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The Seventh Annual Canmore artsPeak Arts Festival

Canmore's premier arts festival is pleased to announce that despite the doom and gloom of our economy, we're growing. We have a new committee chair, long-time artsPeak secretary Sondy Szymanis, new committee members, new events and now that we've added an additional day, artsPeak will be a four-day affair, beginning Thursday, June 18.

The Canmore artsPeak Arts Festival is a weekend long festival celebrating the arts in Canmore, Alberta, Canada. artsPeak offers festival guests a wonderful and inspiring array of venues and activities to see and experience and most artsPeak venues and presentations will be free to the public!

artsPeak 2009 will continue to be a multi-venue, multi-disciplinary event with activities centered in the downtown core of Canmore but which will also include activities throughout the town site. The festival will once again feature local artists and their works, while at the same time providing an opportunity for audiences to embrace the work of visiting artists.

Confirmed events include the popular and established artWalk, artTour, artFair, which feature visual arts work from both local and visiting artists, artStreet, a street performers festival, artWatch, featuring the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour, Hanging Art, a unique art sale in support of local arts groups, artZone, Community Art Workshop an opportunity for a hands on introduction to the arts, artLens, Community Photography Contest and the annual CAAG artsPeak Members Exhibit.

Applications for artFair and artTour are now being accepted. For more information on how to participate go to the artsPeak website.

New activities for 2009 include artHunt, an arts-based scavenger hunt, artWell, which combines health, wellness and art. Our artSong concerts will feature a Friday night performance with well-known singer/songwriter Cori Brewster, who will showcase her new – and fourth – album at artsPeak, followed Saturday night by openMic, which offers new and established musicians an opportunity and a venue to share their talents. artsPeak is also pleased to announce the festival has two new artSong partners, Communithea Cafe and Zona's Bistro. Communithea will host musical acts on Thursday and Sunday night, while Zona's has plan for Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances.

For more festival information, visit the artsPeak website at:

www.artspeakcanmore.com

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