



JUNE 18, 19, 20 + 21, 2009

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The Seventh Annual Canmore artsPeak Arts Festival

What do you get when you mix 4 days, 26 studios and galleries, 38 venues, 70 volunteers and 120-plus presenting artists? An artAttack!

Join the artAttack over the weekend of June 18–21 when artists, artisans, musicians and performers from the Bow Valley and abroad will descend on Canmore Thursday night (June 18) for an opening night concert at Communitea Cafe with Calgary-musician Chad VanGalen. The music continues every night through to Sunday, including a Friday night performance by singer-songwriter Cori Brewster to celebrate the release of her fourth album Buffalo Street; openMic on Saturday night featuring the best of the Bow Valley; and a summer solstice celebration Sunday night with multi-instrumentalist Shane Philip

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 continues to be a multi-venue, multi-disciplinary event with activities centered in the downtown core of Canmore but which also includes activities throughout the town site. The festival features local artists and their work, while at the same time providing an opportunity for audiences to embrace the work of visiting artists.

Take in **artWalk** with a tour of downtown galleries or **artTour** to experience firsthand how the artists create their work; experience **artFair** and **Hanging Art** for an opportunity to purchase local art; enjoy the music and majesty of **artStreet**, the Street Performers Festival; catch a showing of the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour with **artWatch** or participate in one of the **artZone – Community Art Workshops** for a hands-on introduction to the arts.

New activities for 2009 include **artWell**, which combines health, wellness and art; and **artSpoke** for a chance to bid on a one-of-kind bicycles hand-painted by Canmore artists.

For more festival information, visit the artsPeak website at www.artspeakcanmore.com or contact: Festival Coordinator Ric Proctor at 678-6436, email docproc@telus.net

Inspire ... Create ... Celebrate!