



NEWS RELEASE

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Calgary's first-ever PechaKucha is tonight!

(Calgary, AB) – Calgary Arts Development is pleased to announce that Calgary's first PechaKucha Night will take place tonight at Theatre Junction Grand at 6:30 pm, as part of Calgary's Culture Month celebration.

Calgary joins 226 cities around the world in bringing together our first-ever PechaKucha Night. Devised and shared by Klein Dytham Architecture in 2003 as a place for designers, developers, and architects to meet, network, and show their work in public, the format is simple: speakers present 20 slides for 20 seconds each slide.

Calgary's first PechaKucha Night will revolve around the theme of 'creative spacemaking' and will be presented by a dynamic list of 12 cultural space creators including Artscape Toronto's President and CEO Tim Jones and Toronto Brickworks chief architect Joe Lobko, Partner with du Toit Allsopp Hillier I du Toit Architects Limited.

Calgary Arts Development has secured the rights to PechaKucha Nights in Calgary and will be hosting four PechaKucha Nights over the course of the next year. Following tonight's event, Calgary Arts Development will hold a PechaKucha night on December 3rd with the theme 'How We Live Together'.

Tickets are \$10 and can be pre-purchased at <http://calgarypechakuchanight.eventbrite.com/> or are available at the door.

For more information on PechaKucha Night and for a full list of presenters visit <http://calgaryartsdevelopment.com/pechakucha>

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About Calgary Arts Development

Calgary Arts Development was created in 2005 to lead long-term, strategic development of the arts sector in Calgary, guided by the 2004 Civic Arts Policy. Calgary Arts Development invests municipal arts funding of \$3.75 million annually in 160 local arts organizations, provides support to the arts community, private developers and public and private sector funders engaged in arts space projects and engages in strategic marketing initiatives to increase arts participation and raise awareness of Calgary's arts sector locally, nationally and internationally. Visit CalgaryArtsDevelopment.com for more information about our activities and initiatives.