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## **DE Centre for the Arts to celebrate opening on April 23, 2009**

### **The Centre to support artistic exploration in the heart of Downtown Eastside**

VANCOUVER, British Columbia – Downtown Eastside Centre for the Arts announced today that it will host its first Open House on April 23, 2009. The event, to take place at the Interurban Gallery, will introduce the Downtown Eastside Centre for the Arts and its pilot programs to the Downtown Eastside community.

The Downtown Eastside Centre for the Arts, a vision of a vocalist Dalannah Bowen, is a safe and supportive place where everyone can connect with the artist within themselves in order to create, contribute and share with others, but most importantly, to heal.

Bowen, believing her dream could become a reality, raised money with her concerts to finance the creation of DE Centre for the Arts in order to provide opportunities for creative exploration, engagement, and expression in the heart of the city.

The Downtown Centre for the Arts, with the help of many contributors, provides opportunities for the artist in everyone. It gives community residents of all ages access to a welcoming environment with art supplies and tools to explore the artist in themselves and create connections with their community through involvement in theatre, music, dance, visual arts and other forms of creative expression.

Downtown Eastside Centre for the Arts open house will take place on April 23, 2009 at the Interurban Gallery, located at 1 East Hastings, Vancouver, British Columbia.

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