



# The Edmonton Peace Festival

September 21 - October 2

*“Cultivating Peace at the Heart of our City.”*

## Peace Festival Ideas for: ***THE ARTS COMMUNITY***

*“To replace the old paradigm of war with a new paradigm of waging peace, we must be pioneers who can push the boundaries of human understanding... we must be artists who will make the world our masterpiece.” - Paul Chappell*

**Engaging in arts activities is a great way to engage in The Peace Festival!** Art, music, dance, theater, poetry, film, creative writing and photography are engaging and powerful ways to express our thoughts, emotions and visions about peace. Art has the power to affect us deeply, whether we are in the role of creator or viewer, and to connect us to our common humanity. The arts give creative voice to our human experience and can connect and heal us in ways dialogue sometimes cannot.

*“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.” ~Harriet Tubman*

We would like to share some suggestions for ways that members of the Arts Community might choose to become involved in the Edmonton Peace Festival. We recognize that we have only scratched the surface of what is possible and count on all artists to develop their own expressions and ideas related to peace.

## **Visual Arts**

- Create a work of art...a painting, a sculpture, a photograph, a mural, a drawing, a design, a video.....expressing your vision and hopes for peace. How can you share, display your work and inspire others?
- Art galleries may take this opportunity to curate peace-themed exhibits.

## **Performing Arts**

We are deeply passionate about harnessing the role that music, dance and movement can play in promoting the message of peace.

We encourage individuals, communities and organizations to visit the Peace One Day website to learn about some of their performing arts initiatives: One Day One Dance, Set For Peace and Sounds of Peace. <http://www.peaceday.org/get-involved/music-dance>

## **Music**

- Musicians may choose to stage performances or concerts related to peace. A portion of ticket sales could be used to support community peace and social justice initiatives.
- Choirs performances related to peace are inspiring and well received by audiences.

## **Theatre**

- Those involved in theatre arts may be inspired to produce a stage performance with the theme of peace.

## **Dance**

- Dancers might consider orchestrating a flash mob for peace or planning performances which have a special focus on peace.

## Poetry

- Spoken word poetry is a powerful way of conveying messages of peace. In 2015, Breath in Poetry hosted an amazing Peace Poetry evening during the Peace Festival

## Film

- Film is a powerful media in which to showcase messages of peace and social justice. Documentary filmmakers may find the Peace Festival an opportune time to create or showcase their work.

- Peace Film Festivals – Many cities around the world have begun to host Peace Film Festivals, a wonderful way to inspire and open community dialogue.

***“Exchanges in the field of culture can play an important role in enabling people to overcome mistrust and prejudice and build peace.”--Daisaku Ikeda***

Grateful for ideas and inspiration from:

Peace Day Philly... <http://www.peacedayphilly.org/what-can-you-do/art/>

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