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POP-UP EXHIBIT AT LOUGHEED HOUSE



Urban Portraits **April 22nd - May 1st, 2016**

Calgary, AB. – April 15th, 2016 – The vibrancy and diversity of the residents of Calgary’s downtown is captured by the lens of photographer Kerri Singh in a special pop-up exhibit, *Urban Portraits*. Portraits of downtown residents by Kerri Singh, born and raised in Southern Alberta, will be on display in the Lougheed House Drawing Room from April 22nd – May 1st. Lougheed House, located in the Beltline, serves as an ideal location to explore downtown Calgary as an evolving community hub through photography.

Kerri Singh has extensively traveled across Europe, Indian subcontinent and North America and is primarily interested in the unique relationship people have with places. In *Urban Portraits*, her work connects the personal with the environmental. She has explored documentary, theatrical and editorial styles of photography, and is the founder of 2Create Photography.

Singh lives and works from Calgary, and this exhibit is a grassroots effort presented by the residents of the Beltline community. Two free events present an opportunity for the public to view the pop-up exhibit without charge. On April 22nd, a free opening reception will be held from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. and on April 25th guests may visit the exhibit and House for free during an Open House event from 1:00 – 8:00 p.m. *Urban Portraits* is otherwise available with the cost of admission to the House. In addition to *Urban Portraits*, Lougheed House has on display a historical photography exhibit, *Herein We Dwell: Unexpected Images of Calgary in the 1890s*, in the Gallery until May 29th.

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Kerri Singh, Artist, and **Kirstin Evenden**, Lougheed House Executive Director are available for interviews in person or by phone.

Free Opening Reception in the Lougheed House Gallery

April 22nd from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**RSVP to Adrienne Leicht at 403 244-6333 ext. 106 or
aleicht@lougheedhouse.com by April 21st.**

Free Open House at Lougheed House

April 25th from 1:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Visit the House and view the exhibit. No RSVP required.

A historic photo booth will be available for the duration of *Urban Portraits* on the second floor. Visitors are encouraged to take a selfie with the photo booth background and upload it to Instagram with the hashtags #1890syyc and #lougheedhouse. The Instagram contest details are available at www.lougheedhouse.com/1890syyc

Lougheed House

Built in 1891 for James and Isabella Lougheed and their growing family, historic Lougheed House is a 14,000 square-foot sandstone prairie mansion with extensive gardens on 2.8 acres in Calgary's beltline community. One of the finest residences in Canada's northwest and the political and social hub of fast-growing Calgary until 1938, Lougheed House is now a National and Provincial Historic Site and Museum run by the Lougheed House Conservation Society. Subject to availability, historic interpreters are available to give guided tours. Self-guided and audio tours are always available.

Regular admission prices: Adult \$8.50, Seniors & Students \$6.50, Children 6-12 \$5.00, Families \$25.00, Children under 6 are admitted free of charge.

Lougheed House is at 707 - 13 Avenue SW Calgary, AB T2R 0K8 and is open:

Wednesday - Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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