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D. Jeffrey Buchanan, host and producer of Edmonton's arts, culture and all things interesting documentary talk show, THE SOUND OF MY OWN VOICE, brings his micro production technique and impassioned interviewing style to ask one of the most politically and emotionally volatile questions a person can ask a Canadian artist, "SO, DID YOU GET THAT GRANT?"

ASPARAGUSGREEN.CA began production yesterday on the feature documentary **TAKEN FOR GRANTED** that will perform a *waking autopsy* on the current grant-based arts funding structure in Edmonton, Alberta and Canada.

Filming commenced at the Edmonton Arts Council office where some of the artists that will be featured in the documentary were literally selected at random as they arrived on the last day of submissions for the Edmonton Arts Council's Project Grant for Individual Artists

This project will journey with these grant hopefuls as well as others through the process of applying to the Edmonton Cultural Capital Program, Alberta Foundation for the Arts and the Grand Daddy of them all, the Canada Council for the Arts, while providing a "Town Hall" open forum for grant victims and victors from across Alberta to tell it as it is, was or should be.

TAKEN FOR GRANTED

A documentary by D. Jeffrey Buchanan
Produced by
ASPARAGUSGREEN.CA

*******OPEN CALL*******

TAKEN FOR GRANTED is open for business and looking for the following artists and individuals to participate in this project:

GRANT HOPEFULS: Featured individuals who have submitted or who are in the process of submitting for Edmonton Arts Council, Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Edmonton Culture Capital Program and the Canada Council.

TOWN HALL: Members of Alberta's arts community to share their stories and opinions on the granting process. Members of the general public to provide their perspective on arts funding are also invited.

Principal photography will take place over the next six months to include the application deadlines and notification throughout the upcoming grant period. Release date for TAKEN FOR GRANTED yet to be confirmed.

It is our hope to provide an opportunity for all those across Alberta that wish to participate and have their voices heard and experiences shared. Those interested please contact D. Jeffrey Buchanan at granted@asparagusgreen.ca or visit ASPARAGUSGREEN.CA for more information.