

Only 1 Week Left to Pre-Register Your Culture Days 2011 Activity!

If you haven't already, now is the time to [pre-register your Culture Days activity](#). If you register your Culture Days 2011 activity during the pre-registration period (March 15 – April 22), you will enjoy a number of benefits, including the following:

- Your activity details will be listed on the Culture Days website and may be included in newsletters, social media and other communications;
- You'll be included in press materials for the Culture Days national media launch this spring;
- And, the first person to pre-register an event starting April 19, 2011 (as of midnight ET) will receive two tickets, courtesy of Culture Days' Broadcast Partner CBC, to see **Stewart McLean's Vinyl Café** show at the Orillia Opera House in Orillia, Ontario on Friday, July 29th, 2011*

You don't have to have all of your activity details confirmed before you can pre-register; simply list "TBD" in the fields where you still have to confirm your activity information. You can log back in later to update it.

Have questions about how to register an activity? [Check out this helpful blog post](#) or get in touch with your [Provincial Representative](#).

Already pre-registered an activity? Now is the time to log back in and ensure that all your information is as up to date as possible – this includes basic information about your activity, your activity description, photo and other updated information you may now be able to include.

In early May, all of the pre-registered activities will become visible on the Culture Days website so you want to ensure that your activity information is as complete as possible.

If you have any questions about pre-registration, don't hesitate to get in touch! Email [info\[at\]culturedays\[dot\]ca](mailto:info[at]culturedays[dot]ca) or get in touch with your [Regional Representative](#).

How Independent Artists Can Get Involved in Culture Days 2011

Are you an independent artist wanting to participate in Culture Days but not sure how? Do you have questions about how you can get involved? [Sign up to participate in the next free telephone Info Session on Tuesday, April 19th at 2pm ET.](#)

This session will cover things like what kinds of activities you can register for Culture Days, how to create culture "hubs" in your neighbourhood and where you can look for venues to host your activity. National and regional staff will answer questions and provide guidance to help you make the best of your Culture Days experience.

[Sign up now to secure your spot for this Info Session!](#) Download the [Participation Guide](#) to learn more about Culture Days and the different support and tools available to activity organizers.

Libraries Demonstrate How They Can Play an Active Role in Culture Days

Nearly 20 libraries participated in last week's telephone information session to find out more about what types of activities they can organize, promote or host during Culture Days. Examples were given of activities held last year and of partnerships established with artists and organisations, who, in many cases, gathered around their local libraries to create culture "hubs". A special thank you goes out to guest speaker Sam



Upcoming Information Sessions

Every other Tuesday at 2 pm ET, until the Culture Days 2011 event taking place this year on September 30, October 1 and 2, toll-free telephone Information Sessions are being held for anyone interested in learning more about how to participate in Culture Days 2011. National and regional staff will answer questions and provide guidance to help you make the best of your Culture Days experience; from planning and connecting with others in your area, to promoting and presenting your activity. Hear from those who have already participated successfully and learn what others are planning - don't miss the opportunity to exchange with others who have joined the Culture Days movement!

April 19, 2 pm ET - Independent artists and groups: show casing your work during Culture Days and connecting with others in your area to create Culture Days "hubs"

May 3, 2 pm ET – Museums and ASOs (Arts Service Organizations): creating and hosting participatory activities, helping to show case and promote local artsits and provide venue options.

[RSVP online](#) to secure your spot and receive dial-up information for these free telephone information sessions.



Recent Culture Days News & Highlights

"This Town is Small" Blog in Charlottetown promoting pre-registration: <http://thistownissmall.wordpress.com/2011/04/04/culture-days-2011-early-bird-registration-april-22-11/>

Community Arts Ontario announcing their participation in Culture Days 2011 and promoting pre-registration <http://us1.campaign-archive1.com/?u=3ec35dfceab43de3b78689149d&id=a540f737c1&e=44c727fb95>

inprintca inprint collective just pre-registered for **@CultureDays!** This will be our second one! More details to come as we continue planning **#art #printlove**

ArtStarts ArtStarts in Schools **@ArtStarts** is participating in **@CultureDays** by offering its space for activity organizers: <http://bit.ly/hGgqeO> Sept 30, Oct 1, 2

Coghlan; as CEO of the Stratford Public Library and member of the Ontario Culture Days Task Force, Mr. Coghlan is a strong proponent of libraries contributing to cultural accessibility and community development.

If you work at a library or would like to see how your local library can get involved in Culture Days 2011, check out these blog posts for tips and inspiration:

[Innisfil Public Library – “Where Culture Lives” Activity Ideas for Libraries](#)

Community Spotlight

“Community Spotlight” features in the Culture Days Newsletter and blog are places where we highlight the outstanding people, stories, events, communities, activities and organizers that emerged from the inaugural 2010 edition of Culture Days from coast to coast to coast. This section will also feature emerging Culture Days 2011 stories. Are you planning something unique and fun? Did you do something last year you’d like to share? Know anyone who should be spotlighted? Let us know! Email us at [stories\[at\]culturaldays\[dot\]ca](mailto:stories[at]culturaldays[dot]ca)

As many across the country are starting to organize activities for Culture Days 2011, people are writing in, sharing their stories and what they’re planning for this year’s event, happening September 30, October 1 & 2.

This week, we profile three individual artists who will be sharing their craft with those in their communities over the Culture Days weekend:

[Christian S. Aluas – Artist and Teacher, Kanata, Ontario](#)
[G- Luve – Artist, Vancouver, British Columbia](#)
[Ed Schleimer – Woodcut Printmaker, New Hamburg, Ontario](#)

Click the links above to read their stories on the Culture Days blog.

*The two (2) tickets to see Stewart McLean’s Vinyl Café, in Orillia, ON on Friday July 29, 2011 does NOT include any transportation to and from the person and/or guest residence and the event location, accommodations, meals or any other personal expense not mentioned as included, all of which will be at the sole responsibility of the person receiving the gift. Culture Days is not responsible for events that are cancelled. Prize cannot be exchanged or substituted for cash. Read the terms [here](#).



Mark Your Calendar for Culture Days 2011

The second annual Culture Days event will take place September 30, October 1 & 2, 2011.



... And start planning!

Start spreading the word and brainstorming Culture Days ideas for your organization or community. Check out the [list of activities that happened in your neighborhood in 2010](#) and talk to those who organized them; creating “cultural” hubs is a great way to collaborate and attract a large number of people to activities within your immediate vicinity. Browse the [blog](#) for tips and ideas on how to plan a great activity and get involved in 2011.



Share Your Culture Days Story

Email [stories\[at\]culturaldays\[dot\]ca](mailto:stories[at]culturaldays[dot]ca) and upload your Culture Days photos to [Flickr](#). You can also post to the Culture Days blog, add your comments, photos and videos to [Facebook](#) or [tweet](#) with the #culturaldays hashtag and we’ll re-tweet your message.



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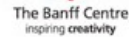
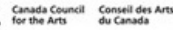
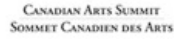


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