



EDMONTON'S INTERNATIONAL ICE CARVING COMPETITION

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Edmonton's International Ice Carving Competition Returns This Month *NEW LOCATION* ICE District Plaza

The Ice on Whyte Festival Society – soon to be renamed Activate Arts Alberta – is pleased to announce the return of Edmonton's International Ice Carving Competition with a new name and an exciting new location. ICE District Plaza is hosting Chiseled in the heart of Edmonton's vibrant downtown. The society invited 8 2-person teams to create 15 block sculptures in 36 hours, from January 24 to 26, 2023. This year's roster is comprised of some of the best ice-carving artists from across Canada and around the world.

Below are the 2023 teams and creations:

1. **Carvin' Buddies** - Scott Harrison from Calgary and Ross Baisas from the Philippines/Montreal creating *Poseidon*
2. **Elegant Dream** - Mowafak Nema from Iraq/Ottawa and Don Lowing from the United States creating *Ishtar and the Deer*
3. **Exotic Duo** - Kee Gawah from Malaysia/Sweden and Fermin Gomez from Mexico/Calgary creating *Easy Ride*
4. **Kram & Fflic** - Clifford Vacheresse from Edmonton and Mark Berge from Courtney, BC creating *Behind the surFace*
5. **License to Chill** - Victor Dagatan from the Phillipines/USA and Andrew Zoller from Calgary creating *The Flight of Passage*
6. **Mad & Laine** - Yann Blanchard from France/Calgary and Ken Harper from Ladysmith, BC creating *Snack*
7. **The Prairie Dogs** - Larry MacFarlane and Brad Froehlich from Winnipeg creating *Maestro*
8. **Steve & Rusty** - Steve Buzak from Edmonton and Rusty Cox from Fairmont Hot Springs, BC creating *Ocean Glider*

You can watch these winter masterpieces come to life by visiting ICE District Plaza. The artists start by stacking the 300lb ice blocks and masterfully shape them into magnificent carvings using chainsaws and chisels. Each carving is made exclusively of water, ice, and snow, and judged on artistry and technique. A champion will be chosen on Thursday January 26 and these sculptures will remain for visitors to ICE District Plaza to enjoy.

Starting January 27, voting for the People's Choice award will be available at: www.iceonwhyte.ca.

Looking for more?

Dr. Wilbert McIntyre Park will be set up for for chippers, ice carving demonstrations, and more from January 27 - 29, 2023 by Ice on Whyte/Activate Arts Alberta.

On Friday, January 27 local carvers will create an ice sculpture garden under the guidance of some of our master carvers. These carvers will continue to demonstrate ice carving throughout the weekend – a fascinating and mesmerizing experience that always draws a crowd. You can also try your hand at ice carving as part of Chippers classes. These classes run first-come, first-served, and participation is by donation onsite. Admission to the park is free.

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EVENT INFORMATION

Chiseled – Edmonton's International Ice Carving Competition

January 24 – 26, 2023 in the ICE District Plaza

January 24 – 8am – 10pm - Carving

January 25 – 8am – 10pm - Carving

January 26 – 8 am – 2pm – Carving followed by judging

January 27 – voting for the People's Choice opens

The ice sculptures will remain as part of the programming in the ICE District throughout February

An Ice on Whyte Event

January 27 – 29, 2023 - Dr. Wilbert McIntyre Park 8331 104 Street NW, Edmonton

Park Hours:

January 27 – noon – 9pm

January 28 – 10am – 9pm

January 29 – 10am – 7pm

More Information: www.iceonwhyte.ca

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About Ice on Whyte/Activate Arts Alberta

Ice on Whyte was founded in 2003 by the Old Strathcona Business Association in partnership with local artists who were interested in presenting the unique art-form of ice carving to Edmonton. It grew into its own society and into an international competition. In 2022 the Society took over the management of the Whyte Avenue Art Walk and in 2023 it will be changing its name from Ice on Whyte to Activate Arts Alberta to better capture the work of the society, including the growth of our winter programming we deliver to other organizations and municipalities. Ice on Whyte was rated by World Atlas as one of the world's 10 Best Ice Festivals in 2017, by Readers' Digest as one of the top 10 winter festivals in Canada and is also the winner of the 2012 Alberta Pride Alto Award from Travel Alberta. Most recently, our team built the the snow maze in the Oilers Fan Park for the Oilers Entertainment Group.

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