

Love You Forever

How do you get Forever by accident?

This art show has a title that sounds funny: "An Accidental Forever." It's like saying you made something last forever, but you didn't plan to. The artists picked this name because it's like their story. Theo moved to Canada from Romania with his first wife. After that relationship ended, Theo met Kristin. They didn't think they would end up together, but now they are married and make art together.

Being married means they promised to stay together for a very long time, maybe forever. A lot of their art is about things that last a long time, like family traditions and the land.



Adam & Eve Saulteaux (video still), Theo Pelmus & Kristin Snowbird, 2014.

Dress for Success

What kind of character would wear these costumes?

The artists use special movements and costumes to tell stories. The clothes we wear tell others about us. When we pick our clothes, it shows who we are and how we want to be seen. Look at Kristin's jingle dress. Does it look like other jingle dresses? Not quite—she kept many of the shiny cones flat, so they look like scales or armor. The jingle dance is a special dance to help people heal, especially those who are too sick to dance. When we help others, we also need to protect ourselves—like wearing a mask if someone else is sick. Can you find anything else special or different about the costumes the artists made?

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An Accidental Forever



Sweat (video still), Theo Pelmus & Kristin Snowbird, 2016.

Theo Pelmus &
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Pins and Needles



The Kiss (video still), Theo Pelmus & Kristin Snowbird, 2021.

Would you like to kiss someone who's covered in spikes?

In the video *The Kiss*, Kristin and Theo hug each other in snowy places near water, like the Red River in Winnipeg. They both wear face masks covered in spikes—Theo's are metal pins, and Kristin's are porcupine quills. These details have special meanings. The porcupine quills remind us of how Kristin's family used to decorate clothes a long time ago. The spiky masks show that people can be afraid to get close because of things like sickness or fear of getting hurt. The cold, snowy land and different costumes make it look even harder to come together. Even with all these things in the way, Kristin and Theo still try to be close. Their video is about wanting to connect with others, even when it's hard.

Dance it Out

Why would someone dance on the Canadian flag?

In the film *For What They Did to Us*, Kristin, who was a jingle dress and fancy shawl dancer, dances on a Canadian flag she drew in the sand at the beach. A flag is a symbol for a country. People often think it's wrong to mess up a flag because it's rude to the country. As Kristin dances, her steps erase the flag. This is her way of showing she wants to undo some of the harm that was done to First Nations people, whose dances and culture were almost taken away by the Canadian Government. Kristin showed her film on a special family quilt to show that her family is important to her. Her husband, Theo, made a video of a sunset over the lake at Pine Creek First Nation and showed it on the other side of the blanket. This helps us see that people have different points of view, but can still work together and help each other.



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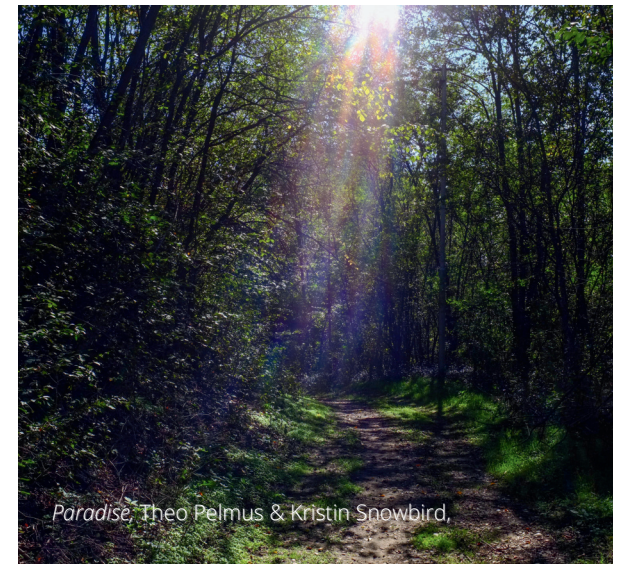


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Follow the Light

How do you feel when you see twinkling lights?

An Accidental Forever has lots of glowing videos and bright photos that light up. Some photos shine even more when you get close. This makes people want to spend time with them. The artists hope their art helps people feel happier and shows how art can help us heal. Light can make us feel hopeful. In some videos and photos, the artists are dancing or hugging. In others, you see nature and old family homes. These things can help us feel good about who we are, where we come from, and how we connect with others.



Paradise, Theo Pelmus & Kristin Snowbird.