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Honorary Chair Cori Brewster to headline 2009 artsPeak

As part of the 2009 artsPeak Arts Festival, singer songwriter Cori Brewster, also the festival's Honorary Chair, will unveil her newest album, *Buffalo Street* on Friday, June 19. As part of headliner event, artSong, Cori will be joined during the Festival by six other acts scheduled for evenings throughout the four-day festival at Communita Cafe, Zona's Bistro and the Union Hall. artSong also includes openMic, the most popular event from the 2008 festival, and a Sunday night performance by B.C.-musician Shane Philip, known for his ability to both enthrall and excite audiences.

Auditions for openMic will be held on Sunday, May 10 at the Union Hall. Any local new or established musical act is invited to try out for one of the openMic spots.

Shane Philip, the one-man band who blends the sounds of a didgeridoo, Weissenborn style guitar and djembe, is scheduled to close the festival with a summer solstice and artsPeak finale celebration on Sunday, June 21. Communita will also host a musical act Thursday, June 18. Zona's will present shows on both June 18 and 20.

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.

artLens is open to amateur photographers in three age groups and two categories Faces of Canmore and Nature. The competition is open to amateur photographers in three age groups: students in Grades 1-9, Grades 1-12 and Adults. Two winners will be chosen from each category. The deadline for submissions is May 15. As part of artLens, the Canmore Camera Club is offering introductory digital photography workshops for beginner and intermediate photographers. For more information on artLens contact Jean Parsboosingh at jeanparb@telusplanet.net

Artists looking to share their work with festival attendees still have time to register for artFair and artTour. artFair is an opportunity for local artists and artisans to show and sell

their creations throughout the course of the weekend. artFair will occur at the Policeman's Creek Drop-in Centre June 20-21 from 10 a.m to 4 p.m. Contact Priscilla Janes at p.bjanes@telus.net to reserve a table.

artTour is a fantastic opportunity for Canmore artists to open their home studio or professional studio directly to the public during the artsPeak festival. Artists can sell their work, give demos, and show off their creative work spaces. Artists of all mediums, backgrounds, and experience are welcome. Contact Jocelyn Asnong at joceyleroy@hotmail.com to register.

artsPeak is also looking for volunteers – the bread and butter of any festival – with the promise of offering exciting opportunities throughout the artsPeak festival weekend. The Canmore artsPeak Arts Festival is a volunteer based event and we place a high value on volunteer participation and recognition. We are always pleased to receive enquiries from potential volunteers. Whatever your interests and abilities, we will find a place for you in the planning and presentation of artsPeak 2009.

For more information please go to the festival website at www.artspeakcanmore.ca or contact Festival Coordinator Ric Proctor at 678-6436, email docproc@telus.net

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