

Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery
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Grand Opening!

Join us for a Transformation Celebration!

Family Day:

Monday, February 15: 1:00 - 4:00 pm



We're Open!

After a year long renovation project, the transformed MAG reopens with spacious galleries, inspiring history and art exhibitions, innovative programs and engaging social events for families and adults.

Join us in a "Transformation Celebration" on Family Day, February 15, from 1-4 pm.

There will be creative art activities for all ages, crazy "chair" games in the Galleries, beautiful butterfly cakes to eat, live musicians performing their own version of "Musical Chairs" plus a special, guest appearance by the popular comedy duo, **"The Chairmen"**.

It's free and everyone is welcome!

Explore the transformed spaces; discover new connections to our history; imagine our vibrant cultural future. It's a **MAG-morphosis!**

"The renovations are state-of-the-art. Red Deer will have one of the newest and most flexible public galleries in Alberta", says Lorna Johnson, Executive Director.



The Chairmen: "A Chair-raising Experience"

The Exhibitor

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A special "sneak peek" event: *An Evening with Max Dean* will be held **Tuesday, February 9, 7:00 - 9:00 pm.** Dean will discuss the Robotic Chair, his career and vision for future work. Seats are limited; the event is free, but RSVP's are requested. Phone or email: 403-309-8405; museum@reddeer.ca

Humble Beauty

Stick Chairs from the MAG Collection

February 12 to April 25, 2010

Museums and unusual objects are naturally paired.

On passing through the doors of the museum we expect to be amazed by things that are definitely not part of our daily lives and experience.

This exhibition of wooden chairs drawn from the MAG collection may surprise by being "ordinary". Now they stand apart from their original purpose. Why?

More than a wistful yearning for an earlier time, their presence in the museum gallery somehow raises our appreciation of our own stories. After all, there is room enough in history for all of us.



Photo: Dwight Arthur

Mapping Creativity – a journey of transformations

March 5 to April 11

Red Deer's Larry Reese is making a film on creativity, 'mapping the process' and comparing it with other artists. The film will be shown in the exhibition which includes a selection of Reese's paintings and drawings.

"In all my artistic endeavours: art lessons as a kid in Edmonton, playing French Horn in Europe, Sitar with Ravi Shankar in Bangladesh, touring rock n' roll from Detroit to Honolulu, stage acting off Broadway in New York, painting watercolors in Mexico, film acting with Clint Eastwood in Calgary, teaching performance students at RDC in Red Deer - I have always been a storyteller. I hope the images in this show suggest stories to those who view them."
– Reese

Opening Reception: Mapping Creativity: Friday, March 5, 7-9 pm

2010 Red Deer College Student Show

March 17 to April 11

The annual showcase of works by the students in the Visual Arts program at Red Deer College.

Opening Reception: RDC Student Show, Thursday, March 18, 7-9 pm



Tumbling Dice: A Self Portrait, Larry Reese



Photo: Dwight Arthur

Our exciting 2010 program includes contemporary art; fresh expressions of local history, and prominent travelling exhibitions. The popular programs, MAGnificent Saturdays and artsparks, will be back in the redesigned Discovery Studio. New for 2010 is First Fridays – special evening events for adults. School programs, exhibit openings, artist talks and fun family events round out the year.

And...the much-loved Koi fish will return to a newly designed fish pond!

"We invite our community to discover the new MAG and enjoy our new approach to exhibitions. We are committed to engaging with the future while honouring our past."

Robotic Chair

By Max Dean, Matt Donovan, Raffaello D'Andrea

Where Art, Object & Technology Meet

February 12 to April 11, 2010

Artist, Max Dean, engineer and entrepreneur Raffaello D'Andrea, and sculptor and industrial designer, Matt Donovan, have endowed the generic wooden chair with the ability to fall to pieces and reassemble itself.

Twenty years after Max Dean first conceived of the chair, it finally became a reality when this creative trio came together.

It is an amazing piece of artwork: humble yet exceptional, passive yet engaging, and familiar yet foreign. These subtle contradictions are bound within the typical unimpressive form of a wooden chair.

The Robotic Chair, a metaphor for life, exemplifies the ongoing human process of collapse and recovery.

"The emotional connection we feel with the Robotic Chair as it publicly struggles through the process of rebuilding itself separates it from just being a technological advance or any other chair." Says Tanya Zuzak, MFA, curator of the exhibition.

The Robotic Chair is on loan from the National Gallery of Canada.



An Evening with Max Dean

Tuesday, February 9, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Meet Max Dean, co-creator of the Robotic Chair. The Robotic Chair is one artwork in a long line of other kinetic sculptures conceived of by Dean that explore issues of viewer interactivity and control. Dean will discuss the Robotic Chair, his career and vision for future work. Seats are limited; the event is free, but RSVP's are requested. Phone or email: 403-309-8405; museum@reddeer.ca



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artsparks

With a new studio comes a new artsparks! (with a new name, MAGsparks). Many changes have happened with the museum over the last year including our inclusive visual art program. Our new name is MAGsparks. Participants will experience the same fun and supportive classroom with the same days and format. Come make art with us MWF afternoons from 1 – 3 pm.



2010 Central Alberta Heritage Schools Fair

The 15th Annual Central Alberta Heritage Schools Fair will be hosted May 7 and 8 at Parkland Mall. Registration deadline is April 22. For information, workshops or packages rod.trentham@reddeer.ca

Reel Movie Mondays

Independent films continue until early May at the Galaxy Cineplex; Visit www.reelmoviemondays.ca for upcoming movies.

MAGnificent Saturdays



Saturday afternoons, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

The new Discovery Studio is open! Drop in from 2-4 pm every Saturday for creative art making activities. We supply the artist, the inspiration, and the materials – you supply your imagination!

- **March 6** Super Hero Chairs!
- **March 6** MAG @ the Parkland Mall
- **March 13** Robots! Robots! Robots!
- **March 20** RDC Artist Inspired Creations
- **March 27** RDC Artist Inspired Creations
- **April 3** Cartoon Inventions – Rube Goldberg
- **April 10** 1 Chair, 2 Chair, Red Chair, Blue Chair
- **April 17** Funny Food Faces
- **April 24** Ridiculous Recipes – Marshmallow Meatballs?



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New Gallery Hours:

Monday to Saturday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sundays & Holidays: noon to 5:00 pm

First Fridays: 5:00 – 9:00 pm

Business Hours:

Monday – Friday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm



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