

# The Kitchen Sync



***2016 lip sync contest with local celebrities***

**Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

**On The Rocks: Kitchen & Drink (OTR)**

11740 Jasper Ave, Edmonton



## *The Kitchen Sync lip sync contest and fundraiser 2016.*

### **Women's Art Museum of Canada / Musée d'art de la femme du Canada**

Pavilion II, La Cité francophone

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*pour conserver le patrimoine visuel de la femme  
dedicated to preserving women's visual heritage*

#### **WAM Development Team:**

Danielle LaBrie

Noemi LoPinto

Marlena Wyman

Theresa Burbank

Jo-Anne Farley

Shannon O'Blenes

Krista Acheson

Gordon Ramsey

#### **Admission:**

FREE

#### **Museum hours:**

Thursday: 11 am to 8 pm

Friday: noon to 6 pm

Saturday: noon to 2 pm

# Women's Art Museum of Canada

## Musée d'art de la femme du Canada

The Women's Art Museum of Canada (WAM) / Musée d'art de la femme du Canada (MAF) was established on October 2, 2006 with a mandate to preserve the visual heritage of Canadian women. Our primary goal was to open a museum that would house a collection of women's artworks. This was realized on a small scale October 2, 2015 when we secured an 8.73 sq. meters (93.97 sq. ft.) space in Edmonton's La Cité francophone. Eighty percent of this space functions as a micro public museum, featuring Canadian women's artworks, a small resource section, our very own archives of work done over the past 10 years and semi-permanent exhibits. The museum recently acquired a Margaret Chappelle (1915-1992) oil sketch, a beginning to the museum's permanent collection.

With this concretization, the museum initiated a dialogue with the arts community, promoting the importance of women visual artists and addressing the issue of the lack of space and presence for these artists in traditional arts museums. A feminine cultural perspective can only enrich our communities. And, for women to find their rightful place in history, an increase in visibility for their current and past artistic achievements are the necessary building blocks to equitable representation. When the museum promotes the works and artistic successes of women artists as well as documents and preserves their artistic achievements, we make a vital part of history available and accessible to the public.

There is still much work to be done. Our future plans for the museum involve the development of workshops and networking opportunities for women artists that can promote and enhance their artistic careers, a study to determine what visual assets should be part of our future museum collection, and the development of interactive activities and opportunities between our younger artists and senior ones, a mutual sharing of experiences.

## The Kitchen Sync / Little Kitchens

This lip sync contest was the brain child of WAM's Vice-President, Noemi LoPinto, with WAM's Secretary, Marlena Wyman making the connection to the kitchen that could be developed two-fold, as a contest and a museum exhibit. Nine contestants bravely volunteered to lip sync: twenty-six women responded with their artistic interpretation of the kitchen. Each contestant and participant brings a unique perspective on gender boundaries and the feminine perspective that is too often overlooked.

Both *The Kitchen Sync* and *Little Kitchens* pushed boundaries for what the WAM Development Team conceived as fundraisers in our sector and themes for women artists. Both are concepts that offer public approachability. They challenge women to imagine their roles and interactions within gender defined spaces.

WAM / MAF is very grateful to all the participants of *The Kitchen Sync* and all the artists of *Little Kitchens* who took up the challenge of the kitchen to bring it to a whole new level for themselves and the museum. We look forward to next year's fundraiser, when we challenge our local celebrities to *Let's SYNC Again*.

# The Kitchen Sync Program

**Introduction:** WAM President, Danielle LaBrie

## **Message from the Government of Alberta**

Honourable Lori Sigurdson, Minister of Seniors and Housing,  
MLA for Edmonton-Riverview

Master of Ceremonies: WAM Secretary, Marlena Wyman

- 1) ***Welcome soleil*** by Jim Corcoran and Bertrand Gosselin  
Performed by Véronique Duquet & Danielle LaBrie  
(warm up act - not part of the contest)
- 2) ***It's Raining Men*** by The Weather Girls  
Performed by Paula Simons & Emma Graney
- 3) ***Turn The Beat Around*** (Remix) by Gloria Estefan  
Performed by Terry Syvenky
- 4) ***Under The Sea*** by Samuel E. Wright  
Performed by Cheryl Johner
- 5) ***Gigi l'amoroso*** by Dalida  
Performed by Carole Saint-Cyr
- 6) ***Better When I'm Dancing*** by Meghan Trainor  
Performed by Janet Riopel
- 7) ***Sisters Are Doing It For Themselves*** by Nathalia & The Pointer Sisters  
Performed by Lori Sigurdson, Nicole Goehring & Estefania Cortes-Vargas
- 8) ***What's Love Got To Do With It*** by Tina Turner  
Performed by Valécia Pépin
- 9) ***Kickstart My Heart*** by Mötley Crüe  
Performed by Cheryl Schneider

## **Draw for three door prizes**

Announcement of the winners and presentation of WAM's  
***Edmonton Lip Sync Queen*** trophy and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes by lip  
sync judges: Twyla Campbell, Daniel Cournoyer & Ray Martin

# The Kitchen Sync Participants

Véronique is originally from Quebec, she came to Alberta five years ago and has been working to develop the francophone cultural industry in the province with the French PASO, le Regroupement artistique francophone de l'Alberta. She lives with her partner, Arthur and their beautiful two-year old daughter, Lea and the three family cats.



Véronique Duquet

Paula Simons is the Edmonton Journal's City Columnist. A frustrated wanna-be opera diva, she last sang on stage when she played Yente the Matchmaker in Ross Sheppard High School's production of Fiddler on the Roof. She has won a tedious number of national and international awards for her columns and her investigative reporting, for her social justice advocacy, and for her ground-breaking use of social media. Last year, she even won the Media Stand-Up Comedy Challenge at the Edmonton Comedy Festival. No awards, alas, have ever been forthcoming for her singing.



Paula Simons

Emma Graney covers politics for the Edmonton Journal and Sun. She says that she is only here because she failed to say "no" to Paula Simons' request to join her onstage. She also states that thankfully you won't have to hear her actually sing. According to her, none of you deserve that.



Emma Graney

As a Facilitator, Trainer, Coach and Motivational Speaker, Terry often encourages his clients to explore new experiences, to risk stepping outside their comfort zone, and to say yes to unusual opportunities when they come your way. So when his friend WAM Vice-President, Noemi LoPinto challenged him to Lip Sync in this competition, he unfortunately recognized that had to take his own advice to accept invitation to do something he has never done before, step way out of his comfort zone to Lip Sync for you. Terry's mission is to inspire and support others to get the very most out of their life and work.



Terry Syvenky

Cheryl sought fame, and riches by running for, and winning her seat as Ward A trustee for the Edmonton public school board in 2010. She is still waiting for the fame and riches and would be happy if municipal councillors or MLAs could remember to acknowledge her presence when introducing dignitaries at events. Cheryl has four kids and a very tall, devilishly handsome partner. She is planning on promoting tonight's lip sync win on YouTube and retiring off the proceeds of the subscribers and advertisers.



Cheryl Johner



**Carole Saint-Cyr**

Carole offers expertise in communications acquired from an extensive professional experience. She worked for many years as a cultural journalist and host at Radio-Canada in New-Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Alberta. She played iBonj, many theatre productions in Acadie and, last year, in L'UniThéâtre productions. After five years with RAFA as responsible of communication and public relation, Carole started her own company, Parole d'art Communications, which offers consultations in communication to artists.



**Janet Riopel**

Janet Riopel is the President and CEO of the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce. Janet has deep roots in our community and considerable experience managing complex, multistakeholder projects. She has worked in senior roles in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors and has filled many senior volunteer roles on boards. Her community service has brought Janet much recognition. She was honoured with the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, named one of Alberta's 50 most influential people by Alberta Venture magazine and was a Global TV Woman of Vision to name a few. She is presently a member of the International Women's Forum and Synergy Network.



**Honourable Lori Sigurdson**  
Minister of Seniors and Housing  
MLA Edmonton - Riverview

Lori Sigurdson was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, representing the constituency of Edmonton-Riverview. She is currently serving as Minister of Seniors and Housing. Ms. Sigurdson holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Alberta as well as a Bachelor and Master of Social Work Degrees from the University of Calgary. She has over 25 years experience as a social worker. Most recently, she was employed at the Alberta College of Social Workers as the manager of professional affairs. A mother of three sons, Ms. Sigurdson is an active volunteer in her community. She served as the vice-president of Public Interest Alberta and, has been involved in the work of the Parkland Institute, the Greater Edmonton Alliance, The Mayor's Task Force to Eliminate Poverty, Ritchie United Church and the Alberta College of Registered Social Workers.



**MLA Nicole Goehring**

Nicole Goehring was elected as Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, representing the constituency of Edmonton Castle Downs. Prior to serving with the Legislative Assembly, Ms. Goehring worked for close to a decade with Child and Family Services in various capacities. She holds a diploma in social work from Grant MacEwan Community College (now known as MacEwan University). She currently serves as chair of the Standing Committee on Families and Communities and as a member of the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections and the Standing Orders and Printing and the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.



**MLA Estefania Cortes-Vargas**

Estefania Cortes-Vargas was elected as the Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for Strathcona-Sherwood Park. She currently serves as Government Whip, deputy chair of the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services and as a member of the Select Special Ethics and Accountability Committee. Previous committee membership includes having served as chair of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices. Cortes-Vargas was a student of MacEwan University's social work program and worked for the Edmonton public school board for over four years as an educational assistant and previously as a facilitator for the Multicultural Health Brokers Co-operative.

Valécia came from Quebec two years ago and said that she found it really important to be part of the French community, becoming a Director for the Coalition de Femmes de l'Alberta as well as a board member for the Greater Edmonton Radio Administration Committee. She is passionate about media and is the host of the Val Peps show on Alta TV. She says that she exudes enthusiasm and loves new challenges, which is why she is here tonight.



Valécia PÉpin

Cheryl Schneider, is a fitness leader within the industry. She is the owner of NO MORE EXCUSES INC. and has been a Personal Trainer for more than 8 years with many successful clients and heartwarming stories. She was just voted BEST Personal Trainer in Edmonton for 2016. Her energy and “keep it real” attitude draw people towards her. Clients leave her sessions with pride, confidence and a renewed sense of strength. As a wife and mother of three children, Cheryl struggled with her own health and weight issues for many years—at one point, she found herself 100 pounds overweight. Cheryl and her team believe that happiness is found through balance in life, making good decisions most of the time and keeping it real!



Cheryl Schneider

## The Kitchen Sync Judges

Twyla Campbell is a food and travel blogger and freelance writer whose articles have appeared in local, national and international publications. For the past 6 years she has been CBC Edmonton AM's restaurant reviewer and food explorer. She is an avid traveler who believes that you can only understand different cultures if you dine at their table and listen to their music. She sang to her babies when they were in utero and danced with them in her arms until they could stand on their own. Music and food, says Twyla, are what will save the world. Friendship is what happens when you those two things are brought together.



Twyla Campbell

Ray Martin is an accomplished professional with experience in print, radio, and television media and in the political arena. In his political career, he served as Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, leader of the Alberta New Democratic Party and Leader of the Official Opposition. He is a skilled communicator, facilitator, and educator, and is an advocate for education, seniors and community. He is presently continuing his good works an Edmonton Public School Board Trustee and serves on the Board of Directors for the Aspen Foundations for Labour Education.



Ray Martin

Daniel Cournoyer has demonstrated a long commitment to Arts and Culture in Edmonton, Alberta and Canada as exemplified by his terms as President of the Francophone Association of Canadian Theatres (ATFC), Professional Arts Council of Edmonton (PACE) and a founding member of many new art and culture initiatives. Daniel invests a great deal of energy to create positive spaces in which minority groups can express themselves. Daniel values relationships and fosters partnerships. The Flying Canoe Volant is a great example of his most recent efforts of bringing communities closer together.



Daniel Cournoyer

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