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## **SUNDAY DRIVE ART PROJECTS ANNOUNCES ARTISTS FOR 2015**

*Partnering with presenters such as 8 Eleven Gallery, ArtSpin, The Gladstone Hotel, Artspace and The Drake Hotel, Sunday Drive unveils a stellar lineup of artists for its 16-day arts festival in Warkworth*

(TORONTO) – For a second successful year, Sunday Drive Art Projects takes over the village of Warkworth from August 15th to August 30th, exhibiting some of Toronto’s finest contemporary artists.

Building on the success of its first year, the festival will include installations, new media presentation and weekend performance programming. Barns, creeks, and open fields are just a few of the spaces where work will be presented, with the center of the town becoming an evening art tour for the period of the festival. Visitors are invited to interact and engage with pieces in their new and unlikely venues, opening up conversations about the work and the nature of art in new ways.

“This year’s line up represents some of the best of the city’s arts activity in 2015. The 8 Eleven Gallery immediately pops to mind, and who can think of summer in Toronto without thinking of Art Spin and - specifically *this* summer - Dean Baldwin?” says Sunday Drive’s founder, Tania Thompson. “Earlier this year, Studio 835’s *Lazer Harp* was a stand out at the Gladstone’s *Come Up to My Room* and Oliver Pauk and Michael Vickers have been doing

amazing installations and programming with the Drake Hotel. And we're not just looking back, or strictly at Toronto. We're pleased to be working with Peterborough's Artspace to present Mark Clintberg who will be having an exhibition in their gallery in September. We're also excited to see Randall Okita's exhibition at the Robert Kananaj Gallery in November."

The full artist lineup includes **Basil AlZeri, Dean Baldwin, Mark Clintberg, Onyeke Igwe and Felix Kalmenson, Sean Martindale, Randall Okita, Oliver Pauk and Michael Vickers, Max Streicher, Studio 835 Collective, and Diana Lynn Vandermeulen.**

The 16 day festival explores contemporary themes and provides artists a chance to push the scope and perspective of their work in a rural setting, many for the first time. Felix Kalmenson and Onyeke Igwe's work (presented by 8 Eleven Gallery) will address the invisible queerness of carceral Canada while recognizing the identity of Warkworth and its queer connections through a video and intervention piece. Touching on connections, Sean Martindale's *#NATURE* explores an ever-shifting and contradictory relationship with nature and technology. Diana Lynn VanderMeulen (presented by Akin Collective) uses Warkworth as the perfect space for viewers to get a sensory recharge with an immersive installation. In perhaps the most site specific work of the festival, Basil AlZeri will collaborate with Warkworth's long-standing event, the Long Lunch, where visitors eat together at an extended picnic table that stretches down the center of the village's Main Street. AlZeri will take over the last sitting of the lunch, and continue serving into the night, creating his own *Very Long Lunch*, specifically for visitors of Sunday Drive.

Full line up of artists and descriptions of their work: <http://sundaydrive.org/art-galleries>

Once again, Sunday Drive can get you to Warkworth on its Party Bus, complete with free drinks and specially commissioned artworks for passengers. It is an event in itself. Tickets are \$25. Information for the Party Bus are on Sunday Drive's website.

From August 15<sup>th</sup> to August 30<sup>th</sup>, the show runs 11am to 4:00pm – Wednesday to Sunday (closed Mondays and Tuesdays.) Bus seats and a select number of camping spots are on sale now.

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**Sunday Drive presents Warkworth online:**

- [www.sundaydrive.org](http://www.sundaydrive.org)
- <https://www.facebook.com/sundaydriveartprojects>
- <http://instagram.com/sundaydriveart>
- #sundaydriveart

**About Sunday Drive Art Projects**

Sunday Drive is a registered not-for-profit organization presenting arts events that bring new audiences to new places. Our projects increase the creation, presentation and dissemination of contemporary arts activities. We are a passionate group of arts professionals dedicated to nurturing cultural exchange and art activities around us. We believe contemporary art should be accessible to everyone. Sunday Drive is equally dedicated to creating exceptional opportunities for art makers and organizations that increase the ways we know each other, work together, and have a good time making art - preferably together!

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