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“The Tarot Talks” Reimagines Tarot Through Painting and Collage

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, Nova Scotia (September 24, 2026) – What can tarot cards reveal about the way we see ourselves and the world around us? In “The Tarot Talks”, Bear River artists Louise Miteouamigoukoue Spiritcougar and Karen Phillips Curran offer their own answers through painting and collage. This new exhibition is on view at ARTSPLACE from October 3 to 31.

Tarot cards are often associated with fortune telling, but they can also be used as tools for reflection and storytelling. The images and symbols in a tarot deck can prompt questions, reveal different perspectives and encourage us to think about the paths we take in life. In this exhibition, the artists use familiar tarot imagery to explore those ideas from their perspectives.

Louise is an Indigenous Two-Spirit artist and tarot reader whose relationship with art and tarot began in childhood. Louise has painted the Major Arcana, the 22 cards that form the central part of a traditional tarot deck. She reimagines the familiar characters as faceless, gender-fluid figures, inviting viewers to look beyond the stereotypes and fixed identities traditionally associated with tarot. Simple lines and a sense of movement animate each card, highlighting its meaning and the emotions it stirs.

Karen Phillips Curran uses collage to transform selected face cards and Major Arcana. She cuts, combines and rearranges images, sometimes revealing the original meaning of a card and sometimes making it less certain. The resulting figures are often anonymous. For Karen, this opens the door to new stories and interpretations while leaving room for viewers to find their own meaning.

“Louise’s work reflects her interest in colour, multiple perspectives, Earth Mother and the beauty of imperfection. Karen is known for her watercolour and acrylic paintings and draws on her experience in theatre to create artwork that tells stories,” said Sophie Paskins, ARTSPLACE Gallery Director.

On October 31 from 11 am to 2 pm, Louise will offer one-question tarot readings and Karen will lead a card-making collage session. Both activities are by donation, with no registration required.

“The Tarot Talks” opening reception Saturday, October 3, from 12 to 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served, all are welcome. Exhibition continues through October 31, 2026. Admission is free throughout the exhibition’s run.

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ARTSPLACE Gallery is located at 396 St. George Street in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia

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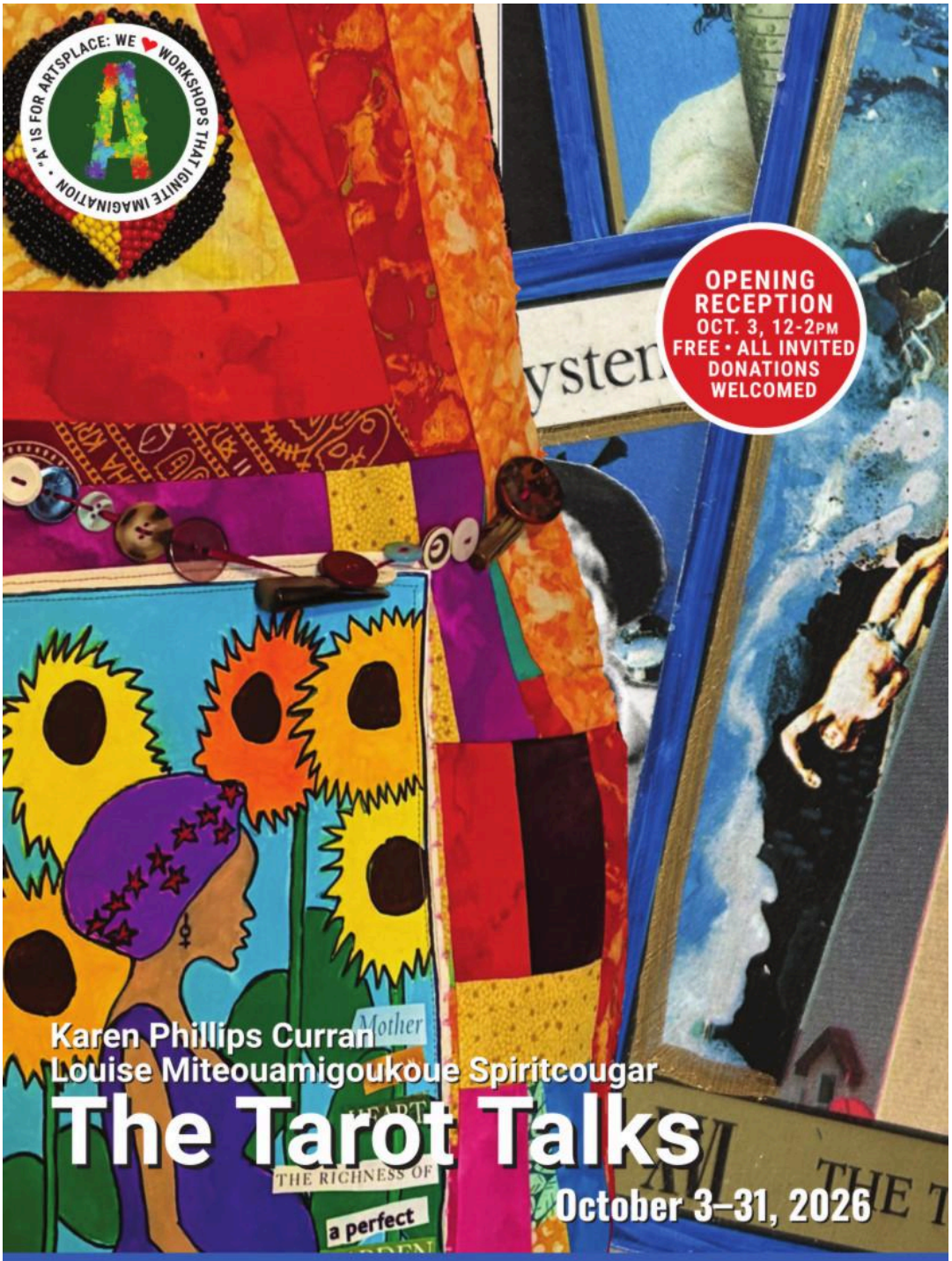

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OCT. 31, 11-2. TAROT READING* W/ LOUISE AND CARD-MAKING COLLAGE SESSION W/ KAREN

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