

Sled Island adds artistic flair to rock festival: Event boasts 13 exhibitions

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Robb Reiner Monument of Metal Oil on canvas 1999 (for Entertainment story by Nancy Tousley)

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Sled Island isn't just about music, the indie rock festival spreads its arms to embrace art to make a lively multi-faceted event.

"It just makes for a nicer time," says Zak Pashak. "If you take an afternoon off, you know, maybe you stayed out late watching a band, you can wake up the next day and have some serenity at an art gallery."

The art schedule boasts 13 exhibitions and events, which include concert posters, graffiti art, a roving performance installation with a piano and paintings by the drummer for the Canadian thrash-metal band Anvil.

Several receptions are on tonight, and a few events are one night only so be sure to check the sked listed here.

Not to miss are Chris Millar's Simon & Farfenougan & Hunter at TrepanierBaer Gallery, a new artist's book with a recording featured in last Sunday's Herald, and the four very different solo shows at the illingworth Kerr Gallery, curated by the Kerr's Wayne Baerwaldt.

Featured in the show are photographs of Calgary lanes at night by Berliner Ricardo Okaranza; intricately patterned drawings by Montreal artist Numa; California, an installation by Montrealer Jeanie Riddle; and + 1 House, an architectural installation by Berlin-based Florian Koehl and Anna von Gwinner.

The Sled art sked

Artlife Gallery, 1314 1st St. S.W.

3rd Annual Sled Island Poster Show

Through June 27.

Around town

Ascension of Micky's Piano

Mobile performance

Through June 27.

Illingworth Kerr Gallery, Alberta College of Art & Design

Numa: New Paintings

Florian Koehl Architekten

Jeanie Riddle: California

Ricardo Okaranza: Calgary Nocturnes, Lanes

Rob Reiner: Paintings (Anvil drummer)

Untitled: ACAD students and faculty

Reception: 7 to 8 p.m. for the presentation of the Royal Canadian Academy Trust Award to the IKG.

Through Sept. 19.

art Spot, 1040 14th Ave. S.W.

C/R/I/T/I/C/S: Andrea Lukic and Justin Grandin

Reception June 25, 6 to 10 p.m.

One night only.

The Little Gallery, Art Parkade, University of Calgary

Luba Diduch: Canto

Reception: June 25, 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Through June 27.

TrepanierBaer Gallery, 999 8th St. S.W.

Chris Millar: Simon & Farfenougan & Hunter

Reception: June 25, 6 p.m. onward.

Through Aug. 1.

Skew Gallery, 1615 10 Ave S.W.

Merge2: Tia Halliday, Kim Neudorf, Erik Olson

Reception: June 25, 6 to 8 p.m.

Through July 23.

Artlife Gallery, 1312 1st St. S.W.

Out of Context 3: Grimy to Gallery

Reception: June 26, 8 p.m. to late

One night only.

The Anthill, 148 10th St. S.W.

The Market Collective: 1 Year Anniversary

Artists and artisans' market, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.