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Vancouver Draw Down 2011: Summer of Ten Thousand Drawings

Vancouver, let's draw! Challenge your preconceptions about drawing and reconnect with the creative pleasure of making your mark. This summer you're invited to take part in a series of unique and exciting drawing events taking place across the city. Contribute in person or online to a range of exciting drawing projects that accumulate over time. This celebration of drawing will culminate in the Vancouver Draw Down Finale, a day-long city wide celebration of drawing on Saturday, July 23.

PARTICIPANTS

Organizations participating in Vancouver Draw Down 2011: Britannia Community Centre, Carnegie Community Centre + Oppenheimer Park, Creekside Community Centre, Kitsilano Community Centre, Sunset Community Centre and Moberly Art + Culture Centre, Museum of Anthropology (UBC), Roundhouse Community Centre, the Vancouver Art Gallery in partnership with the Vancouver Park Board.

DRAWING ACTIVITIES

All of the Draw Down drawing activities will focus on the process and pleasure of drawing, rather than skill and technical ability. Participants will be invited to share their creativity using a variety of drawing materials. Drawings will be developed within a range of formats, including workshops and drop-in activities, both inside and out-of-doors at the participating sites. Samples of the work produced will be on displayed at the participating sites as well as on the Vancouver Draw Down website.

ONLINE PRESENCE

The Vancouver Draw Down website (www.vancouverdrawdown.com) will feature information about the participating sites, descriptions of the various drawing activities taking place across the city, online galleries and a schedule of the finale events taking place on Saturday, July 23.

Vancouver Draw Down activities, news and updates will also be featured on Facebook, Flickr and Twitter. If you follow us on Twitter you'll receive daily drawing instructions for 50 days, starting on June 3.

ARTIST TEAM

The Vancouver Draw Down activities will be developed and presented by a team of artists that includes lead artists Elizabeth MacKenzie and Cindy Mochizuki, artist intern coordinator Kristina Fiedrich, and a group of artist interns.



Elizabeth MacKenzie has been a professional artist for more than 25 years. Her work in drawing, installation and video has been represented in numerous festivals and exhibitions across Canada, United States and Europe. Her drawings were included in Facing History: Portraits from Vancouver organized by Presentation House Gallery (North Vancouver) in 2001 as well as For the Record: Drawing for Contemporary Life at the Vancouver Art Gallery in 2003.

Elizabeth has extensive teaching experience at the university level and has also worked with elementary and secondary school students. She's developed drawing-based community projects for a number of local organizations, including ArtStarts and the Vancouver Art Gallery.



Cindy Mochizuki is an interdisciplinary artist and creates work in multi-media, animation, installation, drawing and performance. Her short films have been screened in Korea, Holland, Toronto, Los Angeles, Montreal and Victoria. She is currently working on a rotoscope-based animation/ installation commissioned by LIFT and Toronto Reel Asian Film Festival. She is the in-house visual artist for Theatre Replacement and has worked on several of their productions. Cindy has taught sessionally at Emily Carr University and Simon Fraser University and has offered animation workshops for children at Family Fuse at the Vancouver Art Gallery and Arts Umbrella.



Graduating in 2005 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in studio art, **Kristina Fiedrich** has a background in professional photography and printmaking. Kristina has been involved with Vancouver's art community, developing her practice to include drawing, collage and mixed media and has shown her work both nationally and internationally. Currently, as a Master of Applied Arts candidate at Emily Carr University of Art + Design, Kristina's continues to evolve her artistic practice, investigating new directions of drawing with an interest in sculptural drawing forms. Her current work is an examination of the body's ongoing relationship to technology.

Our Vancouver Draw Down artist interns include: Anita Bhatia, Neil Chung, Chloe Gammon, Michelle Go, Maegan Harbridge, Jenny Hawkinson, Jill Popowich, Madeleine Wynne and Xiaoyu Zhang.

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