

Re: "Art for the people; Realtor and artist bring new colour to Strathearn" The Journal, July 21

I'd like to thank Paula Simons for her terrific article about *Free Rain*, the public art mural commissioned by the realtor Joe Clare. It is rare for me to read writing in a daily newspaper that permits itself the depth of content that Paula's article does. Thank you Paula, and thank you Edmonton and Strathearn residents for all the appreciative comments we've received so far.

I'd like to make one correction to the article if I may, where I'm quoted as saying that art is subjective. What I said was that art is *not* subjective and is a language that the public can come to terms with. Arrogant or not, I believe this to be true and that such a position leverages much more interesting and insightful dialogue than the belief that we can interpret our perceptions any way we choose. To quote Bill Jeffries of the *Simon Fraser University Gallery* when writing about my work, "Out of extremely objective systemization comes extreme subjectivity." That could even be the definition of what I mean by Free Rein (a play on the mural title), as well as of the title itself.

Thank you,

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