

THE FELINE TIMES

Have You Heard The Mews?



Big Kitty Photo Shoot - Dreamy Winter Days

The Big Kitties in Calgary were photographed in front of a BK Bestevez original art environment for this year's Big Kitty photo shoot. Big Kitty Photographers BK Blue Belle (Kayla Graham) and BK Bokashi (Katy Whitt) delivered amazing images and the Big Kitty Styling team of BK Betty (Winona Galbraith) and BK Bassy (Candice Fudge) made all the girls gorgeous for the shoot.

Big Kitty 2015 Photo Shoot Girls: Baby (Kaylee), Bizzy (Victoria), Barbarella (Edith), Bronx (Kim), Bootsy (Jennie), Bestevez (Camille), Blue Belle (Kayla), Bokashi (Katy), Bassy (Candice), Brucie (Nicole), Betty (Winona) and Bronco Butterfly (Krizia).

Picture Purr-fect and Kitty Tail Shakin at One.1 Arts Showcase



Big Kitty represented at the One.1 a YYC arts and music showcase hosted by BassBus and Beama at the Royal Canadian Legion No.1 on February 12. The Big Kitties brought a one-of-kind photo booth featuring a beautiful, psychedelic handmade backdrop by Bestevez (Camille) and instant Diana (single/double exposure) camera, Big Kitty merchandise and a kitty dance duo that killed it all night long.

Dancers: Dani Lil-Dragons, BK Brucie (Nicole)
Photo Booth: Bestevez (Camille) + Bootsy (Jennie)



Broken City Bathroom Transformed into Kitty Zef Dimension

The Broken City bathroom was transformed into a Zef-Keith Haring inspired full mural by the Big Kitty girls and friends at Broken City. Included artists: Bootsy (Jennie), Bestevez (Camille), Jenny Jenn, Betty (Winona), Brucie (Nicole), Bangsy (Kristine), Baby (Kaylee), Murphy Mason, Fat Pat, Dani Lil-Dragons and Chris Carter. Many thanks to all the artists- it turned out awesome, and was so much fun too!



Calgary nurse with artistic background hopes to showcase the healing power of art

Dance costumes inspired by election signs

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Krizia made front-page news in Metro Calgary with her I'M Possible Event

I'M Possible Event Inspires and Showcases

Big Kitty Krizia Carlos envisioned, performed and organized an incredible event called I'M Possible in November 2015 at Motion Gallery as a fundraiser and launch for her organization Canvas is Me. The event featured a three-act show with spoken word, dance and music all speaking about the stigma of mental health. In addition to the feature performance there was also living statues, a silent auction, amazing food and more all in support for a great cause.

Canvas is Me is a cross collaboration between artists and mental health professionals to develop and initiate programs in Alberta towards healing and enhancing mental health and well-being; by education and spreading awareness around the stigma of mental health.

Kitties involved include Organizer/Creative Director Butterfly Bronco (Krizia), Brucie (Nicole-Dancer), Bootsy (Jennie-Consulting/Creative). Silent Auction items donated by BK Bronx (Kim), BK Barbarella (Edith) , BK Bootsy (Jennie), BK Brucie (Nicole).

March-June Events

• Weekly Events

- Come Correct presents Unity Sound at Broken City every Saturday 3-8 pm

• March 25

Same Same but Different Art Show- Kawa Espresso Curated by BK Bazooka (Nirvana) BK Artists: Blume (Tara), Bootsy (Jennie), Bazooka (Nirvana), Brucie (Nicole) and performance by Bassy (Candice)

• March 31

Love Show - Presented by Artspot at 80th and Ivy Hosted by BK Biskit (Emma) BK Artists: Bronx (Kim), Blume (Tara), Bandit (Jessie), Biskit (Emma) and performance by Bassy (Candice) Live Bodypainting by Bk Jenny Jenn

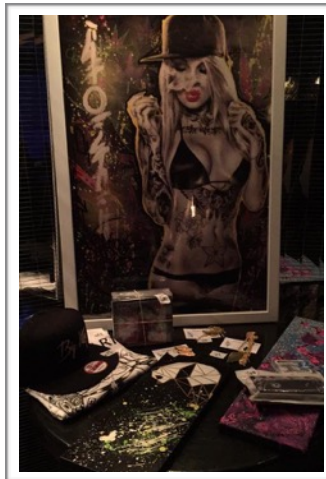
• April 13

Santigold Concert

• June 17-19

Jennie's Stagette Kitty Extravaganza Weekend starting in Calgary (RuPaul Battle of the Seasons) and then continuing onto Golden, BC for a weekend of fun at the kitty camp. You're all invited- contact Jennie for more details!

BK Auction at Live Jive for CJSW 90.9



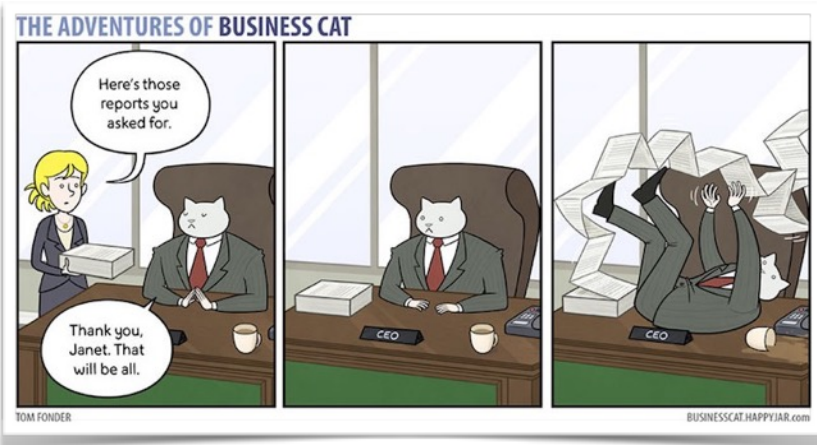
Big Kitty loves their local community- especially CJSW, Calgary's university and community radio station, that plays awesome original programming 365 days a year. As longtime supporters of our crew- we help the radio station annually during their funding drive. For the third year- Big Kitty organized the silent auction at the Live Jive event, a hip hop showcase of Calgary's best organized by CJSW and DJ Cosm. This year we helped raise over \$1100 for the . Many thanks to all our donors including pieces by BK Bronx (Kim), Bootsy (Jennie), Bandit (Jessie), Rareform Underwear, Voltron Crew, 156 Crew, Fat Pat and Many more!

Under \$100 Art Show Smash Success

Artspot and Big Kitty Biskit (Emma) organized and hosted the 8th Annual Under \$100 Art Show in December 2015. Always a massively popular art show and sale in preparation for the holidays- this year Artspot sold over \$40,000 during the 3-day show. Not only that- they were featured on CTV Morning Television and got tons of press coverage. Great work Biskit- it's amazing to see how much you help the arts community!



BK Artists : Biskit (Emma), Bronx (Kim),



Cleaning the Litterbox (General Housekeeping)

- Send me your updated photos and news for the website and newsletter to jennie@studiocartel.ca
- We are still selling Studio Cartel T-Shirts (\$25) and Big Kitty Art Prints (\$10 or 3 for \$25) at the Studio Cartel
- Know a media opportunity for the kitties? Hook it up! We are always looking to get featured in any sort of press, lets all reach out and get some more amazing articles!
- Have an idea for the newsletter, collaboration or event? Send it to jennie@studiocartel.ca and we'll add it to the next issue, meeting agenda etc.
- Nominate a Kitty! If you know a lady who's killin' it in their creative field and think she embodies the qualities of a Big Kitty.. nominate her! Big Kitty accepts nominations from all members - so feel empowered and bring a kitty in if you feel inspired. Send an email to jennie@studiocartel.ca or bring up the nomination at a Big Kitty Meeting.

Catnip Comedy

What do you call the cat that was caught by the police?

An purrr-patrator

Do you want to hear a bad cat joke?

Just kitten!

How is cat food sold?

Usually purr can



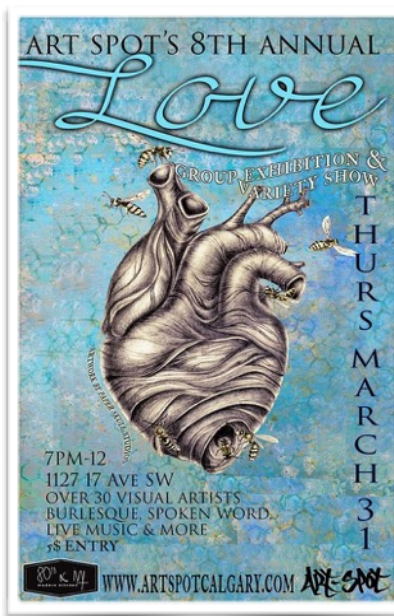
Big Kitty Swag

We currently have Big Kitty New Era Snapback hats in stock (\$45.00) and Big Kitty Bandannas (\$18.00) in a variety of colors and patterns. The bandannas are reversible with the Big Kitty paint pentagram on one side and the script logo on the other and silkscreened by BK Bestevez (Camille).

We only have about 10 hats left- so let Jennie know ASAP if you want to purchase one! To purchase a bandanna talk to Camille.

We're looking into other Big Kitty Merchandise ideas- so if you want to see something made, let Jennie know- and we'll research the viability, production cost and other details to see if we can make it happen.

It's awesome to see how popular the merchandise is and how many people want to support the Big Kitty Crew!



Upcoming: Love Show- March 31st

Artspot is hosting the 5th annual Love Show at 80th and Ivy in Calgary. This popular show features visual and performing art around the ideas of love, romance and sex.

Come support Big Kitties- Biskit (Emma), Bronx (Kim), Jenny Jenn, Blume (Tara), Bandit (Jessie), and Bassy (Candice) at this awesome show.

Kitty Updates

Bokashi (Katy Whitt)

Bokashi was named in Exposure Festival's top 5 emerging photographers to keep an eye on and was featured in the internationally-recognized photography festival Exposure in February 2016.

Katy was also offered a year-long paid practicum at the prestigious Banff Arts Centre. Amazing!



**Bombyx (Shelley Kuitenen)
Vancouver**

Bombyx is currently working on costume design for the network television series -The Flash Season 2. After moving into a beautiful new East Van apartment- she is working on developing an artist studio for visiting artists to rent out/stay in while working/ exhibiting in Vancouver.



**Banshee (Alex Laird)
Montreal**

Banshee has been hard working on her new musical project- Lost Creatures. She's been playing lots of shows in Montreal and is getting major momentum- check out her demo at

<https://soundcloud.com/wearelostcreatures/leave-me-alone-demo>



Upcoming: Same Same But Different Art Show

Big Kitty Bazooka (Nirvana) is hosting and curating an art show titled 'Same Same But Different' at Kawa Espresso Bar on March 25th. The show includes a number of pieces by Big Kitties and a number of other graffiti and fine artists. Live performances throughout the night and awesome food and drink specials at Kawa Espresso Bar.

Come support Big Kitties- Bazooka (Nirvana), Bootsy (Jennie), Brucie (Nicole, Blume (Tara), Bandit (Jessie), and Bassy (Candice) at the Same Same But Different Show.

Feature Artist - Brucie (Nicole Bruce)

One of the original founding four - Nicole Bruce (Brucie) has returned to Calgary, bringing her unstoppable creative force with her, as she continues her studies at ACAD. Her vast talents reaches across multiple mediums including dance choreography, animation, graphic design and painting. Check out more of her work at www.nicolebruce.com



New Additions to the Big Kitties

Bassy (Candice Fudge)

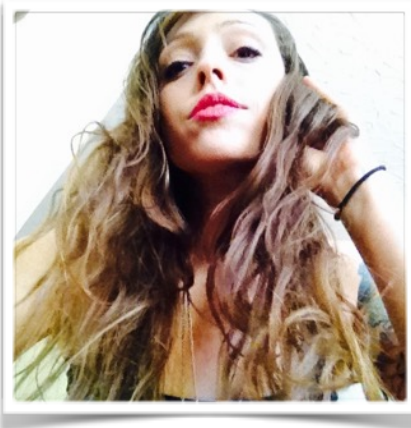
Bassy has been performing on almost a weekly basis at events across Calgary and absolutely killing it in the studio, videos and live performances lately.

Check her out in the recent Harmed Forces Cypher Series 08 Video

Baby (Kaylee Koellmel)

Baby has been hard at work on her painting and print game. She has a waiting list for her commissioned paintings and has been selling her work on a number of websites.

Check out her new website at <http://kayleekoellmel-artist.weebly.com/>



Blume (Tara Handelman) Calgary

Tara Handelman is a Calgary based painter, Illustrator, whose style borders on surrealism and the abstract, often including female and animal archetypal illustrations. Over the years Tara has worked artistically with several local groups such as the AREA, FozzyFest, Global Fest Urban Arts, Motion Gallery and BassBus.

Bazooka (Nirvana Korek) Calgary

Nirvana Korek is a Calgary-based mixed media artist and painter who brings her travels around the world into her visual work.

Beyond her visual art practice she also curates and organizes art shows and community music events at the Kawa Espresso Bar in downtown Calgary.



Bug (Beth Mollison) Calgary

Beth is an ambitious artists intrigued by the creative elements of life. If she's not caught candid behind a camera; you can find her camped out at home tarring through clothing designs, laying it out on the yoga mat and cooking up colours in the kitchen. Beth comes from a competitive dance background and is recognized for her fresh flare for fashion and all day dance moves.



Calls to Action



Returning for a second year- Marketspot is organizing a massive community and arts event for Canada Day 2016. With tons of vendors, 2 live stages, a beer garden and way more- this is one of the busiest Canada Day events in all of Calgary.

Emma (Biskit) is still accepting applications for vendors and is interested in talking to any of the Big Kitties in getting involved in this huge event. Contact Emma at emma@studiocartel.ca or on facebook at Artspot Calgary for more details.

Marketspot is also going to be hosting markets on 17th Avenue every Thurs-Saturday all summer long. Weekdays (4-7) and Saturdays all day.

Emma is looking for vendors, live performers and artists to host workshops. Contact her for more details at emma@studiocartel.ca

One of the newest kitties in the crew- Blume (Tara Handelman) is also this year's art coordinator and she is looking for artists to host workshops at the festival.

This annual festival located in southern BC is one of the best festivals of the season with lots of involvement by local artists and musicians. The community love is definitely felt at this weekend-long event on the beaches of Lake Kocanusa.

If you're interested in hosting a workshop or if you want to volunteer for their art crew- please contact Tara Handelman at indigoearth@yahoo.ca



Big Kitty has been invited to showcase, sell and collaborate with 10 at 10- a monthly showcase of Calgary's best rappers, singers and producers at Commonwealth nightclub.

If you're interested in showing work, volunteering or selling art or merchandise at this event -please get ahold of Bronx (Kim Smith) at kimsmith2233@gmail.com