

## PRESS RELEASE

*Local artist's coffee cherubs  
usher brightness at the end of the tunnel.*

**May 12, 2021**



**Linda Finstad**

***Just Not that Kind of Angel: laugh out-loud look at everyday angels***

Exhibition Date: **May 12 2021**

Virtual Event: [zypgallery.ca](http://zypgallery.ca)

CALMAR, Alberta - **Zyp Art Gallery is delighted to present *Just Not that Kind of Angel*, a collection of artworks by contemporary artist Linda Finstad. The sassy cherubs were created in the wake of the global pandemic in order to bring cheer in our time of despair.**



Linda is a local artist, an equine photographer and an acrylic painter. Amidst a time of panic and helplessness due to the COVID -19 pandemic lockdown, Linda was trapped indoors, struggling to find solace. She turned to art as a coping strategy, but lacking supplies, she used instant coffee and tricolor paint instead.

First, the brush strokes distracted her from anxiety and uncertainty, but soon the creation of 'sassy angels' along with their humorous captions lifted her spirits. Unable to suppress the negativity that still grew around her, Linda found practical and encouraging words of wisdom in the Holy Bible during her darkest times.

Using her new medium, as well as inspiration from the divine, Linda painted more in order to calm the turmoil inside, and perhaps channel some much-needed joy. Linda hoped the therapeutic creative process would help her navigate this uncharted territory.

Her sassy angels portray everyday women - voluptuous, full-figured, opinionated and carefree. Linda wanted to break down the traditional images of the angels. With their amusing statements, her angels exude personality, making you feel a part of their playful world. Linda likes to inspire others with lighthearted fun as we cope with our uncomfortable new normal.

### **About the Gallery:**

The Zyp Art Gallery is named after Hank and Tillie Zyp, in honour of their role in Dr. Nhung Tran-Davies life. The Zyp Art Gallery is a non-profit gallery space that offers a home to local artists and develops exhibitions that generates dialogue and inspires understanding about social issues, locally and around the world.

The gallery has been a long-time passion project for Nhung. She is a physician, children's book author and advocate for social justice through education. Her family came to Canada as refugees in 1979, post Vietnam war.

Since Zyp Art Gallery's inception in 2018, the gallery has held 13 exhibitions with artworks from local artists, community groups, and school children. Zyp Art Gallery even has on display an original Alex Janvier- Alberta Indigenous artist whose masterpieces includes Rogers Place's floor mural [Tsa Tsa Ke K'e \(Iron Foot Place\)](#) and the [Morning Star - Gambeh Then'](#) which adorns the dome within the Canadian Museum of History in Gatineau.

**Visual Exhibition/ COVID-19 restrictions:**

As we wait for the provincial government to announce the opening of the gallery for in-person visitation, all exhibitions will be virtual, presented on Zyp Art Gallery's webpage.

**Note to Editors:**

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