

## Doors Open at the Aurora Cultural Centre: A Day of Discovery and Dialogue



Doors Open at the Aurora Cultural Centre invites you to join a Day of Discovery and Dialogue through an arts lens. With the opening of two new visual arts exhibitions that invite questions of reconciliation and evaluate our approach to the natural landscape, along with the Centre's Canada 150 Milestone Murals project, our doors will be wide open to invite you into the conversational circle.

Also on display, Call to Action #83, an exhibition featuring eight Indigenous and eight non-Indigenous fine artists, will be open in the Red and Blue Galleries on the main floor. Mary Lou Meiers, artist and educator, will be available with other members of the exhibition to talk about their process of reconciliation through art.

This beautiful touring exhibition provides thought-provoking conversations around one of the most pressing issues in Canada today. To support the show, there will be a pop-up shop with strawberry themed t-shirts and buttons designed by Métis artist Nathalie Bertin. All proceeds will support the exhibition.

Liz Menard, printmaker, book artist and arts educator, opens her solo exhibition Watershed and will be on hand to discuss her mixed media practice that examines our water systems and biodiversity. With a combination of lithography, etching and embroidery techniques, Menard prints perceptions of landscapes and their systems, opening an opportunity for conversations to develop around environmental concerns and awareness.

Milestone Murals, our community art installation, will feature live painting by muralist Ted Hamer, who has been working on the collaborative created art installation as a legacy project for Canada 150. Throughout this season, Ted has been gathering 'What makes Canada great??' stories from the public at various local events, community consultations, and even through lively educational workshops with our summer arts campers.

The culminating art installation, which will be a work-in-progress that day, represents a physical and visual beacon commemorating and encouraging a community experience of collaboration, creativity and story-telling for years to come.

Together with the Aurora Museum plans for the day, the Aurora Cultural Centre looks forward to welcoming everyone to a meaningful day of discovery and dialogue.

The Aurora Cultural Centre is accessible, with an elevator entrance at the north glass doors. For more information on this exhibit, please visit [auroraculturalcentre.ca](http://auroraculturalcentre.ca) or call 905-713-1818.