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New Artwork Celebrating Youth Brightens Commercial Alley

VICTORIA, BC — Artist Eliska Liska's installation, "Feeling Fuzzy Inside", is now on display in Commercial Alley.

Now in its 10th year, Commercial Alley – located on the west wall of the Youth Empowerment Society building on the 500 Block of Yates Street – showcases local artists in this outdoor public space, in order to add colour and vitality to this area.

Eliska's submission "Feeling Fuzzy Inside" was selected through a juried Call to Artists for emerging artists and artist teams. Her vision is to recognize young people and their passions that can move mountains. The four activities that Eliska has chosen to portray are music, thoughts and words, movement and art. Each panel is connected by neutral-coloured backgrounds, linear figurative drawings and bursts of colour.

"Creating in public spaces where art talks to the wider public and also influences the visual side of the city has always been the most appealing art form for me," says Liska. "Each of the panels show different activities that have the ability to completely consume us and help us to learn who we are and where we stand, as well as simply to make us feel good."

"Eliska's art is a cheerful meditation on things that bring joy to young people in our community," said Nichola Reddington, Senior Cultural Planner with the City of Victoria. "We invite residents and visitors alike to pop by Commercial Alley when downtown to spend a few minutes connecting with this art, that is free for all to enjoy."

Originally from the Czech Republic, Eliska spent five years touring around Europe and Mexico, leaving a trail of murals behind her. She works in many different mediums, including painting, pottery, printing, drawing, digital illustration, felting and murals. She completed her Master's degree in Contemporary Art and New Media from Ostrava University in 2008, and now lives in Victoria. She runs Full Sink Pottery, which produces unique and whimsical hand-painted pottery products, and works as an art designer and teacher for the McTavish Academy of Art.

Short-term public art installations enhance Victoria and contribute to its vibrancy and livability. For more information, visit: victoria.ca/publicart

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Photos of Commercial Alley Art Installation



