

**Media Advisory
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The 104th Street Urban Village Welcomes Destiny Swiderski's "Amiskwaciw Wâskâyhkan Ihtâwin" with a Community Celebration

Edmonton... All are welcome to join the 104th Street community and the Edmonton Arts Council for a picnic celebration to officially welcome Destiny Swiderski's installation to Michael Phair Park.

"Amiskwaciw Wâskâyhkan Ihtâwin – Beaver Hills House Park" features birds and script that flow over a painted background of lodgepole pines and sky. The scene, painted by celebrated Edmonton muralist and spray paint artist AJA Loudon, evokes imagery of the boreal forest and the river valley that meanders through Edmonton. Destiny Swiderski and AJA Loudon, as well as installer Fred Nash, will be on hand to make brief presentations, and will be available afterwards for photos and interviews.

The afternoon celebration will also include a dedication and blessing by Elder Jerry Saddleback, and a performance by Running Thunder Dancers. Food and refreshments will be provided by Native Delights and 104 Street business partners, including: Great Canadian Kettle Corn Co., Pinocchio Ice Cream, Earth's General Store, Careit Deli, Shoppers Drug Mart and Sandwich & Sons.

When: Sunday, October 2, 2016 starting at 3:00PM

Where: Michael Phair Park, 10124 104 Street (just north of Jasper Avenue)

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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.

Working to foster and strengthen a sense of community, the 104th Street Steering Committee is an advocate for Downtown businesses and residents, making 104th Street a better place to live, work, play, shop and learn.

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