped to raise the profile of the Nina and bring positive attention to its artists. Yvonne has certainly done that and more as board member and resident filmmaker for more than a decade.



**Odvod Media Sustained Support Award:
Yvonne DuBourdieu**



**ATB Emerging Artist Award:
Brittany Leitheiser**



Join the growing number of art lovers following us on social media. Stay current with what's new at Nina and help spread the word.

Go to thenina.ca and click on the blog for Nov 11 to view one-minute clips of each award winner. [Produced by Lindisfarne Productions]

A stellar night of performances at Here's Nina

Nina's annual fundraising event, *Here's Nina*, hit its stride this year with a red carpet evening of awards and great performances by local artists. In addition to an outstanding closing performance by Tommy Banks and PJ Perry, guests were entertained by Colleen Rae, Brian Finlay, Holle Raphael Freynet and host, Sheri Somerville.

It was an unforgettable evening for our award winning artists and raised just over \$100,000 for the Nina - our most successful fund raising event to date. In addition to funds raised that night, another \$50,000+ was contributed by our amazing supporter through in-kind support of the event.

Special shout out to Ailien Holdis and Darka's Florals for Décor - the room looked fantastic - and to Leanne Olson who handled social media during the event. We trended on Twitter!!



Photos courtesy FO Photography

Patrons, Prizes, Awards - Everyone a Winner!

Launched just four years ago with 13 Patrons, Nina's Patron Program reached a new record this year with 51 supporters already confirmed. Patrons are matched with an artist from the Collective and are invited to an annual spring luncheon where they have a chance to meet their artist and receive a gift of their artwork. If you missed the event and would like more information on how to become a patron, call Rona Fraser (780-886-6640) or Wendy Hollo (780-915-9037).

Congratulations to Amanda Ames, winner of the raffle grand prize—an amazing 5-star trip to Hawaii! Everyone was a winner at this event, however, especially Nina artists. All proceeds from the event directly support our busy studio program.



Thank you, Odvod Media, for providing a media wall for the event, and to Synergy Inmate Phone Solutions for their generous sponsorship of Nina's first ever raffle.



Now in the Stollery Gallery: One show - 2 parties!

Reception Sponsored by the Rotary
Club of Edmonton Northeast

The Nina is proud to host its annual holiday season exhibition and this year we celebrate with two great parties. The artists' reception, sponsored by our dear friends at the Rotary Club of Northeast Edmonton, runs from 5 - 7 PM on December 9, followed by The After Party (7 - 10 PM).

Pick the time that works for you and join us for live music, refreshments and art galore. Purchase art during the evening and you can take it right off the wall (don't worry, it is replaced by another piece!). Great chance to mingle with friends and get a start on your holiday shopping. The show runs to December 22.



Reception December 9: 5 to 7 PM

The After Party: 7 to 10 PM

Regular Gallery Hours:

Mon - Friday 10 AM- 2PM

Thursdays: 5:30-8:30 PM

Saturday 1 - 3PM

Past & coming exhibits: Kate Collie *Still Myself* (Nov) *The Artist Inside* (Oct) Nina's 14th B-Day (Feb)

Who's Who at the NINA

BOARD: Officers: Shelagh Kubish, Janice Kosak, Noel Xavier, Jodi Eyolfson; **Directors:** Sara Hart, Bruce Kirkland, Lisanne Lewis, David MacGillivray, James Morrissey, Roy Skoreko, Heather Zwicker.

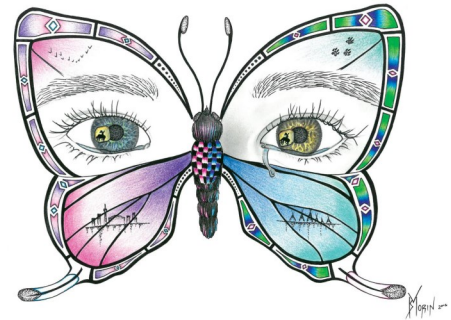
ARTISTIC STAFF: Brenda Kim Christiansen, Amanda Howell, James Boychuk-Hunter, Leanne Olson, Sarah Ryan, Cynthia Sentara, Susan Seright, Dennis Yowney, Writer in Residence Jocelyn Brown, and Exhibition Coordinator David Janzen.

Exec. Director : Wendy Hollo;
Artistic Director: Paul Freeman;
Director of Development: Rona Fraser

Deep Freeze Byzantine Winter Festival hits the Avenue on January 14 and 15. Warm up in the Nina and enjoy crafts, live entertainment and an exhibit by local artists in the gallery.

Kevin Kuncce exhibits in the Stollery Gallery January 20 to February 9. Kevin is returning to his artwork after a hiatus, creating contemporary street art.

Join us February 16 from 5-7 for Nina's 14th birthday bash! Plans are already underway to showcase the artwork of this year's Stantec Artist of the Year! Spoiler alert, it's Linda Vincent...and you are going to love her show. That exhibit runs to March 2 and will then tour to other public venues throughout 2017.



Alberta Corrections - October 15-30



Kate Collie - November 3-20