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Artistic twist for yuletide parties

This Christmas, a Calgary artist is encouraging workers across the city to leave their formal wear at home and don a paint smock for their company's holiday party.

Maya Gohill is a fine artist, illustrator, and instructor, and has begun a revolutionary Christmas party idea — get the office co-workers together and collectively paint a mural over wine and hors d'oeuvres.

"We take a large painting and divide it into squares and then employees work together to draw on their canvases and make sure it all connects; it's like a puzzle," said Gohill.

"It's a great way to do something different for Christmas."

Gohill said the workshop gives employees a chance to really bond and work on their team-building skills but at the same

time it also serves as a classy night out with catered food and beverages, if that's what the office is looking for.

"These people are all coming from an office setting which isn't necessarily a fun environment,

but this gives them the chance to work together in a way they don't get to in the workplace," she said.

Gohill has run similar workshops in the past with several companies including ATCO, EnCana, UFA, and the City of Calgary.

The events are organized and run by Gohill, who is an experienced painter herself.

They take place at Art Central, located on the corner of 7 Ave. and Centre St. by booking.

"It's great to be surrounded by artwork," said Gohill.

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COLLABORATIVE EFFORT: Local artist Maya Gohill is setting up workshops in an effort to boost teamwork and creativity at annual Christmas parties around the city by introducing collaborative murals to the festive season.

Pickaxe killer gets guilty verdict

A Calgary man has been found guilty of second-degree murder after killing a teen with a pickaxe.

Just before noon yesterday, the seven-woman, five-man jury found Marko Miljevic, 20, guilty of the horrific murder.

On Sept. 29, 2007, Miljevic was at a garage party in Queensland when a fight broke out amongst two party-goers.

It is believed McKay tried to break up the altercation before Miljevic picked up a nearby pickaxe and drove the weapon 8 cm into McKay's skull, killing the teen. Earlier in the trial, defence lawyer Alan Fay argued Miljevic killed McKay accidentally after Miljevic testified he had consumed large amounts of alcohol, cocaine, and marijuana before the attack and acted under the influence of the drugs.

But Crown lawyer Gary Cornfield argued the killing was not an accident, saying the excuse was made up. The killer will be sentenced at a later date.

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