

North Peace Cultural Society Annual General Meeting

at the North Peace
Cultural Center on

NOVEMBER 22ND
AT 7:00PM

for more
information call
250-785-1992.

Nov 16, 2017



JUNE 20, 2017

Chainsaw carver Ryan Cook prepares to carve a 'magical owl' out of a block of wood as part of a public demonstration in the parking lot of the North Peace Cultural Centre on June 7,

ALEISHA HENDRY PHOTO

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TWENTY-FIVE
YEARS OF
CULTURE



Colin Mochrie & Deb McGrath

April 1st, 2017, 7:30pm

The North Peace Cultural Centre
10015 100th Ave



Tickets: npcc.bc.ca or 250-785-1992



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JULY 6, 2017



Textile Art Market

July 8th

11:00am - 3:00pm

- ◆ Spinners and Weavers Guild ◆
- ◆ FSJ Country Quilters Guild ◆
- ◆ Live Music from the Alaska Highway Road Show ◆
- ◆ Free Kids Activities ◆
- ◆ Demonstrations ◆



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North Peace Cultural Society AGM

November 22, 7pm

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Ballet Kelowna celebrates Canada's 150th Anniversary

JAN 5, 2017

Ballet Kelowna,

150 Moves

February 26 2017, 7:30pm

The North Peace Cultural Centre

10015 100th Ave

150
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AUG 10, 2017

Alaska Highway News

ARTS & CULTURE



The North Peace Cultural Centre
10015 100th Ave



playArts Preschool

Starting September 11th

Monday • Wednesday • Friday • 1:00 - 3:30

Tuesday • Thursday • 1:00 - 3:30



Register: npcc.bc.ca or 250-785-1992

ARTS & CULTURE



The North Peace Cultural Centre
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playArts Preschool Summer Camp

Tie-Dye Week
JULY 17 - JULY 21

Dino Week
JULY 24 - JULY 28

Nature Week
AUG 8 - AUG 11

Water Balloon Week
JULY 31 & AUG 4

Join us for a week or more of art activities, a cooking activity and a field trip all based on these fun themes!



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HALEY LABOUCANE PHOTO

The sweet sounds continued at the North Peace Cultural Centre May 6 as the North Peace Community Choir and a chamber orchestra delivered an evening of Baroque music that included the works of Vivaldi.

MAY 11, 2017

A CHAT WITH CORB

Nov 9, 2017



EVE PETFORD PHOTO

Corb Lund chats with a friend before his acoustic performance for a full house at the North Peace Cultural Centre Nov.5

MAKE ME LAUGH, FUNNY MAN

NOV 30, 2017



MATT PREPROST PHOTO

Canada's favourite comedian Ron James delivered some pointed laughs to a sold at crowd at the North Peace Cultural Centre in Fort St. John on Nov. 21.

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Learning about the road we travel



ALEISHA HENDRY PHOTO

Dori Braun performs her track, Alaska Highway, during an artist showcase at the North Peace Cultural Centre in July.

CARING QUILTERS

JULY 13, 2017



ALEISHA HENDRY PHOTO

Linda Bourcet works on a care quilt at the North Peace Country Quilters Guild tent during the Textile Art Market at the North Peace Cultural Centre on July 8. A care quilt is made from donated scraps of fabric and given away to charities.

LITTLE GRADUATES

JUNE 22, 2017



ALEISHA HENDRY PHOTO

Students at the Playarts Preschool at the North Pease Cultural Centre had their year-end celebration on June 14, with performances for their families to show what they learned this year. It was also a graduation ceremony for the students that would be going on to kindergarten next year.

May-king a name for herself in dance

From Fort St. John to Connecticut, Shannon May shares her biggest challenge to success—style

Can you imagine working and perfecting one thing for 19 years?

That's what Shannon May has done with her dancing.

May is a Fort St. John born and raised contemporary dancer getting ready for her second season at the Mystic Ballet dance company in Connecticut. Meeting her, you would never guess how successful she's been. She's humble and grateful for every opportunity she's been given.

When May talked about her career as part of Bright Nights in June at the North Peace Cultural Centre June 9, she spent a majority of her 10-minute speech talking about how lucky she was to have the centre while growing up. Dancing on its stage and feeling that thrill of performing was her inspiration to make a career out of dance, she says.

And make a career out of dance she has. May has travelled all over the world through dance and she's choreographed routines for her dance company in Connecticut. Right now, she's teaching her latest to all the new dancers. She performed a small piece of the dance as a solo at



ALEISHA HENDRY PHOTO

Shannon May speaks about her young career as a dancer at the North Peace Cultural Centre on June 9. May was one of many invited to speak.

Gracie English

THE YOUNGER VIEW

Bright Nights in June and it's beautiful.

May's career hasn't been easy though. One of her biggest challenges was developing her own style, she says.

"When you're training, you're trying to please the person at the front of the room. But when you start going to auditions, you won't be no-

ticed if you don't have your own style," she says.

I really loved hearing her say that because it's so true. While we're growing up everybody wants to fit in. In the real world, however, you must have a sense of who you are. You have to be unique. You must have more than uniqueness to do well in an audition though. It's very rare that a dancer will go into an audition not knowing anybody at the company and do well, May says.

So, network, network, network! Make a name for yourself, not just in dance but in anything in life.



APR 27, 2017

Going back to the awards, the Cultural Award was handed out next.

The winner was Russell Eggleston, who was also at the back controlling the lights and sound for the event, as he often does.

Eggleston said there were plenty of people deserving of the award, as the city's cultural community is made up of countless individuals that all contribute in some way.

The Literacy Award was handed to Morgan Churchill, who was unable to attend the gala as she was away at a literacy conference.

Her husband, Brant Churchill, read a text message from Morgan, thanking everyone and inviting all to come out to tabletop game night at the North

Peace Cultural Centre on April 29.

The final award of the night, the Mayor's Citizen of the Year award, was a difficult one for Mayor Lori Ackerman to choose. All the nominees were winners to her.

In the end, after much deliberation, she gave the award to Cindy Dettling, for her tireless work at promoting school bus safety in the community.

A school bus driver, Dettling worked with the city to get provincial legislation changed to increase the fines for those that drive through the flashing red lights on school buses.

She has worked tirelessly at this for the last few years, and as a result has made the community safer.



Brant Churchill accepts the Literacy Award on behalf of his wife, Morgan Churchill, at the 10th annual Fort St. John Community Award on April 20.

ALEISHA HENDRY
PHOTO



**NORTH
PEACE
CULTURAL
CENTRE**

Arts & Entertainment

Arts, cultural and heritage events in Fort St. John offer entertaining and educational opportunities for visitors of all ages. Fun with families and children is the focus of many of the community events and activities.



The North Peace Cultural Centre is the centre of the arts and cultural community in Fort St. John. The distinctive building at the corner of 100 Street and 100 Avenue in the heart of downtown houses the public library, a café, a 413 seat proscenium theatre, an art gallery, and many dance, music, and meeting rooms.

The Centre proudly hosts hundreds of events every year, and is home to the internationally renowned Watt School of Irish Dance and the Fort St. John Country Quilters. The Stage North Theatre Society produces three or four major drama productions every year and the local School District utilizes it for school shows and cultural performances. You can enroll in the Centre's own Art Space Educational Programs throughout most of the year and their fine arts based preschool runs September through June.

For Information about arts, heritage, and community events in Fort St. John visit these local websites:

Fort St. John Arts Council www.fjsarts.org

North Peace Cultural Centre www.npcc.bc.ca

Fort St. John-North Peace Museum www.fsjmuseum.com

The Lido Theatre www.thelido.ca

Town Wall events calendar www.townwall.ca

City of Fort St. John www.fortstjohn.ca/community-calendar



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“It will be interesting to see... the variety of what Canada means to the artist.”

— Alan White

A NIGHT OF JAZZ



ALEISHA HENDRY PHOTO

Jazz singer Maureen Washington blew away the crowd at the North Peace Cultural Centre on Monday, Jan. 30. Earlier in the day, she held a jazz workshop for School District 60 students. **Turn to B6 for the full story.**

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"This exhibit gives...
a window into how soldiers
dealt with boredom,
loneliness, and the horrors."
— Heather Sjoblom

Community Choir and orchestra take the stage at North Peace Cultural Centre

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As the sounds of spring start to come alive in the Peace Region, so will they echo through the North Peace Cultural Centre this weekend.

The North Peace Community Choir is hosting a concert with a chamber orchestra, playing the music of Vivaldi, including *Spring* from *Four Seasons*.

Merrill J. Flewelling is the guest conductor, a long-time resident of Dawson Creek and established musician.

"My mission in life is always to support students," said Flewelling. "This was a good concert, it was at a level that they could learn and play confidently.

"We chose the Spring one, and luckily with our winter, it will be exactly the right one as it will probably be the first day of spring."

Spring is a violin concerto, which will be performed by Lance Stoney. A concerto is an instrumental soloist accompanied by the orchestra.

Stoney has been teaching violin in Fort St. John for the last six years, and has seen the craft grow steadily in that time.

The show will also include a violin and cello concerto, performed by Fort St. John resident Josh Giesbrecht and Dawson Creek resident Jordan Dyck, and a trumpet concerto, performed by Chris Young.

Young came up through the

Fort St. John music system, and went on to the University of Alberta to study trumpet. He recently graduated and will be doing his first professional performance at this concert.

"I love the fact that he can come home and play for the home crowd," said Flewelling. "Once you've graduated from university it's a real treat to come home and do your first concert."

The final piece will be Vivaldi's *Gloria*, which will feature the choir and the orchestra.

The orchestra is made up of musicians from the Peace Region who don't play together regularly, but manage to come together as a cohesive group under Flewelling's guidance.

"Isn't it fantastic that in Fort St. John we can get an orchestra of 20 that can play at this level," said Flewelling. "How neat is that?"

Flewelling helped train the community choir for their performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City in 2015. He noted that choirs, like other music-related arts, need to be able to perform.

"Musicians need performance opportunities," he said. "They need the force of having to prepare for something that started out beyond them... They need the encouragement to keep going."

The North Peace Community Choir with Chamber Orchestra concert takes place May 6 at 7 p.m. at the North Peace Cultural Centre. For more information, call 250-785-1992.

Arts & Culture



(Above) Lance Stoney will perform the violin concerto at the upcoming concert at the North Peace Cultural Centre on May 6.

ALEISHA HENDRY PHOTO

(Left) Josh Giesbrecht and Jordan Dyck will perform the Vivaldi violin and cello concerto on the concert.

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