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Creative Commons fills a need

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Creative Commons YXE, a new space for artists and the public, is filling a void in the arts scene.

“It’s about creating greater access to art making for the public who don’t have a lot of opportunity to do that. And for artists it’s about creating access to the tools and facilities necessary to practise their art,” said Michael Peterson, owner of the Void Gallery. Creative Commons YXE is attached to Void Gallery at 312 Ave. B South.



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Creative Commons YXE contains a full printmaking studio with production and training space for artists, designers and other makers. It offers a program of workshops for beginners and practising artists.



The grand opening was held April 14 in conjunction with a reception for After School Special, an exhibition of the work of six graduates from the University of Saskatchewan's BFA program.

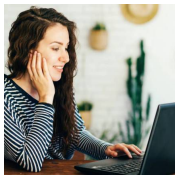
“Creative Commons developed to build artistic community while addressing two needs: Providing greater entry points into art and supporting practising artists in building their careers,” Peterson said.

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He said it provides the necessary tools, skills and opportunities for people to create art, not just be consumers of art. There are workshops in a variety of artistic methods, from printmaking (silkscreen, etching) to ceramics to embroidery. Open art nights, where people can work on their projects, and critique nights so people can receive feedback are planned.

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Practising artists will be supplied with the tools and community to develop their art to the point where they are able to show.

“We are doing this because we believe very strongly that an artistic community is so important in helping an artist grow and develop. And, simply, because being part of an artistic community is enjoyable,” Peterson said.

The production space is available through monthly memberships or can be rented for events such as craft or art sales, concerts and poetry nights.





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