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Summer in the Square

The City of Albany will be adding vibrancy to the new Town Square with the inaugural *Summer in the Square* program in January.

The *Summer in the Square* program, will feature some of Albany's best contemporary artists creating installations, art displays and performances using the new Town Square as their canvas.

The first of a number of installations in the Town Square is artist Serena MacLauchlan's- Urban Orchard. The re-designed temporary 'Urban Orchard' pots take a cue from traditional Sicilian roadside produce carts and the highly decorative majolica art adorning them. Spray painted vintage lace curtains wrap the pots with colours associated with summer, soften the concrete and become a vivid garden landscape. The pots arranged become a curated set of tools for growing food in the city. Edible and aromatic plants such as mint, sage, rosemary and strawberries will invite community to use the plants in their lunch and promote conversation and interaction. The project is collaboration between the artist working with home school children at the Vancouver Arts Centre.

City of Albany CEO Graham Foster said the City has planned to activate the space as a priority for community.

"The city will expand the summer in the square program based on community feedback. We are eager to create a vibrant and colourful town square for residents and visitors to enjoy," Mr Foster said.

Following on from the Urban Orchard will be a number of other projects in January featuring artists Kate Campbell-Pope, Symantha Parr, John Carberry, Serena McLauchlan, Yann Toussaint and Anne Pettit. Projects include ephemeral dance performances, pop-up meadows, art installations and poetry workshops throughout January with all program information available at www.albany.wa.gov.au and the City of Albany Events Facebook page, www.facebook.com/CityofAlbanyEvents.

All events in the program are free and suitable for all ages.

"We look forward to seeing how well our community engages with the *Summer in the Square* program, brought to you by the City of Albany and Vancouver Arts Centre.

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(see attached flyer)