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### **Edmonton Arts Council Hosts Free Public Art Picnics**

For the second year in a row, Edmonton Arts Council is hosting three free neighbourhood Public Art Picnics.

Taking place from **12:00 pm - 4:00 pm on Sundays August 12, August 26 and September 9**, each Public Art Picnic offers all-ages programming including live entertainment, art activities, and summer treats. Food trucks will be on site at all events for guests to purchase food and drinks from, or guests can bring their own picnics.

“After the great success of last year’s public art picnics, we’re thrilled to bring this programming back into the community again,” Sanjay Shahani, Executive Director of the Edmonton Arts Council says. “Public Art Picnics help us engage communities outside of the core and bring attention to the public art that is placed throughout the city.”

On August 12, take in three public art pieces — “[The Ballroom](#),” “[Wheatfield with Crows](#),” and “[Sculptures in Landscapes](#)” at Meadows Recreation Centre and Library, and enjoy the jazz sounds of AC/Dixie band led by [Don Berner](#).

On August 26, gather at Stony Plain Road & 152 Street by “[The Musicians](#)” sculpture while enjoying a variety of performances. [TrinCan Steel Orchestra](#) will provide upbeat steel band tunes, while [Celeigh Cardinal](#) and her band will lend their smooth, soulful sounds. Then watch Firefly Theatre perform engaging renditions of “Crosswalk Theatre,” a take on [James Corden’s Crosswalk the Musical](#).

Finish off the series on September 9 at Castle Downs Park Pavilion by the lenticular art piece “[Mountain Brother](#)” and create your own lenticular art while enjoying live entertainment and other activities.

About 200 guests are expected to attend each event. Programming will take place rain or shine. Event details can be found online on [Facebook](#) and the [Edmonton Arts Council website](#).

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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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