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City of Edmonton approves funding of 46 artistic projects

Edmonton... Today, the City of Edmonton invested in a documentary that captures the dying art of aural piano tuning, a photographic series exploring our urban landscape using a historical process called Bromoil photography, and one local musician's participation in a viola master class in Austria. These are just a few of the 46 total projects the City of Edmonton has approved to support artists and their work in our community.

"We are sincerely grateful to the Edmonton Arts Council for selecting our project for the individual project grant" said Silvia Buttiglione of the Vaughan String Quartet. "Receiving the grant is making a huge difference in the organization of our work – now we are sure we will be able to accomplish the full project. As musicians, the grant allows us to concentrate on musical quality and offer the best possible performance to our audience. The grant also allows more people to access our concerts and enjoy chamber music, due to the more affordable ticket price."

The 46 projects encompass a variety of disciplines including music, visual arts, literature, theatre, media arts, and interdisciplinary works. Recipients represent the broad spectrum of Edmonton's arts community, including artists from a variety of backgrounds and in different stages of their career.

"Individual artists and their work are the foundation of our arts community," said Paul Moulton, Edmonton Arts Council Executive Director. "Through the development of their individual practice, and their collaboration within and across disciplines, artists in Edmonton grow the collective knowledge of the arts community while entertaining and inspiring Edmontonians."

Project Grants for Individual Artists are intended to support the activities of individual, professional, Edmonton artists for a specific time towards a specific project. Projects can be individual or collective and could include creation, development, curation, exhibition or production of work in any art form as well as professional development.

Backgrounder: 2015 Project Grant for Individual Artist recipients

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2015 Project Grant for Individual Artist recipients:

- **Trevor Anderson** - to write a full-length screenplay and develop accompanying graphic novel.
- **Chenoa Anderson** - to commission and collaborate on a new piece for piccolo and interactive electronics.
- **Wayne Arthurson** - to complete the fourth novel in the *Leo Desroches* mystery series.
- **Jalal Barzanji** - to write and translate a new book of fiction.
- **Devon Beggs** - to make a large weaving for an upcoming show at the Enterprise Square Gallery.
- **Paul Bernhardt** - to create a new installation/painting comprised primarily of mirrors.
- **Betrayers** - to record a full-length LP.
- **Amber Jane Borotsik** - to create a new interdisciplinary piece titled *The Moon at Midnight*.
- **Timothy Jon Bowling** - to write a combination prose and poetry manuscript.
- **Jocelyn Brown** - to write a new Young Adult novel.
- **Nathan Cuckow** - to produce and perform in the World Premiere of his new play *The Conversion*.
- **Kat Danser** - to create new musical works honouring the influences of our First Nations musicians.
- **Amy DeFelice** - the production of play *In The Next Room or "the vibrator play"*.
- **Rosvita Dransfeld** - to produce a film for rear projection use in a one-man theatre performance.
- **Jerrold Dubyk** - to attend a professional development jazz saxophone workshop with David Liebman.
- **Maria Dunn** - to produce a new musical recording.
- **Allan Nimmo Gilliland** - an original composition for the brass quintet Bok Brass.
- **Marie-France Guerrette** - to produce a documentary film about Bruce Bischoff, an icon in the music community who practices the art of aural piano tuning.
- **Usha Gupta** - choreography of a new piece based on the foundations of Kathak dance.
- **Kristi Hansen** - to produce the Alberta premiere of Jill Connell's new play *The Supine Cobbler*.
- **Justine Hartlieb-Power** - to curate an art exhibition at dc3 Art Projects.
- **Dara Humniski** - to attend a residency at The Banff Centre
- **Christina Ienna** - a collection of artistic portraits on local musicians, craftsfolk and food enthusiasts.
- **Bridget Jessome** - to research a new solo dance work.
- **Kristen Keegan** - creation of a hot springs watercolour series, Norway Residency.
- **Sima Khorrami** - to photograph the Journey of Urban Garbage to Land Landfill.

- **Frederick Kroetsch** - to film a short documentary.
- **Margaret Macpherson** - to complete a final draft of a novel and attend a master class at the Banff Centre for the Arts.
- **Candace Makowichuk** - to produce a series of photographic prints using a historical Bromoil process.
- **Lisa Martin** - to develop a new manuscript of poems.
- **Jennifer Mesch** - to present a new installment of a site-specific dance, music, and spoken word piece.
- **Tololwa Mollel** – continuation of the *Story House* project.
- **aAron munson** - to travel to arctic weather station and capture imagery for a film and video installation.
- **Hilary Mussell** - to research a new series of sculptures.
- **Matt Nickel** - to bring bassoonists from across Alberta together for a day of collaboration.
- **Charles Pilon** – to attend a viola masterclass in Bad Leonfeldan Austria.
- **Scott Portingale** - Finish post-production, create an installation, and market a short film called *Infinitude*.
- **Kathryn Ryan** - to research, develop and direct *Wish You Were Here - The Ultimate Guide to the World*.
- **Nicole Schafenacker** - to present a new interdisciplinary piece followed by a showing of the piece in Edmonton.
- **Leslie Sharpe** - to curate a transitory outdoor art exhibition.
- **Heather Shillinglaw** - to produce a body of artwork for her exhibition *Dreaming With My Great Mother, Dirinéne, Nikâwînow Askiy*.
- **Vaughan String Quartet** – to produce and perform *Canadian Journey* their 2015-16 Concert Series.
- **Whitney Leigh Sloan** - professional development focused on advanced singers (Art Song and Opera).
- **WindRose Trio** – the third concert in their 11th season.
- **Lisa Turner** - to create print works that examine consumerism.
- **Cat Walsh** - subsistence costs to research and write a new play.