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Calgary's arts scene presents a range of quality events during the final week of Culture Month

(Calgary, AB) – Calgary shows off the strength, diversity and quality of its arts scene with a wide range of arts and culture events happening during the final week of the city's Culture Month celebrations.

Whether it's dance, film, live music, opera, textiles or theatre, there's something for everyone in this week's arts and culture lineup.

The Saddledome hosts His Holiness the Dalai Lama, who will speak about compassion and social responsibility.

Shakespeare buffs get a new perspective of William's life – through the eyes of a dog from Alberta Theatre Projects.

Improv fans can head out for Calgary's second annual International Improv Festival and experience the quick wit of teams from Los Angeles, Vancouver and Edmonton.

So you think you can dance? Decidedly Jazz Danceworks sure can. *wowandflutter* is on for two nights only before the group ventures on a cross-Canada tour.

Opera lovers can hear arias and choruses from *The Magic Flute*, *Carmen* and *The Barber of Seville* with accompaniment from the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra.

The Calgary International Film Festival's new Mavericks program is a must-see for film lovers.

And for those looking to take it all in, First Thursday presented by the Cultural District offers theatre, film, live music, visual art events and restaurant deals throughout the District this Thursday.

This week's CalgaryCulture.com highlights:

[Calgary International Film Festival](#)

September 25 – October 4, various locations

The 10th Anniversary of the Calgary International Film Festival promises to be the highest profile yet, with almost 200 films from 100 countries and the launch of "Mavericks," where 10 progressive films by 10 of the most daring emerging filmmakers from the global festival circuit will compete for a \$25,000 cash prize.

[His Holiness the Dalai Lama](#)

September 30, 2pm, Pengrowth Saddledome

The Dalai Lama is recognized as one of the world's most influential and inspirational voice for peace and education. An advocate of non-violence, the Dalai Lama received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989, acknowledging his work in global environmental problems. In his first visit since 1980, His Holiness the Dalai Lama will provide insight into how we can grow both as individuals and as a community. He will speak to the power of compassion and social responsibility.

[Alberta Theatre Projects presents Shakespeare's Dog](#)

Until Oct 11, Martha Cohen Theatre

Get fresh perspective on young William's life - straight from the eyes of Shakespeare's dog. With four legs, a keen eye and a sharp tongue, Hooker the dog unleashes the story of how the Stratford rogue became the world's most famous playwright.

[A Night at the Opera](#)

October 1 & 3, 8pm, Jack Singer Concert Hall

Arias and choruses from The Magic Flute, Carmen, The Barber of Seville and more!

Passion ignites, fury roars and romance simmers in an evening showcasing some of the best operatic arias and choruses. Music Director Roberto Minczuk leads these vocal stars and our own Chorus in a concert that promises to heat up the stage and light up the night.

[Decidedly Jazz Danceworks presents wowandflutter](#)

October 2 & 3, 8pm, Theatre Junction GRAND

Don't miss this opportunity to see a remount of Kimberley Cooper's show, which was described by Swerve Magazine as "progressive and visually spectacular" and by Calgary Herald as "a wild and wonderful conjunction of soundtrack wizardry, a little video magic, and a never-ending kaleidoscope of movement - a knockout."

[First Thursday presented by the Cultural District](#)

October 1, various locations

Theatre, art openings, food and drink specials, live music and more, all in the Cultural District on October 1st. With so much to do from 9am – 2am, why not make a day (or night) of it?

[Calgary International Improv Festival](#)

September 30 – October 3, Engineered Air Theatre, EPCOR CENTRE for the Performing Arts

The 2nd Annual Calgary International Improv Festival, brought to you by The Improv Guild. Featuring Los Angeles Impro who will showcase an improvised Jane Austen play, Vancouver Theatresports, Edmonton's Rapid Fire Theatre and Calgary's own Improv Guild.

For more information about these events, visit CalgaryCulture.com and follow us on Twitter [@CalgaryCulture](https://twitter.com/CalgaryCulture).

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About Calgary Arts Development

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Policy. Calgary Arts Development invests municipal arts funding of \$3.75 million annually in 160 local arts organizations, provides support to the arts community, private developers and public and private sector funders engaged in arts space projects and engages in strategic marketing initiatives to increase arts participation and raise awareness of Calgary's arts sector locally, nationally and internationally. Visit CalgaryArtsDevelopment.com for more information about our activities and initiatives.