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Culture Days important to province's artists 🖼️

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Amy House, provincial chair of Culture Days, announces Newfoundland and Labrador's participation in the national event at the Corner Brook Arts and Culture Centre Wednesday. — Star photos by Cliff Wells

Culture Days will give people across Canada a look at what artists do.

Jackie Alcock, a Corner Brook artist, is hosting an event of her own during the Sept. 24-26 festival but she's also part of an event by the Marvelous Mat Makers, a rug hooking group.

She's going to enjoy Culture Days to the fullest. Showing people what she does at her open house at her studio on Sept. 26 will give her a chance to show people how she works.

"I think it's fantastic," Alcock said. "As artists, we're very isolated people. We're almost like hermits. We stay in our little studios and we create our pieces, but I often ask the question, 'is art art if nobody gets to see it?'"
"A lot of people, when you see their work at an art show, they could have 10 more pieces at home that you don't see."

Tina Dolter, a Steady Brook artist, said the event gives the public a chance to get a glimpse of the artistic world.

Artists and their work as a contribution to our cultural identity is recognized in Newfoundland and Labrador, but Culture Days will help make things even better.

"It gives us an opportunity to share what it is we do as artists and cultural producers with our neighbours and friends," Dolter said. "They embrace it as well and it gets the public involved, and there's a cross-pollination of ideas."

Amy House, provincial chair of the national event, said the festival is very important.

Artists can register events at www.culturedays.ca.

“Because it is a nationally driven event and it’s happening right across the country, it’ll be great,” House said.

“There’s such a cohesiveness already that I feel from this movement and an outreach from all the provinces.

“It’s already a better understanding of the arts.



Culture Days was announced Wednesday. Here, from left, Josh Murphy, Kelsey Hogan and Keelan Purchase perform a part of “Let the Beat Wail On” at the event.