

## MEDIA ADVISORY

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS  
THE NEXT 500 YEARS

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# Close Encounters of the -30 Kind

## Up Close and Personal with the artists and curators of *Close Encounters: The Next 500 Years*

A unique opportunity is being offered to Winnipeg art lovers as part of the upcoming exhibition *Close Encounters: The Next 500 Years*. On Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, bus tours are being offered that will travel to each of the *Close Encounters* venues and will feature brief talks from artists and curators about the work being featured. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet some of the creative minds involved with this remarkable exhibition, and a chance to get “up close and personal” with some cutting edge artwork.

**WHAT:** Bus Tours: Close Encounters of the -30 (minus thirty) Kind: Up Close and Personal with the artists and curators of *Close Encounters: The Next 500 Years*

**WHEN:** Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 12:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** *Close Encounters* venues including Manitoba Hydro Place, Main Exhibition Site, Plug In ICA, Winnipeg Art Gallery and the Manitoba Museum

**WHO:** Curators and artists involved with *Close Encounters: The Next 500 Years*. . .and you!

**HOW:** If you wish to reserve a spot on a bus for the whole tour, please RSVP to [specialevents@plugin.org](mailto:specialevents@plugin.org). If you have questions call Jaya at 942-1043.

*Close Encounters: The Next 500 Years* will be the largest international exhibition of contemporary Indigenous art ever held in North America. *Close Encounters* is being presented by the Winnipeg Cultural Capital of Canada ARTS FOR ALL Program. It has been organized by Plug In ICA, the Winnipeg Art Gallery and URBAN SHAMAN: Contemporary Aboriginal Art and other partnering organizations.

For more information about *Close Encounters*, tours and artists, visit [www.artsforall.ca](http://www.artsforall.ca).

