



## Lake Country Art Gallery: Press Release

**‘Keep it Real: LC Youth Festival’**

**May 13th, 14th and 15th in Lake Country**

**Open Call to Lake Country Youth**

**‘Keep it Real: Incognito Exhibition’**

**‘Keep it Real: Sidewalk Paint Project’**

**Event Date:** **Incognito Exhibition:** Friday May 13th @the Pop-UP Gallery in the Art House (next to the LC Art Gallery) 6-8pm. **Sidewalk Paint Project:** Saturday May 14th and Sunday May 15th on the sidewalk in front of GESS, Bottom Wood Lake Road, 11-5pm.

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**Incognito:** *using postcards to get teens talking* is an exhibition about teens in Lake Country talking about issues that they are experiencing here in the community, whether it’s mental, physical, spiritual, or emotional. We are asking teens, ages 13-18, to anonymously create a postcard that reflects any emotion or thought, funny or serious or anything in between about their personal experiences in Lake Country. This is an opportunity for youth to be heard without judgement or criticism and shed some light on how young people are feeling and hopefully start some conversations. Stop by the Art House on Friday May 13th and create your own postcard to display in the gallery and join us for an ‘Ice Cream Sundae’ from 7-8pm.

And...the Lake Country Art Gallery is looking for youth interested in participating in the ‘Keep it Real: Sidewalk Paint Project’, part of the ‘Keep it Real: LC Youth Festival’.

On Saturday May 14th and Sunday May 15th we will take paint to the sidewalk in front of George Elliott Secondary School on Bottom Wood Lake Road in Lake Country. This is an opportunity for youth to work with a professional artist to create an artwork in a public space. Seven emerging and professional artists will provide the mentorship and guidance to our youth: Jody DeSchutter, Lucas Glenn, Mathew Glenn, Kelsie Balehowsky, Arden Boehm, Kaitlin Dutot, and Rachel Mercer. By working together on the ‘Keep it Real: Sidewalk Paint Project’,

youth and professional artists can create a cohesive message that is not only a work of art but a reflection of who we are and how we are doing as a community.

The festival will also feature CYNK, a 4 piece rock band from Lake Country BC. Jonathan Hintz – Guitar & Vocals | Malcolm Muir – Guitar/Bass | Doug Harty – Bass | Lucas Van-Camp – Drums. They have just recently released their album “Strings” on Itunes, Google Play, And other digital download stores. They made their debut at Creekside theatre march 9th and have continued from there. They will be playing on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and 4pm. The festival will include a line-up of musicians to be posted, including James Balehowsky of JoyfulDoor (<https://joyfuldoor.bandcamp.com/>) and more!

If you would like to leave your mark on the sidewalk in front of GESS please leave your name and contact information with the Lake Country Art Gallery or email Wanda Lock (curator) at [wandalock@shaw.ca](mailto:wandalock@shaw.ca).