



ROYAL CANADIAN  
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THE ROYAL CANADIAN ACADEMY OF ARTS PRESENTS...  
A CITY-WIDE FESTIVAL OF ART, DESIGN, CRAFT & ARCHITECTURE!  
JUNE 25 – 27, 2009

**Calgary, Alberta – May 15, 2008** – The Royal Canadian Academy of Arts (RCA) is pleased to host their Annual General Assembly in Calgary, Alberta. Artist and practitioners from across the country will converge for a four day festival of arts and culture including: an exhibition of work by the newly elected Academicians; the world premiere of a new piece of classical music by Allan Gordon Bell and Katherine Govier; the Annual Presidents' Dinner which will include the inductions of new Academicians as well as the awarding of the RCA Medal; numerous gallery hops; panel sessions on arts advocacy, craft in Canada, and the history of the RCA; the Joseph Plaskett Reception and emerging artist exhibition; and the annual John Bovey Lecture.

Highlights of the festival include:

**New Academician Exhibition and Opening Night Reception**

We are pleased to announce that the opening night reception will take place at ART CENTRAL – one of the most exciting, vibrant and stimulating institutions in Calgary. With participation from multiple galleries and restaurants, the opportunity to meet with some of Canada's most prolific artists and exhibitions of work by our new Academicians, this event will kick off the festival in style on Thursday June 25, starting at 9:00pm.



Many thanks to CADA for their support:

**Gallery Hops**

Over the course of the four day festival, numerous galleries are exhibiting work by RCA members. Every afternoon will include a gallery hop to see Calgary's best, including: Herringer-Kiss, NewZones, Udell, Virginia Christopher, TrepanierBaer, Illingworth Kerr, Art Gallery of Calgary, Glenbow Museum, Stride Gallery, Truck Gallery, Weiss Gallery, Masters Gallery, Loch Gallery, and Triangle Gallery.

**Presidents' Dinner**

The marquis event of the festival is always the Presidents' Dinner. This year, we are excited to be at the Hotel Arts where we will present the annual RCA medals to writer and editor Nancy Tousley and curator Joan Stebbins. We will also induct 27 new Academicians – the absolute best in their fields. Limited tickets will be available to the public for this event on Friday June 26, starting at 7:00pm.

**The Grand Theatre Event**

Saturday June 27 at 7pm, we will present the annual John Bovey lecture as well as the premiere of a new piece of music entitled "Grass" for voice and string quartet. The text is by Katherine Govier, written at the McIntyre Ranch and presented at the Southern Alberta Art Gallery (2005) as a wall-mounted prose poem with other works by visual artists of The McIntyre Ranch Project. Recently set to music by Allan Gordon Bell, the piece captures the essence of its refrain, "All you hear is grass", and of the stark beauty and challenging nature of prairie life.



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Nearly every event over the four day festival is open to the public.

## The 2009 inductees to the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts are:

AA Bronson – photography; mixed media  
Al McWilliams – sculpture; mixed media  
Angela Grossman – painting  
Anthony Clennell – ceramics  
Barr Gilmore – graphic design  
Billy J. McCarroll – painting; printmaking  
Christian Eckart – painting  
Evan Penny – sculpture  
Faye Heavysield – sculpture  
Garry Kennedy – painting; mixed media  
Jim Thomson – ceramics  
Joe Fafard – sculpture  
John Will – painting; printmaking  
Justin Wonnacott – photography

Lorraine Simms – painting  
Lynne Cohen – photography  
Marius Dubois – painting  
Mary Scott – painting; textile art  
Mary Shannon Will – painting; ceramics  
Rita McKeough – installation; performance art  
Robert Tombs – graphic design  
Sara Diamond – new media  
Serge Clement – photography  
Sorel Cohen – photography  
Ted Fullerton – painting & drawing  
Terence Johnson – sculpture; installation  
Vikky Alexander – photography; mixed media

The Royal Canadian Academy of Arts is one of Canada's most enduring cultural institutions. Established in 1880, The Academy is comprised of over 700 members working across Canada in many visual arts disciplines – from painting and sculpture to architecture, design, fine craft, photography, and filmmaking.

The RCA's mission is to CELEBRATE the achievement of excellence and innovation by visual artists across Canada, to ENCOURAGE new generations of artists, and to FACILITATE the exchange of ideas about visual culture for the benefit of all Canadians.

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## Schedule of Events

(subject to change)

### **Thursday June 25**

**Glenbow Museum** 2:30pm – 3:30pm

Their exhibition *Vistas: Artists of the Canadian Pacific Railway* features many early RCA Academicians.

**Collectors Gallery** 3:30pm – 4:15pm

Featuring a gallery talk on the Early RCA by author and Academician Rebecca Sisler RCA.

**12th Avenue Gallery Hop** 4:30pm – 6:00pm

Herringer-Kiss; Newzones; Udell; Virginia Christopher - all galleries are opening exhibitions with an RCA theme.

**TrépanierBaer Gallery** 6:00pm – 7:00pm

The TrépanierBaer Gallery will be welcoming the RCA with a reception as well as an exhibition including RCA artists.

**Illingworth Kerr Gallery** 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Featuring the presentation of RCA Trust Award.

**Art Central** 9:00pm – 11:00pm

Featuring the RCA **New Member's Vernissage** and opening reception.

### **Friday June 26**

**Lougheed House** 10:30am – 12:00pm

Featuring a panel on Craft in Canada hosted by Jane Kidd and Jackie Anderson.

**The Water Centre** 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Architecture session featuring David Down, Fred Valentine, Jeremy Sturgess and Marc Boutin.

**Stride Gallery** 5:00pm – 7:00pm

**The Joseph Plaskett Foundation Reception** – featuring the presentation of the Joseph Plaskett Award. This event will also feature an exhibition of emerging artists introduced to us by existing RCA Academicians.

**Hotel Arts** 7:00pm – 11:00pm

The annual **Presidents' Dinner** featuring the inductions of new Academicians and the presentations of the RCA medals.

### **Saturday June 27**

**Art Gallery of Calgary** 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Curator Marianne Elder hosts us as we explore the gallery's latest exhibitions. Follow this with a stop at Truck Gallery,

**Gallery Hop** 2:30pm – 6:00pm

Discovering Calgary's Academicians – Weiss Gallery; Masters Gallery and Loch Gallery.

**The Grand Theatre** 7:00pm – 9:15pm

**The John Bovey Panel** followed by the world premiere of the classical music piece entitled *Grass* by Allan Gordon Bell; lyrics by Katherine Govier.

**Triangle Gallery** 9:30pm – 11:00pm

Join us for a reception hosted by the Triangle Gallery.