

**Media Advisory
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Skate into the New Year at City Hall

Edmonton... Looking for free opportunities to start your New Year on the right foot? The Edmonton Arts Council has got you covered with free skating, big band tunes, and swinging moves!

On **weekdays in January and February, from 12:00-8:00 pm, and weekends from 12:00-4:00 pm**, the Edmonton Arts Council and City of Edmonton will provide **free skate rentals** on a first come, first serve basis for patrons of the City Hall rink (dependent on weather and ice conditions).

On **Sunday, January 8th, from 1:00-4:00 pm**, Edmonton's big band veterans The Trocadero Orchestra will launch this year's edition of our popular **Swing 'n Skate** series at City Hall.

Swing 'n Skate features live swing, jazz and big band music in the City Room at City Hall from 1:00 - 4:00 pm on Sundays throughout January and February. This season's acts, including Dave Babcock and his Jump Orchestra, The Gateway Big Band, The Bullies of Basin Street, The MacEwan University Big Band, are sure to get you jiving. And with help from the Sugar Swing Dance Club, get ready to bust out your dancing shoes and learn some new moves! If you'd rather be outdoors, the music will be broadcast outside for the enjoyment of ice skaters on City Hall Plaza.

The Edmonton Arts Council, in partnership with the City of Edmonton, programs activity and event happenings in Sir Winston Churchill Square for casual and day-to-day public use between major festivals and civic events.

Since August 2011, EAC Churchill Square Programmer Bob Rasko has produced a diverse schedule of offerings open to the public including: Sunday Swing 'n Skate, Live at Lunch, Thursday night Cypher Wild, lightsaber training and Zumba.

For more information on Churchill Square programming and the Edmonton Arts Council, please visit 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 Edmonton Arts Council works to increase the profile and involvement of arts and culture in all aspects of our community life.

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