

Notable AX

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Thanks so much to certified music therapist Dominique Piquard for agreeing to be a guest writer for the previous Notable AX column – it's fascinating to read about her experiences as a music therapist and see how music impacts our mental health and social interactions. AX will be integrating music into our programming at the centre, and we hope to hear from Dominique in future guest columns.

Upcoming events

We're looking forward to co-hosting UNB's Writer-in-Residence, Rabindranath (Robin) Maharaj, with the Sussex Regional Library this weekend. Robin will read from his works this Friday night, March 24, at 7:00 pm at the library, and the next morning, at 10:30, he will give a free writing workshop on finding sources of inspiration, the importance of "voice," the elements of plotting, avenues for publication, and guidelines around memoir writing.

Robin's visit is being sponsored with funding from ArtsNB and UNB, which will, in turn, allow him to offer the workshop free of charge for participants. AX thanks ArtsNB and UNB as well as the volunteers who are helping to organize Robin's visit and show him proper Sussex hospitality.

At the time I wrote this article, there were two spots left for the writing workshop – if you'd like to attend this free workshop, call the library at 432-4585 or email sussextpl@gnb.ca to register. Visit the AX website (www.axartscentre.ca) or the AX Facebook page for more information. Hope to see you at Friday night's reading and Saturday morning's workshop – bring a friend!

Renovation update

Things are moving right along with the renovation at the arts and culture centre on Maple Avenue. The electrical and plumbing installations are almost done, and we're really starting to get a great visual for the gallery space and the second floor. We're still hopeful we'll be able to get into the main floor by mid-April, and then we'll be working behind the scenes to open our doors for our first exhibit, *Jeepers Peepers*, at the end of May or early June. More details about our inaugural, spring themed exhibit to come.