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ReDefine Arts is launching the next three-year phase of the Countdown Public Art Project this summer in Killaloe, Golden Lake, Eganville, and surrounding areas. The Countdown Public Art Project is a community-driven initiative known for its pebble mosaic public artworks across Ontario, including installations in Combermere, Barry's Bay, Killaloe, Eganville, Pikwakanagan First Nation, and Pembroke. The project invites all of us to imagine—and work toward—a world beyond violence.

Countdown began in 2016 in the Ottawa Valley and has since evolved into a community-powered public art initiative focused on creative collective-action to end gender-based violence and foster safer communities. Over the past decade, the project has engaged more than 5,000 participants through 125 community arts workshops and events, resulting in the creation of 13 large-scale and over 300 small pebble mosaic artworks in accessible public spaces across Ontario.

This next cycle of Countdown will begin this summer as ReDefine Arts partners with the Community Resource Centre – Killaloe and Ottawa Valley Community Arts, delivering a series of art workshops, outdoor concerts, and a mobile campaign traveling by foot, bike, paddle, and car.

Programming will launch with a concert and pebble mosaic workshop on June 13 in Killaloe and will culminate in a mobile campaign and finale concerts on September 19 and 20 in Killaloe and Eganville. Additional programming, including printmaking, tie-dye, pebble mosaic, and singing workshops, will take place throughout the summer.

Programming and events will continue across the Ottawa Valley through fall 2028.

A full schedule and additional details can be found at: linktr.ee/CountdownProject

All events are free and open to the public, encouraging community members to come together and take part in building a future free from gender-based violence.

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Photo credit: Katie Yealland. Countdown participants walk through Killaloe Pathways Park with a hanging art installation by Anna Camilleri in the foreground.