



Jump for Joy

How persistence and optimism resulted in the city's happiest art piece **BY SHERI RADFORD** // **PHOTO BY KK LAW**

It's hard to imagine a more positive person than Eyoalha Baker. For years, the local artist has focussed on joy in her newsletter and blog (www.jumpforjoyphotoproject.com), both of which feature photos of ordinary folks leaping in delight. In 2014 in Chinatown, she created the first "Jump for Joy" photo mural, but it was torn down unexpectedly. Undeterred, Baker started an Indiegogo crowd-sourcing campaign to raise funds for a bigger, even more uplifting mural, this time at the corner of Abbott Street and West Pender (Map 1: C7). Completed in 2015, the cheerful result is now the backdrop for thousands of ecstatic selfies. What are you waiting for? Come on, get happy! [w](#)