

Media Advisory

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Public Art Installation at Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre

Edmonton – An installation team from France will install the final public artwork on the Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre May 28 – June 10, 2013.

The piece, entitled *Soleil de Nuit*, is a site-specific artwork comprising neon lettering and rotating reflective spheres mounted on masts. French artist Laurent Grasso conceptualized the work specifically for Edmonton's northern location and climate. The neon lettering is to be installed on the west face of the facility and the spheres in the plaza located on the east side.

Grasso is renowned for his work with light, neon, and electromagnetic phenomena. Installation of *Soleil de Nuit* requires technicians with a highly developed and unique skill set.

The finished neon lettering will measure 50 metres wide and nearly three metres tall.

The scope of *Soleil de Nuit* makes it one of the largest works in the City of Edmonton Public Art Collection. It was commissioned through the City's Percent for Art Policy and is one of the newest pieces to join the Collection.

- What:** Public Art Installation
Where: Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre (1100 Stadium Road)
When: May 28 – June 10, 2013
Who: A team of specialists from France will conduct the installation. Edmonton Arts Council public art personnel will also be on-site

Images of the installation will be posted to the City of Edmonton Public Art Collection online gallery (www.edmontonpublicart.ca).

Photo opportunities and interviews will be available as the installation progresses. For more information or to arrange an interview or shoot, please contact the Edmonton Arts Council.

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