

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **City Seeking Artists to Participate in 2016 Culture and Heritage Paint Out**

*Annual plein air painting event to be held August 13, 2016*

#### **Summary**

The City of Nanaimo is seeking artists to participate in the 19th annual Heritage Paint Out on Saturday, August 13, 2016. The purpose of the event is to challenge and showcase the talents of local artists while promoting Nanaimo's downtown cultural and heritage spaces. The event is open to artists of all ages and skill levels.

Participants meet at 11:00 a.m. at the E.J. Hughes Gallery located within the Vancouver Island Conference Centre (101 Gordon Street), where they are randomly assigned a downtown cultural/heritage space to become the subject of their painting. Participants are then given a limited amount of time to complete their work, before returning for judging at 2:00 p.m. The paintings will be reviewed by a panel of judges with cash prizes awarded to the top three submissions in both the regular and youth categories. Registration is \$10 and can be completed online at [ireg.nanaimo.ca](http://ireg.nanaimo.ca) or by phone at 250-756-5200 #151597 no later than Friday, August 12. Participants may also register directly with Chris Sholberg, Culture/Heritage Planner, at 250-755-4472, or by email at [chris.sholberg@nanaimo.ca](mailto:chris.sholberg@nanaimo.ca).

*Strategic Link:* The annual Culture and Heritage Paint Out furthers the goals of Cultural Vitality (Creativity, Diversity, Heritage and Innovation) pillar of the Corporate Strategic Plan.

#### **Key Points**

- The City of Nanaimo is seeking artists to participate in the 19th Annual Culture and Heritage Paint Out on Saturday, August 13, 2016. The event is open to artists of all skill levels.
- The purpose of the event is to challenge and showcase the talents of local artists while promoting Nanaimo's downtown cultural and heritage spaces.
- Participants are given limited amount of time to paint a downtown cultural or heritage space. Paintings are reviewed by a panel of judges with cash prizes awarded to the top three submissions in both the regular and youth categories.

#### **Quotes**

"Art, culture, and heritage are a natural combination as far as Nanaimo's downtown cultural and heritage spaces are concerned. These cultural and heritage spaces make interesting subject matter, and seeing how the artists interpret the spaces and surrounding buildings from an artistic perspective, is definitely one of the high points of the event."

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