
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 16, 2004
File No. 8100-01

To: City Manager

From: Cultural Services Manager
Life & Arts Festival Coordinator

Subject: Life and Arts Festival and the Memorial Cup Cultural Events Update

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receives the report on the ***Life and Arts Festival and the Memorial Cup Cultural Events*** planned for May 2004 as a component of the City's 2004 Cultural Capitals of Canada Award.

Discussion:

In November 2003 the City of Kelowna received the 2004 Cultural Capital of Canada Award from the Department of Canadian Heritage. One of our many cultural programming initiatives is the inaugural ***Life and Arts Festival*** to be held May 6th to 9th, 2004. This multi-disciplinary festival will showcase a broad spectrum of arts and culture within our community as well as featuring artistic talent from throughout British Columbia.

The following illustrates the key components of the ***Life and Arts Festival***:

1. Artisan Market Place and Mainstage at the RCA Arts Common
2. IlluminArts Lantern Celebration
3. Festival Village featuring Street performers
4. Theatre workshops
5. Songwriters workshop
6. Okanagan Potters demo's and workshop
7. Kiwanis Music Festival Winners Showcase

The following week from May 15 to May 23rd, 2004 the Cultural District will also host a series of Cultural events with our Cultural District partners to welcome visitors to Kelowna who are here to enjoy the ***Memorial Cup***. The key activities of this include:

1. Kelowna Art Gallery Exhibition – Break Away!
2. Hockey Mask Making workshops – Kelowna Art Gallery
3. Comedy Night in Canada – presented by Sunshine Theatre Company
4. Wine Festival Series – hosted by The Wine Museum and Okanagan Wine Festival Soc.
5. Okanagan Military Museum Exhibition – “Drafted-Hockey in the Canadian Military”
6. Parks Alive! Entertainment Programming – RCA Arts Common
7. My Fair Lady – presented by The Actor's Studio – Mary Irwin Theatre

There is already substantial interest and excitement being generated as the Festivals draw near and information about the creative collaboration of the program line-up that demonstrates how arts, cultural and sport will join together in May!

Lorna Gunn
Cultural Services Manager

Cc: Director of Parks & Leisure Services
Manager of Recreation Services

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Memorial Cup in the Cultural District

Kelowna Art Gallery

Break Away!

An exhibition featuring themes of play, sport and leisure in contemporary Canadian art. Including works by Aganetha Dyck, Billy McCarroll and others.

Glenn Clark – Go Vees Go - Hockey Paintings

An exhibition featuring the artwork of Penticton artist Glenn Clark. This exhibition takes a historical look at hockey in the Okanagan Valley.

There will also be a display of goalie masks by artist Mark Hart.

Mask Making Workshops

Several workshops will be held where you can create your own original hockey mask. You can win Rockets memorabilia if you are spotted wearing your mask during the week of memorial cup!

Workshop dates

May 10-13	6-8:30pm
May 15	10am-3pm
May 17-20	6-8:30pm
May 22	10am-3pm

Comedy Night in Canada

Three periods and overtime of comedy featuring veteran NHLer Dennis Hull leading an all-star team of top comics. The yuks drop at the Kelowna Community Theatre Friday, May 21, at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets \$32 and available at Communitix 763-1849. Co-presented by Sunshine Theatre and the Kelowna Community Theatre.

Wine Festival Series

Okanagan Wine Festivals Wine Tasting – Saturday, May 15 at 6 pm at the Laurel Packinghouse. \$40 per person at Ticketmaster.

The Art of Wine and Cheese Pairing – Thursday, May 20, 2-4pm at the Laurel Packinghouse. A seminar led by the Dairy Farmers of Canada and the Okanagan Wine Festivals. \$40.

Wine 101 Introduction Seminar – Friday, May 21, 5:30-7 pm at the Laurel Packinghouse. Seminar led by Howard Soon from Sandhill and Calona Vineyards. \$40.

Wine Museum

Hat Trick – Thursday, May 20, 7-9 pm. The Central Okanagan's very own Hat Trick is Kelowna, Westbank and Peachland. Wine Enthusiasts score with quality soil, an optimum climate and diverse dedicated winemakers. Enjoy an evening learning about this region's superstars.

Okanagan Military Museum

Drafted – Hockey in the Canadian Military – May 15-22 at the Memorial Arena. Find out why they call it the Memorial Cup. Also featuring a book sale on Saturday, May 22.

Parks Alive!

Live bands will perform daily at outside concert band shell located on the beach in Waterfront Park. All these events will be open for free to the public. There will also be further entertainment and bands playing in the Arts Common between the Rotary Centre for the Arts and the Kelowna Art Gallery.

My Fair Lady

Presented by the Kelowna Actors Studio, My Fair Lady will be performed at the Mary Irwin Theatre May 15 at 7 pm and May 16 at 2 pm. Features the story of a professor who wages that he can transform a cockney flower girl into a lady. Tickets at Communitix.

Art Ark

In celebration of the Memorial Cup in Kelowna The Art Ark Gallery will feature a hockey-based exhibition featuring Glenn Clark impressive images of famous hockey players.

Herb Dixon

Internationally renowned comedian Herb Dixon has agreed to provide Herb Dixon Hockey Comedy Night, Wednesday, May 19, at 9 pm, at the Kelowna Community Theatre. Tickets at Ticketmaster.