

2010 MANITOBA SHOWCASE CONTACT

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

As of July 20, 2010

Friday, October 15, 2010

'CONNECTING THE REGIONS' ASSEMBLY (10:00am- Noon)

Held in the Watson Arts Centre Auditorium

This year's Manitoba Showcase Contact has the theme 'Connecting the Regions' and our event will be launched with a 'Connecting the Regions' Assembly at the Watson Art Centre Auditorium.

Each Region will be given a time slot of 15 minutes to present an introduction of their own region, its arts & cultural successes, plans, and challenges.

The emphasis will be Regions hearing other Regions stories, sharing both the common and local passion and humour, being uplifted by each other's successes but also empowered by the commonalities and the differences in the challenges faced.

This Assembly will be a 'gathering of the clans' and will set the tone for the weekend and carry through the coming year.

'Connecting The Regions' will be followed by Lunch which provides a great networking opportunity.

"CONTRACT NEGOTIATION" (1:00 – 2:30pm)

Do contract riders strike fear in your heart? Demystify the process from initial negotiations to the signed contract and rider. Heather will walk you through the pertinent components of the contract and related issues.



Heather Bishop has spent almost four decades touring Canada as well as Australia, Scotland and Wales, giving concerts for adult, family and children's audiences. She has performed with almost every major symphony orchestra in Canada and some in the US. Heather has released 14 folk and children's recordings, winning JUNO nominations, a WCMA Award, and two Parents' Choice Gold Awards. Heather has been awarded both the Order of Canada and the Order of Manitoba.

Thursday Reception, Oct. 14 / Friday, October 15 / Saturday, Oct. 16, 2010

**“DIARIES OF A MAP-MAKER: A Collection of David Thompson Paintings” (1:00 – 2:30pm)
by Don McMaster**

Visual Arts Presentation followed by a walk through of the show with Don McMaster.



Don McMaster, artist, naturalist and outdoorsman, lives in the landscape he loves to paint. His work, his recreation and his major interests all revolve around the prairie provinces, where he lives, and North-western Ontario, where he maintains a summer studio. A well known advocate for wildlife and habitat preservation, McMaster has worked for many organisations dedicated to those purposes. Since moving from Winnipeg in the mid 1990's, Don and his wife Ardythe work at maintaining the native mixed grass prairie on their property overlooking the Assiniboine Valley southwest of Portage la Prairie. Winter finds them skiing the trails of the beautiful Assiniboine Valley.

Don McMaster's paintings explore the western Canadian landscape in all its changing lights and seasons. A member of the Assiniboia Group of Artists, he exhibits and sells his new work each year at Manitoba Art Expo, the first weekend of November. Don's major recent project featured events in the life of David Thompson, Canadian explorer and mapmaker. This collection of work was shown at various locations in 2008, as part of the David Thompson Bicentennial celebrations.

(The Show will be exhibited throughout the Showcase Weekend)

**Also featured during the Showcase weekend, will be the
'VOICES FOR THE MISSING ART EXHIBIT'.**



The *Voices for the Missing Art Exhibit* is a unique display created to honour the province's ten long-term missing children: Jennifer Catcheway, Abby and Dominic Maryk, Amber McFarland, Marcus McKay, Claudette Osborne, Dwayne Ross, Waylon Smith, Sunshine Wood and Kevin Zdarski. The

exhibit was launched by Child Find Manitoba at the Legislative building on May 25th, 2010, International Missing Children's Day. It was created by nine local artists of the Graffiti Art Gallery who were paired with young students.

Child Find Manitoba would like to thank the artists, the exhibit sponsors (the cities of Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie, and Peak of the Market) and the Manitoba Arts Network and Gardewine North for their support, which will help bring the exhibit to different communities across the province over the next year.

Saturday, October 16, 2010

**'CELEBRATING YOUR IMPACT ON YOUR COMMUNITY' Keynote Session with Cheryl Ewing
(10:00am – Noon)**



Cheryl Ewing has over twenty years experience in senior management in the arts. Having worked in the municipal, educational, for profit and not-for-profit sectors Ms. Ewing brings a broad perspective to the work of artists and their impact on the community. She has been integral to the design of the innovative young audience programmes – eyeGO to the Arts and River Run Centre's Linamar for the Performing Arts. She is the General Manager of ACE (a national Association of Cultural Executives), administers Open Ears Festival and is project manager for a provincial performing arts conference – Ontario Contact as well as a cutting edge marketing research project, the Values & Benefits Study which brings a new perspective to marketing in today's world. Ms. Ewing is the author of *Raising the Curtain*, a manual for young audience presenters based on her own experiences. She is an active volunteer within Waterloo/Wellington Regions serving on the boards of Dancetheatre David Earle and JM Drama/Registry Theatre. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Kitchener and has received community recognition for her works from Canada 125 Medal for Community Service (1992), KW Arts Awards (1998), and 2009 Oktoberfest Women of the Year (Arts & Culture).

Cheryl will also be the speaker at the Saturday Dinner
