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Youth Mural Project Unveiled at the Rotary Centre for the Arts

A vibrant new public artwork celebrates youth creativity, Indigenous knowledge, and community connection.

(Kelowna, BC) - The Rotary Centre for the Arts (RCA) is proud to unveil the completed Youth Mural Project 2026, a vibrant new public mural created by local youth that is now permanently installed on the exterior of the RCA, creating a welcoming and inspiring landmark for residents and visitors alike.

"The Youth Mural Project is a wonderful example of what happens when young people are given the opportunity to create, collaborate, and connect with their community," said Colleen Fitzpatrick, Executive Director of the Rotary Centre for the Arts. "This mural is more than public art, it is a lasting legacy of creativity, learning, and belonging. We are incredibly proud of every young artist who helped bring this vision to life and grateful to everyone who made the project possible."

Over the past several months, young artists worked alongside Lead Artist Gail Hodgson and Facilitator Rain Doody to transform six blank panels into a colourful mural inspired by the landscapes, plants, wildlife, and spirit of the Okanagan. Throughout the project, participants explored artistic techniques while learning about collaboration, environmental stewardship, and the importance of community.

The project was enriched through the guidance of Syilx/Okanagan Nation Knowledge Keeper Jasmine Peone, who shared teachings about native plants and caring for the land, helping ensure the artwork respectfully reflects Indigenous knowledge and the natural beauty of the region.

The mural was officially unveiled on June 17, 2026, during the Rotary Centre for the Arts' Creative Aging Festival, where youth artists were recognized for their dedication and celebrated alongside family members, community partners, supporters, and project leaders.

The Rotary Centre for the Arts extends its heartfelt thanks to the Tony Quo Vadis Foundation for its generous support of the project, as well as to Gail Hodgson, Rain Doody, Jasmine Peone, Pamela Barnes, Wilfred (Grouse) Barnes, the participating youth artists, their families, and the many community members who helped make this initiative a success.

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The completed mural now stands as a permanent public artwork celebrating creativity, culture, and connection, inviting visitors to discover something new every time they visit.

To read the full story behind the project and the journey of the youth artists, visit:
<https://rotarycentreforthearts.com/news/post/169/RCA-Youth-Mural-Project-2026/>

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About the Rotary Centre for the Arts

Located in the heart of Kelowna's Cultural District, the [Rotary Centre for the Arts](#) is a multidisciplinary visual and performing arts centre. The RCA improves the economic, cultural, and social quality of life in the community by fostering participation in, and appreciation of the arts. The RCA brings together individuals of all ages and backgrounds to share in the excitement of strengthening art and culture in the Okanagan, celebrating creative expression through diverse art forms and disciplines. The Rotary Centre for the Arts respectfully acknowledges that it is located on the unceded, traditional territory of the Syilx/Okanagan People.