

## ***Triclops***

**Artist - Luke Blackstone**

*Triclops* can be found at the Saddleridge Multi Service Centre, located on the corner of 80th Ave. and Saddletowne Cir. N.E.

A multi-sculptural project that features three columns of brick, each with a mounted aluminum disc, placed in front of the facility. Each sculpture represents one of the emergency services housed at this location.

A crank-wheel is mounted on the front of the central column. When the wheel is turned by an interested viewer, all three discs rotate at the same speed. Once engaged, the discs create a gentle siren sound, with a pitch that depends on the speed of rotation. "The siren has a long history of being used as a means to alert the community," the artist says.

This project symbolizes both the similarities and differences of the services located at this facility and encourages public involvement.

### **The Artist**

Luke Blackstone believes public art should be understood and appreciated by the majority of those who view it. It is his desire to create works that are meaningful, engaging and attractive to those who experience it, hence his strong focus on kinetic installations. His work typically involves elements of both strength and whimsy.

Based in Vancouver, B.C., this project represents Luke's first public art venture in Calgary.

### **The Project**

- The artist was chosen through an open call process, where all interested artists are invited to submit an application for the project.
- The artist budget is \$158,000.
- The public art project was a collaborative initiative by the Public Art Program and City of Calgary Fire Department, Calgary Police Service and Calgary EMS.
- *Triclops* was completed in July 2010.

