

Regina artists think big in the ambitious Caligari Project



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Victor Sawa will conduct the musicians during the film screening of *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari*. *EAGLECLAW THOM*

The Caligari Project is more than a festival

celebrating German expressionism. It's the culmination of months and months of work by more than 200 local artists.

That's the crucial point for Jason Cullimore, one of the people involved.

"It exemplifies the ambition of the Regina arts community. We're not a huge city, we're not a metropolis, but the artists and the people who work in the creative industries here think big," said Cullimore, who composed an original piece of music for the project.

The fact that it celebrates German expressionism — a creative movement even some artists hadn't heard about — is a bold move, said performer Mooky Cornish.

"Usually you would have a festival around Ukrainian music or something people are already familiar with," said Cornish. "(This) is a huge risk, and yet a real opportunity to learn something new."



The Caligari Project is named for an iconic German expressionist film, 1920's *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* — which inspired filmmakers like Tim Burton, Alfred Hitchcock and Werner Herzog.

The citywide festival runs through mid-December, with more than 20

events, including theatrical productions, cabarets, artist talks and workshops.

Here are three of those upcoming events. (For more information, visit caligari.ca (<http://caligari.ca>).)



Tara Semple and Rudy Sternadel will perform the score during the film screening of *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari*. *EAGLECLAW THOM*

The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari film screening and concert

A screening of *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* accounts for half of the festival's main event, taking place Sunday.

As the film plays, eight musicians will perform Cullimore's original score, conducted by the Regina Symphony Orchestra's ex-maestro Victor Sawa.

Cullimore, who spent two years writing the music, says the film won't be too strange to most people.

"You only have to look at Tim Burton's movies to see that this film ... its

effects are rippling through film even today.”

This event is Oct. 16, 7 p.m. at the Conexus Arts Centre. [Tickets start at \\$27.50.](https://www.conexusticket.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=400) (<https://www.conexusticket.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=400>)



Amanda Schenstead (left) is part of the local short film *Der Glöckner*. *DON HEALY / REGINA LEADER-POST*

The Cinema of Dr. Caligari film screening

Nine short films will screen at this Saskatchewan Filmpool event, which includes local and international works.

The films’ dark and edgy style won’t be completely alien to viewers, says Filmpool executive director Gordon Pepper.

“When they see this aesthetic coming up on film, they probably somewhere along the line ... have been in touch one way or another with that feel,” said Pepper. “I think most people will identify with it.”

This event is Oct. 20, 7 p.m., at the MacKenzie Art Gallery, with a puppet sideshow and reception to follow. Admission is free.



Sara Ski and Mooky Cornish. -

All Hallows Eve Expressionist Extra Vaganza!

Cornish is co-hosting this “really cool party and cabaret,” with her circus performer partner Sara Ski. At least 20 artists will present live music, puppetry, video, film and more.

“It’ll be like a menagerie and the audience can roam freely and go and visit all the different exhibits,” said Cornish.

The evening also includes a cabaret, featuring Cornish and Ski as “two outrageous European characters,” and a dance party with a live band.

Plus, you can dress in 1920s attire or wear a Halloween costume. Your pick.

This event is Oct. 30. Gather at 1945 Scarth St. any time after 7:45 p.m. In costume, admission is \$20 (<https://www.picatic.com/event14757015956583>).

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