

## **2009 Yukon Riverside Arts Festival** information for applicants

The Yukon Riverside Arts Festival is an annual KIAC summer event now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year as part of Dawson City's Discovery Days Weekend. The 2009 dates are August 13, 14, 15, 16, 2009. As the name suggests, much of the festival activities take place in parkland adjacent to the mighty Yukon River. Participating artists come from across the Yukon, NWT and Alaska. The festival kicks off on Thursday evening with exhibition openings at the ODDGallery and other venues around town. From Friday through Sunday up to 30 artists demonstrate their art practice in open-air tents, many offering "try-it-yourself" activities that encourage public participation, (a small fee may be charged to offset the cost of materials). KIAC is also accepting proposals this year from artists for performance work or to create temporary installation work in and around the festival site.

### Artist Participation Information

Our festival site hosts space for up to 30 visiting artists for a 3-day interactive event that invites the public to visit temporary studio spaces for demonstrations and workshops. The participating artists represent a diverse group of individuals from a variety of disciplines and backgrounds.

The festival begins Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm with artist talk and exhibition openings at the ODDGallery & other locations around town (we hope that our artist participants will be able to attend this evening, however we understand if you can't make it here until Friday morning).

An artist participant orientation & breakfast starts at 10 am on Friday August 14<sup>th</sup>. Following orientation, set up on the festival grounds and in the Market Gallery begins.

We ask participating artists to spend a large portion of their time (approximately 5 – 6 hrs each day) in the interactive artists tents while taking sufficient time for breaks to enjoy the hospitality and festival atmosphere. The festival grounds are open to the public for the following hours:

Friday Aug 14: 1 to 6 pm

Saturday Aug 15: 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday Aug 16: 10 am to 5 pm (take down commences at 5)

Since KIAC receives more applications from artists than we have space for, preference is given to participants who are able to attend all three days.

### Honoraria

- Honorariums are \$250/weekend for demonstrating artist participants
- For installation creation and performance projects, honouraria amounts will reflect the amount of time the artist spends to create or perform – example: \$100 for each full day (6 hours), or \$50/half day.

Travel assistance of \$50 is given to artists traveling from beyond Dawson City.

### Hospitality

KIAC provides breakfast, lunch and snacks for all festival participants and volunteers. The hospitality lounge is upstairs in Oddfellows hall (KIAC) on the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> & Princess.

### Accommodations

Participants are responsible for their own accommodations while visiting Dawson City for the festival. There are hotels, B&B's, campgrounds, and RV parks in the Dawson area. The best way to find out information about accommodations is through the Visitor Information Centre @ 867-993-5566. We recommend booking as early as you can, since it is a very busy weekend in Dawson.

### The Natural & the Manufactured

The Natural & the Manufactured is a thematic exhibition and residency project designed to re-examine the various cultural and economic values imposed on the environment, while exploring alternative strategies towards a re-interpretation of the regional landscape and social infrastructure. This year, Natural and Manufactured activities include a gallery installation by Halifax artist, Stephen Kelly, an outdoor installation by Brandon Vickerd and a lecture by psychoanalytical art theorist, Jeanne Randolph.

### Art Auction

On Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> the ODDGallery will hold an art auction as part of the Arts Festival Weekend. All are invited to attend, and if you wish to donate an item for auction, submissions will be accepted from festival participants until Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at noon.

### Market Gallery

The Market Gallery is a sales gallery on the festival site. This sales space is exclusive to participating artists (vendors are not allowed). Each artist is given a 4 ft flat table space (1/2 of an 8 ft banquet table) covered with black cloth. You are responsible for bringing any other display items you might wish such as tabletop stands, easels, hanging wire, extra cloth, or floor racks.

KIAC does not take a commission from sales, and Festival volunteers handle all sales and security during Market Gallery hours. A hired security person is on the festival grounds after hours, based at the market tent.

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