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### **Edmonton supports more than thirty established festivals**

*Edmonton...* Edmonton is set to continue its reign as Canada's festival city this year, with support from the City of Edmonton and the Edmonton Arts Council (EAC) through the Community Investment Program Festival Operating Grant.

"Edmonton's festivals are well-loved and help us celebrate and bring together Edmonton's diverse communities and cultural groups," said John Mahon, executive director of the EAC. "We're always pleased to see large, well-established festivals such as the Edmonton Folk Music Festival flourishing, and newer festivals, such as the Edmonton Comedy Festival, growing."

Other grant recipients are wide-ranging and include Edmonton Pride Festival, feats Festival of Dance, Dreamspeakers International Aboriginal Film Festival, and Kaleido Family Arts Festival. The grants range from \$2,100 to \$230,000, depending on the size, reach, and history of the festival. In total, the EAC invested more than \$1.7 million in 31 festival organizations this year through the Community Investment Program Festival Operating Grant.

"Kaleido Family Arts Festival has created a rich tradition on Alberta Avenue," said Christy Morin, executive director of Arts on the Ave. "We're delighted the City is supporting a place for Edmonton artists to come together and experiment, design and create."

To be eligible for the Festival Operating Grant, organizations must be non-profit societies that have been registered for at least one year in the City of Edmonton. The festival should celebrate some theme of interest and appeal to the general public, and have an obvious presence in the community. Festival Operating Grant applications are assessed by a peer review committee.

For more information on the Festival Operating Grant or the Edmonton Arts Council, please visit [edmontonarts.ca](http://edmontonarts.ca)

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The Edmonton Arts Council is a not-for-profit organization that supports and promotes the arts community in Edmonton. The EAC works to increase the profile and involvement of arts and culture in all aspects of our community life.

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