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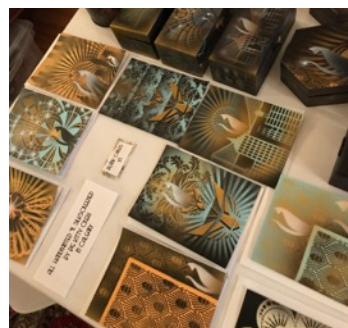
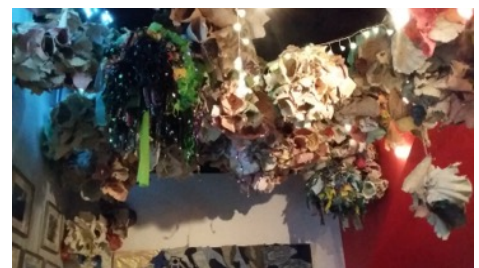


Video Still from Nicole Bruce



Big Winter Classic 2018

Bestevéz (Camille) was one of the feature visual artists with a custom sculptural installation at Big Studio at the Gerry Thomas Gallery in January 2018. Bootsy (Jennie) also had the opportunity to show some of her paintings from her Kitty Origami series in the exhibition. Big Studio is the visual art program of the Big Winter Classic Festival- that celebrates local music, art and craft beer.



Big Kitty Art Deco Collection for Lougheed House

Big Kitty is delighted to partner with the Lougheed House, one of Calgary's oldest historic sites and a cultural hub in the Beltline community. In honour of their newest exhibition- The Future Looked Bright: Art Deco in Everyday Life, Big Kitty designed a hand-painted collection of Art Deco inspired merchandise for their exhibition opening and coming soon in the gift shop.

Jewelry boxes, Notebooks, Blank Cards, Headphone cases, Card cases and more are available as part of this collection. Designed and painted by Bootsy (Jennie), Jenny Jenn and Brucie (Nicole). Big Kitty Bronx (Kim- Dangerous Designs) will also include her handmade jewelry in the collection.



Many thanks to Big Kitty Brzeska (Amanda) for bridging the new connection between the Lougheed House and Big Kitty Crew!



Broken City Mural - Big Kitty/ 156 / Voltron Collaboration

Artspot's 10th Annual Love Show

Join Artspot and Big Kitty Biskit (Emma) at her long-running and ever popular Love Show & Masquerade on Saturday, February 17th at Civic on 3rd. Performances by a ton of local musicians, spoken word artists, burlesque dancers and visual artists. Big Kitty Bassy (MissFudge) will be performing with Big Kitties Bronx (Kim-Dangerous Designs) and Bri (illdebr) will be selling their beautiful handmade works at the event. Check out artspotcalgary.com for more event information and to purchase tickets.



The Flash Season 2 ,3, 4 Costume Department

Big Kitty Bombyx (Shelley Kuitenen) has been hard at work in the costume department for CW's The Flash Season 4 Television Series.

Over the past five years, Shelley has been quickly making a name for herself in the fashion/costume design industry in Vancouver. Her past projects include a clothing line (Bruja), and dance costume design

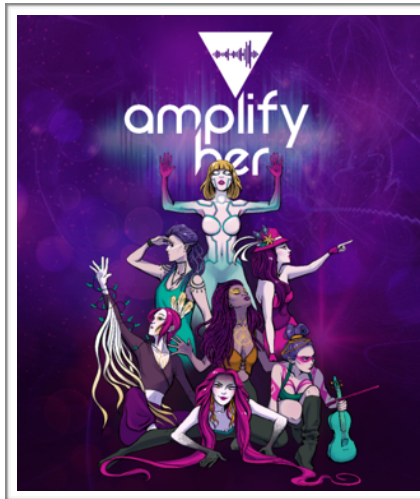


Torchettes Album Release

The talented ladies of The Torchettes including Big Kitty Beretta Lynn (Deicha) released their brand new album in December 2017 including a DVD release of their concert DVD.

Spring Events 2018

- **February 1 Big Kitties at Art Deco Show** at Laughed House
- **February 9 ill-Esha** at Broken City with Carissa Gem, Jamie Jams and More
- **February 10 Name Dat Chune** at Broken City with MissFudge and Hush
- **February 15 New Wave with Oakk and Carissa Gem** at HiFi Club
- **February 15-17 Block Heater Festival** Big Kitty Beretta Lynn performs with Deicha and the VuDudes
Friday 8:35 pm NMC concert
Saturday 8:20 pm King Eddy Valentine's Day Hangover collaborative session
- **February 17 10th Annual Love Show** Presented by Artspot at Civic on 3rd
- **February 28 Kitty Social Night- Western Night Ho-Down** at Ranchmans 10pm. RSVP to Jennie
- **March 10 Name Dat Chune** at Broken City with MissFudge
- **March 18 Big Kitty Meeting** at Jennie's House 4pm
- **April 5 Big Kitty Frida Kahlo Gallery Tour** Meet at Broken City at 5:30 pm



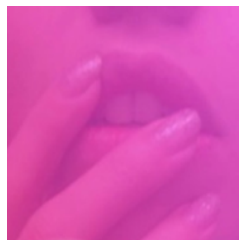
Amplify Her - Film Screening

Big Kitty was proud to partner with DnB Girls and Girlsondecks in the promotion of the Amplify Her screening in December 2017.

"Blondtron is an outspoken, openly sexual music producer who crafted her latest track, 'Set Your Pussy Free' as an anthem for empowering women. Yet as she transitions into an entrepreneur launching her own tech company, her raunchy antics prevent her from being taken seriously. AppleCat is a sharp-witted DJ with heart, struggling to make ends meet - raising her young daughter by day and occasionally gigging as an online 'camgirl' at night. Her gift lies in creating soundscapes that allow others to release their sexual shame, yet to truly succeed, she must first forgive herself. On the heels of beating a mysterious decade-long illness, Lux Moderna channels her healing mantras into her music, creating spaces of shamanic transformation on the dance floor. Yet her biggest challenge awaits her: stepping out from behind the decks and performing as a center-stage priestess. Amplify HER explores these rising stars and more as they come-of-age amidst the emerging cultural renaissance of the feminine."

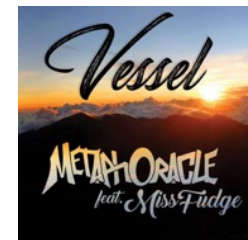


Hot Big Kitty Beats



Lost Creatures- Dirty Thoughts
Big Kitty Banshee's Project (Alex) in Montreal

<https://soundcloud.com/wearelostcreatures/dirty-thoughts->



MetaphOracle feat. MissFudge (Big Kitty Bassy) - Vessel

<https://soundcloud.com/metaphoracle/vessel-ft-missfudge>

- Send me your updated photos and news for the website and newsletter to jennifer.vallis@gmail.com
- 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 jennifer.vallis@gmail.com 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 jennifer.vallis@gmail.com 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



Name Dat Chune with MissFudge

Join MissFudge and Guests the second Saturday of every month for a wild game of Name Dat Chune! in which you can win awesome prizes for knowing all your favourite songs. One of the fun monthly residencies that makes up Grub and Dub down at Broken City- every Saturday!



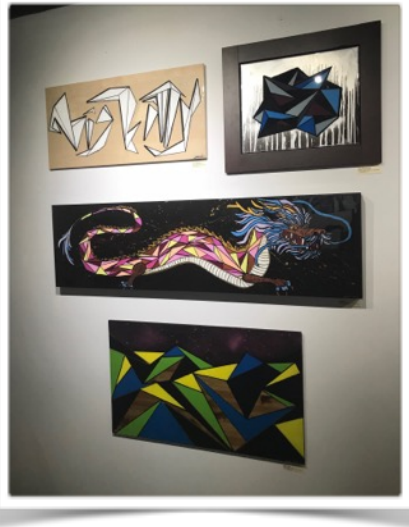
Block Heater Festival

Block Heater Festival returns to Calgary on February 15-17th, this year featuring the amazing talents of Big Kitty Beretta Lynn (Deicha) with Deicha and The VuDudes among a ton of other amazing local bands. For more event information and tickets visit <http://www.calgaryfolkfest.com/concerts-and-events/block-heater/> Deicha and the VuDudes perform Friday 8:35 pm NMC concert, Saturday 8:20 pm King Eddy Valentine's Day Hangover collaborative session



End of an Era Farewell Studio Cartel

In October 2017, Studio Cartel closed its doors after five amazing years of business. So many amazing projects, collaborations, events, creative sessions and memories. Thank you to all the partners, friends, artists, volunteers and supporters who helped make this dream happen.

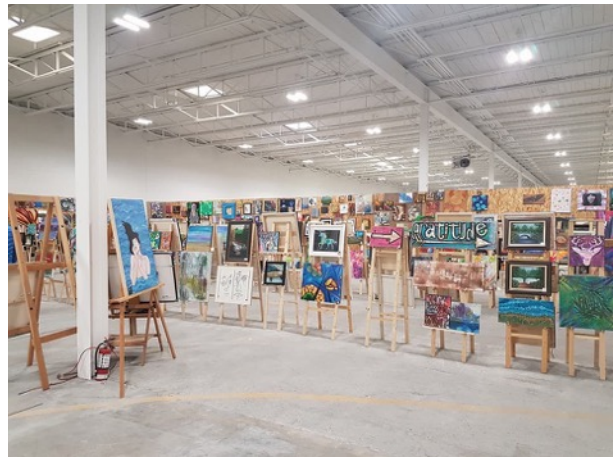


Kitty Origami- Painting Exhibition

Big Kitty Bootsy (Jennie Vallis) opened a solo painting exhibition titled Kitty Origami in December 2017 at Common Crown Brewery and also at Gerry Thomas Gallery in January 2018. The series is a continuation of her Sine of the Time Exhibition at Koi in 2015.

Gaea Project- Animation by Nicole Bruce

Big Kitty Brucie (Nicole Bruce) is killing it in her animation game including this beautiful animation, still in progress called the Gaea Project (working title). With recognized producer EPROM contributing his music to this unique project, we can't wait to see the finished product!



Under \$100 Art Show Sells over \$84,000 for Local Artists

Congratulations to Big Kitty Biskit (Emma) with her non-profit Artspot/MarketSpot that organized the ever-popular Under \$100 Art Show in December 2017 and sold over \$84,000 of local art over the weekend. Keep watching www.artspotcalgary.com for upcoming shows and events!



Everyone's favorite Shrimp is in BC and joined a RollerDerby Team. Miss you Nirvana!



New Additions to the Big Kitties



Carissa Gem

Geminate Productions/Sub-Chakra

Hailing from BC's sunny interior, this shining gem of the Okanagan has been bringing the beats to the people since before she was old enough to drive. As the boss lady behind the wheel of Geminate Productions, she's taken many a raver on many a musical journey throughout the years. Those who have attended Bushwacked Music Festival or any of her other carefully curated events will remember her for epic sunrise sets that never fail to serve up that organic bassy goodness with her signature gangster touch. These days you can find her just east of the Rockies, sharing decks and throwing parties with noted Calgary bass crew Sub Chakra. When not behind the decks, she spends her time swapping party planning tips and lending a hand to some of the best curators of Western Canada's deep soundscape culture.

<https://soundcloud.com/carissagem>

**Check her out February 9th at Broken City with ill-Esha
February 15th at HiFi Club with Oakk**



Big Kitty Social Night- Hoedown at Ranchman's

None of us have actually been to this legendary Calgary western bar, so we decided to plan a night at Ranchman's for Ladies Night nonetheless. \$9.99 all-you-can-eat wings, Free mechanical bull rides all night and cheap drinks! Let's dress up and make it a hilarious night to remember!

Wednesday February 28 10:00 pm

Meet at Broken City to travel down Macleod Trail together!

Welcome to Calgary Jenny Jenn!

One of our core kitties in the crew- Jenny Jenn has made the move from Golden, BC to Calgary and into the Cosmic Mansion with Brucie. So many creative adventures and collaborations await!



Frida Kahlo Gallery Night - April 5, 2018



Frida Kahlo: Her Photos

February 3 - May 21, 2018

An exhibition by Frida Kahlo Museum – Casa Azul/Diego Rivera Museum; Banco de Mexico Fiduciario en el Fideicomiso Museos Diego Rivera y Frida Kahlo

Frida Kahlo's distinctive, colourful self-portraits and extraordinary life have made her one of the most recognized artists of the twentieth century. Less well known is her special relationship with photography. Throughout her life, Kahlo meticulously collected over 6,000 photographs of herself and her loved ones as well as scenes of Mexican culture, politics, art, history and nature. The exhibition *Frida Kahlo: Her Photos* gives us the opportunity to better understand the woman behind the artist: her origins, her roots, her friendships and romantic relationships, her constant fight with her fragile health, her political tendencies, and the strong role that photography played in her life and work.

The Glenbow Gallery tour in the fall for the Kent Monkman show was such a success- we wanted to organize another one for the upcoming Friday Kahlo photography exhibition. Many thanks to Amanda Foote (Big Kitty Brzeska) for organizing the gallery tour. **Meet at Broken City at 5:30pm. Exhibition is free for First Thursday. RSVP to Jennie if you want to attend.**



Wreck City Residency- Big Kitty Submission

Big Kitty is applying for a Wreck City Residency in June 22-July 27, 2018. We are applying as a collective and have come up with a group idea that can involve all members of Big Kitty regardless of medium (visual art, spoken word, performance, new media, music etc.) Jennie and Nicole will be project- managing the residency program however all artists are welcome to schedule a time to come in and contribute. If you are interested in being involved in this really fun and incredible opportunity (pending we get accepted), please let Jennie know and we will begin conversations/ meetings. The proposed project discusses ideas around feminism, environmental impact, collaboration and the current social/political environment.

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