



Howdy Albertans!,

Wave good-bye to Old Man Winter as we see trees budding and green start to come out of the ground!

- We have exciting news for Alberta. We are proud to partner with several organizations to bring a very esteemed guest here to have talks with our communities. The respected Dr. MJ Bienvenu, will be having community discussions about Sign Language Instruction, Culture, Oppression and Empowerment, Cross-cultural Interactions, and Interpretation. She will be presenting to staff at ASD and Connect Society on Friday May 6. The community will have an opportunity to see her on **Saturday May 7 at ASD at 9 am.**
- Book your calendar! The movie "In The Can" will be shown on **Saturday May 14, 2016 at Deaf and Hear Alberta building in Calgary at 630PM.** Come support the Canadian Deaf Women's Conference as all proceeds goes to this amazing conference.
- The DEAF CULTURE CENTRE under the auspices of the Canadian Cultural Society of the Deaf is accepting call for entries from Deaf youth ages 16 to 34 years old. This year's theme is FILMMAKING. Please open the attached for more information as well as the call for entry form for 2016. **What is the DEFTY Awards?** Youth Excellence in the Arts provides an opportunity for young Canadian Deaf performing artists to receive national recognition and celebrate their achievements across Canada on a national scale. Our mandate is to promote and encourage Deaf artists between the ages of 16 and 34 to follow their dreams while reducing stigma and increasing understanding through the arts. Please share with the Youth community in your location who could show their tremendous talent in filmmaking and encourage them to submit! Please feel free to ask questions about the Filmmakers Call for Entry by contacting Rylyn at [rlennox@deafculturecentre.ca](mailto:rlennox@deafculturecentre.ca). Or contact our office if you are interested in more information or have any additional questions. We are happy to support locals with direction and advice!
- We are hosting a Taste Tea Party of the Deaf Culture Centre's "Def-T" line of ecologically and socially responsible sourced Tea products on **Friday June 3rd in EADCC at 8 pm.** With several tea blends to satisfy any tea lover, there is sure to be a flavour for anyone! 100% of proceeds from Def-T product sales goes back to Deaf Culture Centre's many programs and social enterprise model. Come enjoy some sampling and take home some unique tea blends!
- We have our favorite event, ASL Immersion 2016 coming up in July! If you know anyone that is interested in a 5-day immersion in the language of ASL please spread the word!
- We are organizing another ASL Instructor workshop of the books "Signing Naturally 1-6" taught by Mari Klassen. The workshop fee is \$175 dollars for a 2-day workshop on the weekend of Sept 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>!
- If you are interested in more information or would like to enquire about volunteer opportunities, our great administrative assistant, Victoria Meusel would be happy to direct you at [acsdooffice@shawcable.com](mailto:acsdooffice@shawcable.com).

Culturally Yours,

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