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YEG Chinatown Now: Chinatown Tour With Lan

Part one of web series explores 1890 to post-World War II.

ANITA JENKINS

A fascinating and informative tour of Edmonton's Chinatown produced by aiyai哎呀! and Fallout Media is available on STORYHIVE's YouTube channel. The tour is hosted by Lan Chan-Marple, a Chinatown advocate who has been researching, writing, and telling the story of Edmonton's Chinatown past and present. She is a member of aiyai哎呀! - an intergenerational group of artists and community members in Edmonton's Chinatown.

The following is a brief summary of the first episode, which covers 1890 to post-World War II. A summary of the second part will be published in the next issue of Boyle McCauley News.

Without visible anger or similar strong emotions, Lan Chan-Marple leads a group through the neighbourhood, describing the long and challenging history of the Chinese community in Edmonton. The underlying theme is "protesting to no avail." Chan-Marple also uses phrases like "unfulfilled promises" and "empty words."

In 1890, the first Chinese men, former workers on the Canadian National Railway, began to arrive in Edmonton. Two of them established a laundry where the Shaw Convention Centre currently stands. In 1892 another Chinese man established a second laundry nearby - he was escaping from



A video still from *Chinatown Tour with Lan*. Lan Chan-Marple is pictured in the centre. Fallout Media

racism in Calgary, where the Chinese were blamed for a smallpox epidemic. By 1899 there were 13 Chinese men in Edmonton, operating two laundries and a restaurant.

Chinese people were not welcomed by Edmonton citizens such as Frank Oliver, founder of the *Edmonton Bulletin* newspaper.

By 1911, there were 154 Chinese - 150 men and 4 women - living in Chinatown's original three-block area between 97 and 98 Streets, from Jasper Avenue to 102A Ave-

nue. By 1921, this number had increased to 518, most of them men. Clan associations were beginning to form and several different businesses were opening. The Chinese Benevolent Association was established in 1929.

In 1923, the federal government successfully introduced the *Chinese Immigration Act of 1923*, commonly known as the *Chinese Exclusion Act*, to discourage the Chinese from coming or staying in Canada. The earlier Chinese Immigration Act of 1885 imposed a head tax of \$50, which was increased

to \$500 - an enormous amount at the time - to keep Chinese railway workers out, but this was futile. The number of immigrants from China to Canada increased to 90,000 despite the tax, which took years to pay off. During this period, the Chinese community turned inward, relying on their Chinese associations for support and social contact.

After World War II, perceptions changed and the Exclusion Act was repealed in 1947.

Anita Jenkins is a retired writer and editor who lives in Boyle Street.



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MCCAULEY MUSINGS

When I learned about the sudden passing of David Littlefeather in December, like many I was shocked and deeply saddened. David was one of the first people I met when I started working in the area. He always greeted me with a smile, and his commitment to volunteerism in the community was inspirational.

In preparation for his memorial service, I was asked to go through *Boyle McCauley News'* archive and collect clippings pertaining to David. I ended up going down the proverbial rabbit hole while scrolling back through the years. I found quite a number of mentions of David in our pages, including several articles and photos from communi-

ty events and news which predated my involvement with the paper.

David wasn't a famous person (except maybe in his immediate community of McCauley Apartments, and even to an extent within the greater McCauley neighbourhood). He wasn't rich. He wasn't powerful in any traditional sense. He was not someone who would typically be featured in the media.

Boyle McCauley News has a long history of featuring the words, opinions, and achievements of regular folks trying to make a difference in the area. Over the years we have published stories about many volunteers with the paper and other community organizations, to spotlight the incredible things they do for the community.

David was one such person who made an impact in the community. I am so proud that *Boyle McCauley News* was able to bring attention to his contributions. His memory will live on in the paper's pages, and in the hearts of all who knew him.

Boyle McCauley News

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Welcome to our April-May issue! This is an exciting time for *Boyle McCauley News*. Our casino is coming up later in April, which is going to help financially. However, keeping the paper sustainable will continue to be a community effort. Learn about our Our Toss Us Your Toonies campaign, where you can donate as little as \$2 monthly, at bmcnews.org/donate.

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We always need volunteers, especially contributors and people to deliver the paper in both McCauley and Boyle Street. Contact me at editor@bmcnews.org to learn more and find out what delivery routes are available. Take care, and enjoy the issue!

OUR NEXT ISSUE. . .

Volume 43, Issue 3 will be published June 1st, 2022. Articles and photos concerning community news, events, and opinions are welcome. We also accept submissions of poetry and cartoons. Deadline: May 12th, 2022. Send submissions to: editor@bmcnews.org. Articles should be 400 words or less and accompanied by photographs (JPG, in high resolution) whenever possible.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Do you want to respond to something that you read in these pages or that is going on in the community? Share your thoughts with a Letter to the Editor. Send your letters to editor@bmcnews.org. Letters should be no longer than 300 words, and may be edited for length or clarity. Publication is not guaranteed. The deadline for letters for our next print issue is May 12th, 2022.

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The Edmonton Intercultural Centre Gymnasium

A bustling indoor sports venue in the heart of the McCauley community.

The Edmonton Intercultural Centre (EIC) is committed to bringing vibrancy, diversity, and inclusion to the Community. The old McCauley School was converted into office space for 12 member tenant, non-profit organizations. True to its vision, the Centre continues to provide a venue for different events and activities that inspire community and intercultural collaboration for residents of the local McCauley community. It also supports the needs of various individuals, groups, and organizations throughout our city.

For the past eight years, the EIC gymnasium has hosted and welcomed different sports activities for diverse sports organizations. The gymnasium is always bustling with things like basketball, soccer, badminton, volleyball, and dance practice.

Earlier this year, the Edmonton Intercultural Centre started hosting a brand-new program: Youth Co-ed Floor Hockey. Kids ages 6 to 12 are welcome to register and join in every second Sunday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the EIC gymnasium.

The link for registration is: <https://form.jotform.com/220355618640251>

There is a registration fee that helps to cover the costs of this program: \$10.50 per two-hour session or \$84 for all eight sessions of the season. All equipment is provided (sticks, balls, goalie equipment, etc.). This is a great way for our children to gather, make new friends, engage in a fun weekend activity, and participate in a popular Canadian sport.

Information submitted by the Edmonton Intercultural Centre.

Letter to the Editor

A Star is Born

I just want to send you a big THANK YOU for the article you did on me and my book *Whistle in the Dark* ["Local Pharmacist Discovers His Writing Talent," February-March 2022]. It is very well-written and I am deeply humbled by your kind words. You have made me a "star" within my circle of friends and family.

The article will most certainly

bring more attention to the book and more money for the Vancouver Food Bank. My publisher informs me that we are inching towards 300 in sales.

Thank you again for helping me with the Wu family COVID project.

*James Wu
Pharmacist, Market Drugs*

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- Boyle McCauley Pharmacy (10817 95 St.)

Correction

In the article "Boyle Street Community Services is Moving" (February-March 2022), the current address of Boyle Street Community Services was incorrect. It should have read 10116 105 Avenue. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

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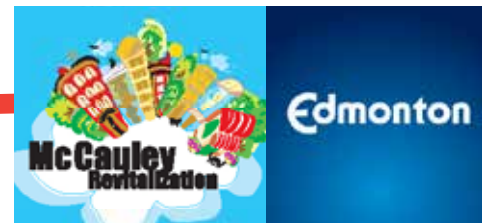


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MCCAULEY REVITALIZATION UPDATES



VIBRANCY AND RESILIENCE IN MCCAULEY 2021 IN REVIEW

Revitalization was proud to partner with so many vibrant partners in McCauley who brought people together and/or make it a better place to live during a very difficult second year of the pandemic. Many folks in McCauley have been amazingly resilient and McCauley was busy doing some great things and Revitalization was pleased to partner through funding:

- To help make spring pop, VIDA once again made sure we had beautiful hanging baskets and planters along 95 st.
- Lighting up the skating rink has completely changed the intersection of 107A ave and Church St. - it is now cheery and festive. Kudos to the Community League
- The Community League stepped up again, being very innovative, bringing people together through great music and outdoor activity at their CL Day Event and the Holiday Community Skating Party
- The Chinatown Transformation Collaborative has deftly organized a Chinatown Volunteer Cleanup on the 2nd Saturday of each month - often 35 young adults show up to clean and then all go for dim-sum right after
- A decades old tradition of a resident-led Halloween party for all the kids
- The Aiya Collective working through Mile Zero Dance hosted a very innovative Workshop called Still in Chinatown on Indigenous Land Artist Space
- Safer McCauley got serious about lighting and helped facilitate a Safety Lighting Pilot in Chinatown and a similar lighting project in McCauley-at-large
- The small but mighty team at Chinatown Dining Week ran an impressive 2022 Chinatown Dining Week with 18 restaurants with \$10 or \$18 menus



CLEANUP AND SAFETY COLLABORATION

- Through the CoE's Capital City Cleanup (CCCU) and Revite's (\$12K each) and Mustard Seed (\$3K), 530 full bags of garbage and 1847 needles were collected in McCauley by the SeedWorks social enterprise (April - Oct 2021)
- Through \$19.6K CCCU funding, along with 2 outhouses, 685 full bags of garbage and 1236 needles were collected in McCauley (May - Aug 2021)
- Through a partnership between Chinatown BIA (\$22.2K), CoE's Local Economy's Economic Recovery grant (\$22.2K), Chinatown BIA spent \$44,345 total and \$26,523 on needle & litter collection and \$17,822 on pressure washing. 643 full bags of litter and 2,081 needles were collected. 92,000 feet of mostly sidewalks was pressure washed
- Revite paid \$7835 to have a back alley big junk pickup drive and to pick up illegally dumped junk throughout the year through Boyle Street Ventures (the Boyle Street Community Services social enterprise).
- Through you, McCauley residents and out of neighbourhood volunteers, 13 volunteer Litter Clean Ups happened in McCauley & Chinatown with Safer McCauley or CTC/Chinatown Safety Council: 384 volunteers/ 342 bags of litter (6 in McCauley: 160 volunteers/ 137 bags of litter and 7 in Chinatown: 224 volunteers/ 205 bags of litter)
- Litter kits distributed by Safer McCauley (since May 2020): 264
- Sharps containers distributed by Safer McCauley (since May 2020): 77



MCCAULEY REVITALIZATION-LED 4 PROJECTS IN 2021

- Paid \$7835 to have a back alley big junk pickup drive and to pick up illegally dumped junk throughout the year through Boyle Street Ventures (the Boyle Street Community Services social enterprise)
- Paid \$6754 to Boyle McCauley News to produce 6 full page colour articles communicating McCauley Revitalization updates
- Paid \$12,000 for litter and needle debris throughout McCauley to SeedWorks (the social enterprise of Mustard Seed). Capital City Cleanup also contributed \$12,000 to the effort and the Mustard Seed added another \$3000
- Through a partnership led by Safer McCauley we co-produced, printed and delivered thousands of Who to Call postcards, in both English and Chinese, to McCauley residents and businesses.

Rebuilding the Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples

FR. MARK BLOM, OMI

Many in McCauley have been wondering what's been going on at Sacred Heart Church since the fire on August 30th, 2020. After an initial clean-up, it was determined that the building would be gutted to remove all the wet plaster to avoid mold. Due to the asbestos content, a crew of 12 worked 10 hours a day, seven days a week for four months. By Christmas of 2020, the interior demolition was complete.

H2 Architecture has created all the necessary drawings to restore the interior of the church. The parish decided this was the opportune time to upgrade the heating system, replace the steep front stairs, fill foundation cracks, and repair the exterior masonry. Clark Builders has begun work and they see completion by late fall of 2022.

Throughout the demolition and rebuilding process the parish has continued offering all its ministries and Sunday services, and expanded its lunch program for the homeless. More volunteers than ever are working in the parish. Because of the pandemic the Sacred Heart has met a growing need for meals in the inner city after many service kitchens closed. Each week 400 to 500 bag lunches are given to the needy.



Restoration in the Baptistry area. Fr. Mark Blom, OMI

The parish is excited that in the restored church there will be a tipi in the sanctuary surrounding the altar. The original words of the New Testament describe the incarnation of Jesus in these words: *“he pitched his tent among us”* (John 1:14). Four natural wood poles about 18 feet in length in the sanctuary will be a striking sign that this is a church of the First Peoples.

At Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples, we ardently desire that our restored church building, and our parish community hall, can be a Tent of Meeting for all nations where we can explore what is common to us all, and bring understanding, truth, and reconciliation to the ways we have wounded each other. By doing this we hope to create the promised land right here in McCauley.

For more information and current updates about the rebuild, and to support the parish campaign to improve our building to serve this area for many years to come please visit: sacredpeoples.com/rebuild/. A church rebuild brochure, along with pictures, is available at the parish and can be sent to anyone who requests copies.

Fr. Mark Blom, OMI, is the Associate Pastor of Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples.

Chicken King: Worth Seeking Out

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ALAN SCHIETZSCH

You might easily miss some of the best Cantonese or Singapore-style Chinese food in McCauley if you only explore the 97th Street area.

While returning from another dining adventure, we noticed a sign saying “Chicken King” that’s hidden in plain sight across from the Royal Alex Hospital car parkade on the east side of 101st Street. None of us remembered seeing it before, so we gave it a try the next time we craved Chinese food.

After sitting down, we asked how long the place had been there, and discovered that they’d been open for just over a year. Right after things started reopening from



Kung Pao Chicken from Chicken King. Alan Schietzsch

the beginning wave of COVID, Chicken King launched their new restaurant. Then the next pandemic wave lockdown hit. So, they pivoted to online orders, and bravely kept their dream alive.

Chicken King offers both westernized and authentic Chinese menus, so our big family group was excited to sample from both. We started with a classic Hot

& Sour soup, which my sister-in-law absolutely loved. It was thick, tangy, and loaded with bamboo shoots, fungus, and tofu - perfect to warm us up. From the Chinese menu, we had poached chicken with scallion sauce. Being poached - just like an egg cooked in water - gives the chicken a whiter skin that doesn't look as cooked as it really is, while the gentle boiling gives the chicken a softer texture

that is delicate and delicious. Most of us loved it.

Lemon chicken from the western menu was made superbly crispy, so the sweet lemon sauce didn't make it soggy. We were all impressed with the egg fried rice, because the eggs were done perfectly, with some firmness, yet soft and smoky too. Stir fried vegetables with garlic showed off the chef's skills too - with cauliflower, carrot, broccoli, snow peas, mushrooms, and celery, everything was cooked to be glistening and tender but not at all overdone. My only desire might be to add a little red bell pepper to mix up the colour a bit. But the Curry Beef was even better, with a gentle warmth, and green peppers as a nice counterpoint in colour and crunch - very much a comfort food. Warm happiness! And if spicy is your thing, the Kung Pao Chicken will be your new favourite. Look out for the red chili pepper bits - they're fresh, piquant, and potent.

Chicken King is another hidden secret on the McCauley food scene that's worth knowing about. It's also super-handy when arctic cold makes you feel like ordering in.

Alan lives in McCauley. He is the Chair of the paper's Board of Directors.

Family Day in McCauley Returns to the Rink

Beloved community event was on hold for two years due to the pandemic.

GRACE KUIPERS

On Saturday, February 26th, the McCauley Community League hosted its Family Day Celebration at the McCauley skating rink, for the first time since the COVID crisis. What a wonderful day of celebration and community it was. People were sitting around the fire drinking hot chocolate and having a hot dog, while others were lacing up skates and going for a rip on the beautiful ice. The air was filled with the smell of fire, the sound of fiddle music, horses' hoofs and snorts from the wagon rides, squeals of delight from children, and the pleasant hum of chatter and laughter of a long-awaited community gathering.

Thank you to the Pagnotta and Mannarino families for providing and serving up a wonderful lunch of hot dogs, pasta salad, chips, and water. The families have been donating and volunteering at the rink in honour of the late Albert Pagnotta, who, with his brother, used to make ice and maintain the rink when it first opened. Albert was known for his generosity in helping to employ and feed those less fortunate.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped tend the fire, set up tables, pour hot chocolate, and who cleaned up past the scheduled

closing time. Thanks to the fiddle player, Jay Kuchinsky, for treating us to lively folk tunes that blended perfectly with the laughter and chatter of the day. Thanks to Dan Glugosh, who always makes sure the ice is pristine and perfect for the event. Thanks to Leif Gregerson, whose keen eye captured the beauty of the event on camera. Thanks to Longriders, who provided us with wonderful wagon rides through McCauley, and to the friendly driver, Kyle Murphy, and his expert skills. Thanks also to REACH Edmonton and Mark Davis for the firewood and for keeping that fire going.

It was truly a wonderful day in McCauley, and as a volunteer for the board, it is one of those days that make everything we do worth it! We are planning an AGM in May and are looking for more board members. You do not need to be a professional - just someone who loves community-building and is willing to put in a few hours each month at meetings and help make these kinds of events happen in McCauley. Alice Kos is our President, and you can find more information on our website: mccauleycl.com. If you are interested, please send us an email at league@mccauleycl.com. We would love to hear from you.

Grace Kuipers is the Secretary with the McCauley Community League.



The Longriders wagon full of people going for a ride. Leif Gregersen



Fiddler Jay Kuchinsky. Leif Gregersen



Fun on the ice. Leif Gregersen



Community members gathering around the fire. Leif Gregersen



Members of the Mannarino and Pagnotta families with Rink Manager Dan Glugosh (third from right) and McCauley Community League President Alice Kos (far right). Leif Gregersen



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The Heart of the City Festival Society is happy to announce that we will be holding a festival in Giovanni Caboto Park this year on Saturday, June 4th and Sunday, June 5th.

We will have three stages, as in past festivals. Our Main Stage will feature music running all day. Once again, we are working with local non-profit CreArt Edmonton to produce the Heart of the City Young Emerging Artist Stage. Under the direction of Sebastian Barrera and the young people on his board, the stage will be pumping out music on both the 4th and the 5th. Check out creartedmonton.com for more information on how to apply to play the Emerging Musician's Stage.

The Beat Spoken Word Stage will be hosting three sessions of poetry, with some hip hop influences from the group Psych Ward Kidz and a youth open stage. We will also have an evening open stage for Edmonton's poetry community. Workshops will be held both Saturday and Sunday. We will have a session of stand up comedy at 8 p.m. on Saturday the 4th and a Story Slam on Sunday the 5th at 4 p.m. If you are interested in signing up to perform poetry at the open stages, or to compete in the Story Slam which has a \$200 prize, please email us at hotbeatstage@gmail.com.

Our board is interested in finding out what the community wants and expects from Heart of the City. Do you feel the festival is for you? What kind of music do you want to hear? Is there anything missing from the festival? We have the opportunity to apply for a casino license. This would mean a significant increase in our funding and would take a few years and a lot of leg work to complete. Should we go ahead with the application, we would be able to produce a larger festival, pay performers and artists higher honorariums, and produce other events throughout the year, like our Indigenous Fashion Show and Community Dinner. Would you, members of our community, support this action? Please email us at heartcityfest@gmail.com or message us on Facebook if you are in favour or have any concerns.

Our main stage applications are now open to all musicians! Eighty percent of the artists we showcase have a connection to downtown, while 20 percent are from Greater Edmonton. Please check out our website at heartcityfest.com to find a link to the applications and more information about 2022's Heart of the City Festival.

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Showers and Flowers

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"April showers bring May flowers."-Thomas Tussler (English poet and farmer, 1524-1580)

The phrase above goes back centuries. It was published by Thomas Tussler in his collection of writings, *A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry*. The line was originally penned as, "Sweet April showers, do bring May flowers."

It is a good reminder that even what seems like the worst of things (April showers) can turn into wonderful, positive outcomes (May flowers). It is also a lesson in patience.

March 11, 2020 was the date the World Health Organization declared a worldwide pandemic. The past two years have been a test of

patience and adjustment.

Now, restrictions are getting removed. I urge you to go at a pace where you feel comfortable in readjusting.

Information is always available at Alberta.ca - type "Covid-19 info for Albertans" into the search bar. Or, call 811, the Alberta Health Services' Health Link.

Understanding and confidence are good motivators going forward. Now that the days are getting longer and brighter, and the remnants of snowfall and winter are subsiding, it is the best time to take a walk or sit outside and enjoy our beautiful community.

However, you might want to bring an umbrella. Those April showers will, indeed, bring May flowers!

Ian is a columnist with the paper. He lives in the area.



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(780) 424-4106
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info@icpmedmonton.ca

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Contact: Denis Lapierre, Coordinator
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Please visit our Facebook page [@e4cwellness](https://www.facebook.com/e4cwellness) or a full schedule of FREE sessions and groups, open to all. Contact Kathryn or Mike at the e4c McCauley office at 780-424-2870, or email krambow@e4calberta.org or msiek@e4calberta.org.



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More Memories of David Littlefeather



David (left) and Colleen at the Heart of the City Festival in 2010. File Photo

COLLEEN CHAPMAN • BMC News Staff

Before I had even read Kathryn Rambo's beautiful, heartfelt tribute to David Littlefeather in the February-March 2022 issue [*To David Littlefeather, With Love and Thanks*], I was already writing down my thoughts about McCauley losing one of its well-known, friendly ambassadors. I marvelled at how many memories of David I share with Kathryn.

David was a pure example of what makes McCauley great. He contributed as much as he could to help as often as possible. David would help at almost every community event, and he had a large number of t-shirts to show for it. He was at every Heart of the City Festival, McCauley Clean Up, the Church Street Fair, and the Christmas parties and rummage sales at Sacred Heart Church. He also served on the McCauley Community League board for two years in the early 2000s.

Fr. Jim Holland, former pastor at Sacred Heart Church, told me that David "really cared about the community, and especially his neighbours [in McCauley Apartments]."

Over the past two or three years I noticed he was thinner and appeared more frail and distracted, and yet his eyes would light up as he would excitedly tell me the news of the neighbourhood, "and everything like that," to quote David. The last time we talked was in the fall of 2021 at an outdoor table at the Italian Centre. He reminded me to call him when the paper's casino was planned, so he could volunteer.

I already miss seeing him sitting on the bench at 96 Street and Fr. Jim Holland Way (108A Avenue). We always waved when he saw my car. I am sure his dog Jimmy met him at the Rainbow Bridge.

Colleen is a McCauley resident and Volunteer Coordinator with Boyle McCauley News.

The Team Behind the Social Change Initiatives of the Edmonton Community Development Company

By Erica Marie

Meet Our Team



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The Edmonton Community Development Company (Edmonton CDC) was created in 2017 to address poverty by boosting economic development within communities.

Their social change initiatives are focused on real estate investments such as Project 10, which has the goal of purchasing and demolishing ten problem properties.

They plan to build quality homes for families to purchase in McCauley, Eastwood and the Alberta Avenue District.

Creating a meaningful impact in the community requires people driven to the cause.

The Edmonton CDC team is motivated to understand the opportunities in our city and within each neighbourhood where they build.

At the center of the Edmonton CDC's network are three key members that run the social change initiatives.

Get a chance to know more about the team, their role in the company, and their thoughts on the organization's purpose at edmontoncdc.org.



[Read the full article on edmontoncdc.org](https://edmontoncdc.org)

HEART OF THE CITY FESTIVAL SOCIETY ARTIST PROFILE SERIES

John Aram: “What thrills me is making progress together in stride with other musicians.”

CORINE DEMAS

John Aram is a Heart of the City alumnus. He played with his band, Anjelitos, at our in-person music event at CO*LAB in August of 2021. He has played the festival in the past with other bands and works at the Bissell Centre as an advocate for the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum of Services (FASS) Program.

In Iran, where John is from, his mother would “drag” him out to her vocal and accordion lessons. “She would play accordion at the house all the time. Then she signed me up for piano once we got into Canada and I did that for a couple of years I think, and I just wasn’t super into it. I took a break from that,” John explains.

John knew he had to get a drum set after hearing Led Zeppelin’s *II* (on cassette) as well as the band Green Day as a teen. “I asked my dad for a drum set and he said no and my mom made him buy one. As you would figure, he was not very stoked because it’s really



John Aram. Corine Demas

loud. He likes it now and he will actually come to shows and hang out.”

John is currently “maxed out” in three projects: “One is called Party Jacket and that is with Billie Zizi, Lindsay Pratt, and others. We have been together for a few years and we write little funky dancey quirky originals and do some covers. The other one is An-

gelitos which is Afro-Latin pop mainly from the songbook of Allan Suarez. We are playing at the Sasquatch Gathering this summer,” he says.

His latest project is Funk Cove, which he describes as “a collaboration between Mike Siek, Pat Pillay, myself, and two horn players, Brandy MacLean and Laurel Sadownik. We also brought in Louise Dawson [on vocals]. Pat, Mike, and I have been practicing the songs for over a year, and then once things cooled down a little with the pandemic we brought the horn players and finally Louise. It’s been a great collaboration because we do covers and we have three or four originals now.”

When I asked John what it’s like to be part of what he calls “a band family” he said, “It’s really challenging. You have to try your best to be supportive and check in on people and see how they are doing, as well as knowing when to compromise on an artistic vision and knowing when to just let people express themselves.

I think it’s generally more important for people in the band to feel involved, to feel like they are contributing, than to necessarily have a strict idea.”

I asked John what thrills him. “What thrills me is making progress together in stride with other musicians, listening deeper, polishing up performances, and I love playing to a packed bar. That’s just the best thing. Getting t-shirts for the first time for Funk Cove is really thrilling too because I’ve never had band t-shirts before!”

If you want to check out one of Angelitos’, Party Jacket’s, or Funk Cove’s shows, you can look them up and follow them on social media. You can also order the new Funk Cove t-shirts through Funk Cove’s Facebook (@funkcove).

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Year of the Tiger Welcomed Online



A screen capture of the Edmonton Hung Mon Athletic Club’s Lion Dance during the virtual Lunar New Year Celebration to welcome the Year of the Tiger on January 29th. The performances can be viewed online at lunarnewyearveg.ca.

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