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SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN IN THE BIG DRAW FESTIVAL

For the first time, Albany will join The Big Draw, an international drawing festival which will happen across the world during October.

The team from City of Albany's Vancouver Arts Centre will hit the streets, shopping centres and other surprising places to encourage everyone to draw. From the passionate artist to the scared sketcher we can call make a mark and have fun doing it.

Artists Serena McLauchlan and Indra Geidans will be leading a variety of activities across the school holidays and throughout October.

"The Big Draw is an opportunity to explore mark making in a fun environment, where there is no pressure to create a masterpiece. It's about experiencing the joy of drawing." Indra said.

Indra, with members of the public, will create a large artwork that will travel the breadth of Albany before being exhibited at the Vancouver Arts Centre. Using sticks, shopping docketts and all kinds of unusual objects, people young and not so young, will be encouraged to make their mark. Indra will be at Albany Brooks Garden Shopping Centre, Ellen Cove Middleton Beach, Vancouver Arts Centre, Albany Plaza and the Town Square. Go to albany.wa.gov.au for days and times.

Serena McLauchlan will lead a range of experiences for young people and teenagers at PCYC, Open Access Art Studio, Albany Public Library and the Town Square. Serena will also create a magical interactive arts space at the Vancouver Arts Centre where talking books fill the air and children can add to the growing wall of drawings inspired by classic childhood stories.

The Big Draw Instagram exhibition will fill the virtual realm. Everyone can upload photographs of their drawings to Instagram using the hashtag #bigdrawalbany.

These artworks will be projected onto the walls of the Vancouver Arts Centre when 'Big Draw on the Walls' comes to life on Wednesday 28 October for **The Big Draw Party**, a free community event. Contact 9841 9260 for more details.

The Big Draw

Full program available at albany.wa.gov.au or call Vancouver Arts Centre, 9841 9260

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Full Activity Listings overleaf

Photo opportunities available:

Vancouver Arts Centre, 9841 9260

**THE BIG DRAW
LISTING INFORMATION**

WORKSHOPS

Interactive Arts Space

Enter an immersive interactive art space created by Serena McLauchlan where talking books fill the air. You can add to a growing wall of drawings and visual meanderings inspired by classic childhood stories.

From Mon 28 Sept – Sat 14 Nov

9am – 4pm (Mon – Fri) & 10am – 3pm (Sat)

Vancouver Arts Centre, 85 Vancouver St, Albany FREE

Surface Drawing

Join artist Serena McLauchlan in this action drawing workshop that uses the online language of Instagram. Sculptural letters **'#bigdrawalbany'** become the surface to draw on, locating us in real and virtual, time and place.

Tues 29, Wed 30 Sept & Tues 6, Wed 7 Oct

10.30am – 1.30pm, PCYC, 77 Sanford Rd, Albany

Vacation Care Program, \$25 half day, \$45 full day Bookings: 9841 6672

Drawing Journeys

Join artist Indra Geidans is your chance to add to a large artwork that will be travelling the breadth of Albany, before it is exhibited at the Vancouver Arts Centre. Have fun using sticks, shopping dockets and all kinds of unusual objects to make your mark. Suitable for all ages.

Thurs 1 Oct, 10am – midday, Albany Brooks Garden Shopping Centre, Chester Pass Rd, Albany

Thurs 1 Oct, 1pm – 2.30pm, Ellen Cove, Middleton Beach, Albany

Fri 2 Oct, 10am – 12.30pm, Art Room, Vancouver Arts Centre, 85 Vancouver St, Albany

Tues 6 Oct, 9.30am – 11.30am, Albany Plaza, 38 Albany Hwy, Albany, near Coles FREE

Drawing Machines

Be inspired by listening to a reading of children's book, **The Dot** by Peter Reynolds then join artist Serena McLauchlan to make strange drawing machines. For children 5 years and older.

Thurs 8 October, 10.30am – 11.30am, Albany Public Library, 221 York St, Albany, Bookings 9841 9390

FREE

Open Drawing Space

Bring your own drawing project and enjoy the company of fellow drawers or join Serena McLauchlan in the construction of unexpected drawing machines to create unexpected artworks.

Fri 9 October, 9.30am – midday, Art Room, Vancouver Arts Centre, 85 Vancouver St, Albany FREE

Drawing Action in the Town Square

Celebrate the end of the week with action packed drawing experiences with artists Serena McLauchlan and Indra Geidans. No drawing expertise required and suitable for all ages.

Thurs 8 October, midday – 2pm, Fri 9 October, 2pm – 5pm, Town Square, York St, Albany FREE

Make-Shift Drawing

Inspired by street culture and online design culture, young people can grab bright paint pens, peg board and found objects to create urban drawings. Facilitated by Serena McLauchlan.

Tues 20 – Thurs 22 October, 4pm – 6pm, Open Access Youth Arts Studio, 19 Prior St, Albany, Register 9841 3677 FREE

Drawing Matters Masterclass

Join Marie Haass and Angela Stewart, visiting artists from the Drawing Matters exhibition for a masterclass in drawing that will focus on developing a greater understanding of drawing, using a mixture of experimental and conventional drawing techniques. **Sat 31 October, 10am – 4pm, Concert Room, Vancouver Arts Centre, 85 Vancouver St, Albany, \$80 VAC Members, \$100 Non-members, Bookings essential: 9841 9260** (payment required on booking)

EXHIBITIONS

Drawing Matters, is an exquisite exhibition of unique drawings by artists Nola Farman, Marie Haass and Angela Stewart. Tempered by time and experience, each artist shares a common process of drawing out meaning as they search for a satisfying visual aesthetic.

Watch **The Big Draw online** exhibition grow, follow @Vancouver_Arts on Instagram to see the stories unfold. Upload your own drawing using #bigdrawalbany and be part of this international festival.

The Big Draw on the Walls - projected onto the walls of the Vancouver Arts Centre, the Instagram Gallery arrives large and beautiful. Enjoy the mass outcomes of our Big Draw workshops as stories come to life through the drawings of over one hundred people.

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Vancouver Arts Centre, 85 Vancouver St, Albany FREE

THE BIG DRAW PARTY

The Big Draw festival peaks with a mid-week party like no other. Action drawing events, a DJ, party food and the opening of the exhibitions Drawing Matters and The Big Draw on the Walls. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Wed 28 October, 4.30pm – 7pm, Vancouver Arts Centre, 85 Vancouver St, Albany RSVP: 9841 9260
FREE