



EDMONTON'S INTERNATIONAL ICE CARVING COMPETITION

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Chiseled returns to the ICE District Plaza January 18

Activate Arts Alberta (formally Ice on Whyte) is pleased to announce the return of *Chiseled* - Edmonton's International Ice Carving Competition to the ICE District Plaza January 18 – 20, 2024. Seven two-person teams have 34 hours to create beautiful 15-block ice sculptures. The scale, talent, and precision are something to behold. Each block is 1 m X 50 cm X 25 cm (40" X 20" X 10") and weighs 135 kg (297 lbs). The pieces are judged on artist merits and technical expertise with the winner announced on Jan. 20th. This year's winner will receive an invitation from the World Ice Carving Association to be a part of the International Ice Festival Madrid-Torrejon for the 2026 Winter Olympics.

You can watch these winter masterpieces come to life by visiting the ICE District Plaza on the competition days according to the following schedule:

Thursday January 18 - 8am - 10pm - stacking blocks and begin carving

Friday January 19 - 8am - 10pm - carving day

Saturday January 20 - 8am - 2pm - finishing touches and details.

Any weather above zero temperatures may alter this schedule.

The carvers will be using a variety of tools and techniques including chainsaws, chisels, and their own unique tools to get the exact creation they are looking. Viewing is free and open to the public.

These breath-taking sculptures will remain as the perfect winter backdrop for all the exciting events happening in the ICE District until the end of February or until the weather takes. Voting for the People's Choice Award remains until February 28th and can be found at: iceonwhyte.ca.

The Chiseled 2024 competition features the following teams:

1. **A Stiff Cleve** – Clifford Vacheresse and Steve Buzak from Edmonton creating *Float*
2. **Carvin' Buddies** - Scott Harrison from Calgary and Ross Baisas from the Philippines creating *Dragon Queen*
3. **Chainsaw Massacre** - Yann Blanchard from France and Brad Froehlich from Winnipeg creating (*name to come*)
4. **Elegant Ice Dreams** - Mowafak Nema from Iraq and Don Lowing from the United States/ Philadelphia creating *Eagles*.
5. **Lazy Ninjas** – Kee Gawah from Malaysia/Sweden and Larry MacFarlane from Winnipeg creating *The Dance*
6. **License to Chill** – Victor Dagatan from the Phillipines/USA and Andrew Zoller from Calgary creating *The Huntress*
7. **The Frosty Collies** – Kamron Garbe from Regina and Jynae Bergeron from Kelowna creating *Hammer Time*

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EVENT INFORMATION

Chiseled – Edmonton's Ice Carving Competition

January 18 – 20, 2024 in the [ICE District Plaza](#)

January 18 – 8am – 10pm - Carving

January 19 – 8am – 10pm - Carving

January 20 – 8 am – 2pm – Carving followed by judging

January 21 – voting for the People's Choice opens

The ice sculptures will remain as part of the programming in the ICE District throughout February

More Information: www.iceonwhyte.ca

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About Activate Arts Alberta (formerly Ice on Whyte)

Ice on Whyte was founded in 2003 by the Old Strathcona Business Association in partnership with local artists who were interested in presenting the unique art-form of ice carving to Edmonton. It grew into its own society and into an international competition. In 2022 the Society took over the management of the Whyte Avenue Art Walk and in 2023 it changed its name from Ice on Whyte to Activate Arts Alberta to better capture the work of the society, including the growth of our winter programming we deliver to other organizations and municipalities. Ice on Whyte was rated by World Atlas as one of the world's 10 Best Ice Festivals in 2017, by Readers' Digest as one of the top 10 winter festivals in Canada and is also the winner of the 2012 Alberta Pride Alto Award from Travel Alberta. We do a variety of winter events and activities throughout the year. Up next, you will see us offering carving classes as part of Flying Canoë Volant.

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