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Dunlop Art Gallery celebrates experimental music with artist Josh Thorpe and local partners

This fall, Regina Public Library's Dunlop Art Gallery has teamed up with Canadian partners to present a series of performances and experimental music events with the launch of Josh Thorpe's album *Love & Weather* and his Unusual Music Exchange project.

Dunlop Art Gallery and YYZ Artist Outlet in Toronto came together to produce Josh Thorpe's vinyl album through a shared desire to support and showcase experimental sound works. Local establishments CJTR Regina Community Radio and T+A Vintage will partner throughout September to host live events in person, on air, and online that reach across Canada and Europe.

"We are excited to partner with these vital supporters of experimental music here in Regina," said Tomas Jonsson, Curator, Moving Image and Performance at Dunlop Art Gallery. "We look forward to celebrating the small but mighty creative artists of the prairies on a larger digital stage. Thorpe's work has been the catalyst for us to foster connections and create community through a project that spans a huge variety of musical genres."

Josh Thorpe is an artist and songwriter based in Glasgow, Scotland. Thorpe's paintings, drawings, prints, sculptures, installations, and public works have shown throughout North America and Europe. His album *Love & Weather*, produced by Regina Public Library's Dunlop Art Gallery and YYZ Artist Outlet, features songs that describe a world gone splendidly off the rails. His Unusual Music Exchange project, an online library curated to showcase and share uncommon music, sets the theme for all the events.

Josh Thorpe takes over Dunlop Art Gallery's Instagram page September 1 – 4. It will function as a radio station, presenting a mix of short exploratory video and music as part of the Unusual Music Exchange.

Thorpe's record *Love & Weather* launches at T+A Vintage September 4 at 8:00pm. Featuring live performances by Jeffrey David Morton, Forced Femme and Think Tank, the concert is in person and will livestream via Dunlop Art Gallery's Facebook page and YouTube channel. In-person admission is by donation, and vinyl editions of the record will be available for purchase. Masking is strongly encouraged.



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CJTR and Dunlop Art Gallery are hosting Josh Thorpe as the CJTR PLAIN A.I.R. artist-in-residence. Every Saturday in September at 3:00pm, Josh and special guests will listen to strange sounds and discuss the challenges presented in speaking about experimental music.

A free screening of Josh Thorpe's and Renée Lear's music videos, followed by a performative discussion, will take place at the RPL Film Theatre and across the world via Dunlop Art Gallery's livestream platforms September 11 at 3:00pm.

For more information about these events and Dunlop Art Gallery, visit reginalibrary.ca/dunlop-art-gallery.

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