

## **Writers Block - 2007**

### **What it is.**

Writers Block is a an annual event that shines light on the mysterious techniques of the aerosol artist. Taking place in the heart of old Strathcona, Edmonton's arts district, this event intends to transform the alley ways of Whyte avenue into a living art gallery.

### **When it goes down.**

In July of each year, Whyte avenue is turned into an outdoor gallery during the ART WALK. Taking place during this festival, the Writers Block is the largest outdoor exhibition on the festival. This years date is July 14.

### **Who they are.**

The artists painting come from all across Canada. Many have been perfecting their techniques for years without a real outlet to showcase their talents. You may have only glimpsed some of their work as a brightly colored rail car crossed your path on the highway.

### **Graffiti vs. Aerosol Art**

Graffiti is illegal. Aerosol Art is not. Both employ the same mediums and techniques; however, one is with the blessing of the property owner, and the other is not. As the problem of graffiti increases in the Old Strathcona area, business owners struggle with maintaining their exteriors while they should be focused on what is taking place inside their walls.

**IF YOU CAN'T BEAT THEM, JOIN THEM.**

If you don't want somebody to scribble on your wall, paint a mural. Amongst all of the graffiti in the alley way between 103st & 104st the old Dominion hotel has not had it's main mural defaced during the three years it has been there.

### **Are you interested?**

If you have alley wall space in between on the north side of 82nd ave between 103st & 104st, and would be willing to participate in this attempt to beautify our aley ways, please contact us for more information. If you are unsatisfied with the result, your wall will be repainted in a solid color. In the worst case scenario, you get your wall re-painted, in the best case, you limit your exposure with vandalism.

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