

2018 Arts Congress: *Making Art in Dangerous times*

Friday, May 4th

Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre, 5 Campus Drive, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK

1:00 p.m. Registration, Coffee & Networking

1:30 p.m. Welcome

Louise Halfe welcomes delegates with good words and a poem.

2:10 p.m. Stories from the Art

Inscribed with Honour: stories from Treaty 6 Territory by Janelle Pewapsconias

2:30 p.m. On the Ground: A Roundtable

Join Rose Gilks, CEO of SaskCulture; Steven Loft Program Director from the Canada Council of the Arts; Michael Jones, CEO of the Saskatchewan Arts Board; Greg Magirescu, CEO of CreativeSask and Andrea Philp of Canadian Heritage in a discussion around the current realities and future possibilities of arts funding. Moderated by SAA Past President and artist Kelley Jo Burke.

3:45 p.m. Networking Break

4:00 p.m. In the Air: Breakout Sessions

Delegates respond to the topics arising from the funders roundtable.

5:00 p.m. Break for Dinner

Delegates on their own for dinner.

7:00 p.m. Doors Open & Kick Off Performance

Melissa Gan aka Respectfulchild, Saskatoon-based sound artist known for their ambient, ethereal and sometimes hypnotic music.

7:30 p.m. Keynote Address: Andrew Hunter

In the Belly of the Whale:

Reflections on the Precarious Future(s) of the Aging Settler/ Colonial Institutions.

Through a combination of personal stories, historical narratives, contemporary art and his own projects, Andrew Hunter will consider the state of galleries and arts institutions in Canada, their problematic pasts and their precarious futures. Emphasizing the colonial roots of these spaces, Hunter will reflect on the challenge of adaptation and the growing demands for significant, foundational change in these so-called “public” institutions.

Reception to follow

Stay to mingle with your colleagues while listening to live music.

Beverages and appetizers will be available.

Saturday, May 5th

8:00 a.m. Coffee & Networking

9:00 a.m. Resiliency #1: Artists in Conversation

Michael Peterson, followed by a conversation with another artist on *building relationships and being Métis in Saskatoon's arts community*.

9:30 a.m. Resiliency #2: Artists in Conversation

Joel Bernbaum of Sum Theatre directs a reading of the work in progress *A Prairie Project* with Krystle Pederson, Anna Seibel, Joshua Beaudry, Lancelot Knight followed by a conversation with another artist on *urgent art*.

10:15 a.m. Networking Break

10:45 a.m. Adrian Stimson

Interdisciplinary artist and recipient of the 2018 Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts performs.

11:15 p.m. Resiliency #3: Artists in Conversation

Krystle Pederson accompanied by Lancelot Knight, followed by a conversation with Tomson Highway.

12:00 p.m. Catered Buffet Luncheon at Marquis Culinary Centre

1:00 p.m. Stories from the Art

Screening of the short film, *A Common Experience*. The film is a poetic exploration of the multi-generational effects of Canada's Indian Residential School system. Based on the personal trials of Aboriginal playwright Yvette Nolan.

1:30 p.m. So What Now? a panel on resiliency

This discussion with Ruth Cuthand, Felicia Gay, Steven Loft and Adrian Stimson, takes up the resiliency of the arts in Canada and, specifically Saskatchewan. What are the significant challenges facing Saskatchewan artists? What strategies are effective in creating a sustainable working practice? Moderated by Jen Budney.

2:30 p.m. Networking Break

2:45 p.m. So What Next?

Thinking about the future of the Arts in Saskatchewan. Where do we go from here?

3:30 p.m. Closing Summary

Got ideas? In closing, the SAA Board seeks input from delegates on the Congress and future plans.



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