



QUEER ARTS FESTIVAL

Games People Play

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

32 EVENTS

2 ART SHOWS

18 PERFORMANCES

8 WORKSHOPS

OVER **150** ARTISTS

JULY 26 – AUGUST 13, 2011

THE ROUNDHOUSE COMMUNITY ARTS & RECREATION CENTRE
181 ROUNDHOUSE MEWS, VANCOUVER

Vancouver's Three-Week Multidisciplinary
Arts Festival Celebrating Queer Art & Artists

Three weeks of dance, literature, music, theatre, visual arts and workshops

ART PARTY OPENING NIGHT JULY 26, 7 PM

Join by Stephen Middleton

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Thank you.

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VANCOUVER'S GAY & LESBIAN NEWS

Welcome to the 2011 Queer arts festival! Thank you for being part of the little festival that could.

This is our fourth festival bringing Vancouver three weeks of multi-disciplinary queer arts. I'd like to give a great big warm welcome to our new board president Joel Klein and our new director of operations Rachel Iwaasa. So glad to have you on board.

For the first time, QAF features two visual art shows. The curated theme show explores the many strange, terrible and fabulous Games People Play, in salute to the OutGames here in Vancouver. We are thrilled to announce the return of the Pride in Art Community Show, originated by Robbie Hong in 1998 in response to the marginalization of queer artists. Along with festival favorites are new programs in performance including Shorts Shorts, a night of playful miniatures and opera stars doing drag in the Glitter and be Gay Cabaret



2011 has more workshops, including two youth workshops by high caliber professional teachers. These have increased relevance in light of the highly publicized increase in queer teen suicides. By giving queer youth positive role models, concrete evidence that they are not alone, and a much needed avenue for self-expression, art can save lives.

This past year saw the loss of a kind, funny and talented man: Denis Simpson, who has been the cabaret MC since the festival began. Denis' big, generous, artist's heart exemplified what QAF is all about. We are planning a

tribute to him for next year. Denis, you are sorely missed.

QAF has many valued friends and supporters. Thanks to Heritage Canada, BC Arts Council, and the City of Vancouver for their support of QAF. Our community partners have also been tremendous advocates for the festival: Screaming Weenie, Vancouver Queer Film Festival, Vancouver Men's Chorus, and the Vancouver Pride Society to name only a few. We are appreciative for new partnerships this year including MACHiNENOiSY, Newworld Theatre and the Health Initiative for Men. Extra special thanks go to Marie Lopes, Matt Frankish and the whole Roundhouse staff for their enormous generosity and enthusiasm. Finally, we could not do any of this without our dedicated board and wonderful volunteers, so a big shout out to you for making it all work.

The Queer Arts Festival: because you can't survive on candy alone.

Shaira (SD)Holman
QAF Artistic Director

Ticket Information

Advance tickets available:

Online at brownpapertickets.com

In person at the following vendors:

Little Sister's Book and Art Emporium
(1238 Davie Street)

Rhizome Café
(317 East Broadway)

Banshee Clothing
(1566 Commercial Drive)

At the door, 30 minutes before showtime (cash only)

Festival passes available online and at the door for \$110, a 50% savings over individual ticket prices!

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All events at the
**Roundhouse Community Arts
and Recreation Centre**

181 Roundhouse Mews (Pacific and Davie),
Vancouver BC Next to Yaletown Skytrain station

ART PARTY! JULY 26 AT 7PM

Opening night celebration of the Queer Arts Festival in a gay, carnival atmosphere.

PERFORMANCES BY: Dianna David, as Meena Mina the Mime Magician /
Al Cannon, trumpet / Kallisto, a-cappella women's trio
Bluelight / Joel Klein, baritone, & Karen Lee-Morlang, keyboard



As part of their dedication to strengthening the physical, sexual, social and mental health and well-being of gay men, and in keeping with our own conviction that art saves lives, Health Initiative for Men (HiM) is proud to sponsor the opening night Art Party of the 2011 Queer Arts Festival"

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

JULY 26 - AUGUST 13, 2011

CURATED VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

GALLERY HOURS:

11AM-10PM WEEKDAYS | 11AM-4:30PM WEEKENDS

To celebrate the North America Outgames in Vancouver this summer, the Queer Arts Festival has chosen Games People Play as its theme for 2011.

Queer cultures often emphasize elements of game-play: from camp to butch/femme to strictures of "straight looking/straight acting", we play around with identity and its shadows of artifice, passing and trespassing. The curators are encouraging artists to queer the idea of games and play: board games, bored games, war games, mind games, drinking games, parlor games, gender games, games theory, game shows, word play, gun play, foreplay, BDSM play, playing the fool, playing by ear, playing along, playing around, playing for the team, playback, playmates, team sports, blood sport, water sports... With this exuberance of possibilities we will build a show of divergent investigations; a game for viewers to trace commonalities and conflicts along the through-line of gaming.

'Maturity means to have rediscovered the seriousness one had as a child at play.' - Friedrich Nietzsche

Curated by Persimmon Blackbridge, Jeff Gibson & SD Holman.



Rage by Angelina Cantada

\$5 suggested donation

CURATED VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

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Garth Amundson & Pierre Gour

Man Maze
Installation 3 panels
mix media pigment prints

Patricia Atchison

Lesbian Debauchery
installation Digital Drawing and sculpture various

Kathy Atkins

Kiss My Bronzed Boots
oil on canvas

Hairstory
mixed media

Dana Ayotte

Unspeakable I
Unspeakable II
Unspeakable III
acrylic on board

Angelina Cantada

Seven Deadly Sins:
Rage / Sloth / Lust / Envy /
Gluttony / Greed / Pride
digital photographic prints

ROD & WEN

(Rodrigo Cervantes and Wendy García)
Queer tango portraits
photomontage

Amy Dame

Are You Someone Who?
East Van Bingo
1 of 2 / 2 of 2
fabric

Adrian Fehr

Suffer
mixed media (shoes, stones, stainless steel)

Kimberley French

river tree
river
water
french beach
photography on canvas

Afuwa Granger

River
acrylic/canvas
Last Laughs
wood, paint and mixed media

Charlotte Hewson

Bondage Paper Dolls
paper cuts

Suzo Hickey

Wheel of Certainty
acrylic, mixed media on wood

Abegael Jackson

One of these things is not like the other
conti on paper

Tillie King/Estrellada

Hanky Codex
textile cotton thread on cotton and recycled jeans

Emma Kivisild

passing through
mixed media

!Kona & Jen Crothers

The Queeriodic Table, v.3 July 2011
printed vinyl

Dzee Louise

Flirting 1 / Flirting 2
Flirting 3 / Flirting 4
mixed media on wood panel

Mark McGregor

The Temptation of St. Anthony
water colour and ink

Stephen Middleton

Joan
inkjet print, sobo, acrylic paint, oil pastel, acrylic medium

Obscene

inkjet print, sobo, acrylic paint, oil pastel, acrylic medium, rhinestones

Rosamond Norbury

Bobby Beersby
Kristy Krunt
c print

Sarah Race & Sarah Buchanan

CHOSEN FAMILY PORTRAITS
video

Naufus Ramirez-Figueroa

He liked his men like he liked his...
ink on paper

Oscar Sanchez Gomez

From the series: Familias Mexicanas
digital print

Sakino Sepulveda

Labyrinth of egos
oil on canvas

Self-portrait in the tub
oil on canvas

Wendy Sexsmith

Viva La Vida
oil paint on paper and mounted on wood panels

Noel Silver

Slim Boi
oil on canvas and faux gold leaf

Buddha on Dudesnude.com

oil on canvas and faux gold leaf

Running Man Burning

oil on canvas and faux gold leaf.

Suzy Stroet

Audience Portraits
oil on canvas

Background: *Bend 2* by Dzee Louise

PRIDE IN ART COMMUNITY VISUAL ART SHOW

JULY 26 | 7PM - AUGUST 13, 2011

THE ROUNDHOUSE COMMUNITY ARTS & RECREATION CENTRE

Presented as part of the Queer Arts Festival
queerartsfestival.com

The Queer Arts Festival 2011 has two visual art shows this year! We are getting back to our roots with the Pride in Art Community Show! In the Great Hall of the Roundhouse, outside the main Exhibition Hall.

Belle Ancell

Gender Binary
photographic art

Kricket Crowe

Revealing of my Healing
ceramic masks

Jack Herman

Place Where I Play: Sunset, Stanley Park
acrylic on canvas

Rainstorm, Stanley Park
acrylic on canvas

Pender Island Picnic
acrylic on canvas

Rain Approaching Pender Island Rocks
acrylic on canvas

Ron Kears

Playing Hide-and-Go-Seek
photography

Joel Levine

Fallen Warrior
plaster & acrylic on framed canvas
construction dimensions
Warrior Breaking Thru
mixed on canvas

Tom McKenna

Starfish
pen & ink / watercolour
Beach to No-Where
pen & ink / watercolour

Charles "Chad" Meacham

Walk With Pride
photography

Kate Price

Tutu Ninja
ink (sketched and inked by hand,
colored digitally)

Hiiro Sigal Prince

This Tray is for FAGS ONLY. BUTT OUT!
point and shoot digital photography
The Forever Drifting Old Soul
point and shoot digital photography
Inhibitions of My Inner-Child's Free-Spirit
point and shoot digital photography

David Myers

THE GAY SPIRIT
digitized archival photographs

Persimmon Blackbridge & SD Holman

untitled
metal/wax/photographs

Jeffery Austin Gibson

The Only Sea Foods Restaurant
Acrylic on Panel

David Sandford

Portrait of Owen Selkirk, Dancer
photography on canvas

James Sullivan

Elemental, My Dear
acrylic

James Walton

Man's Charm is Hardness, Racing Series
archival pigment print

Wake up your Night Monster, Racing Series
archival pigment print

Aerlyn Weissman

Vortic 01 and Lava Star
digital print

\$5 suggested donation

Background: *Fallen Warrior* by Joel Lavine

NGGRFG

TUES JULY 26 | 7PM

WED JULY 27 | 7PM

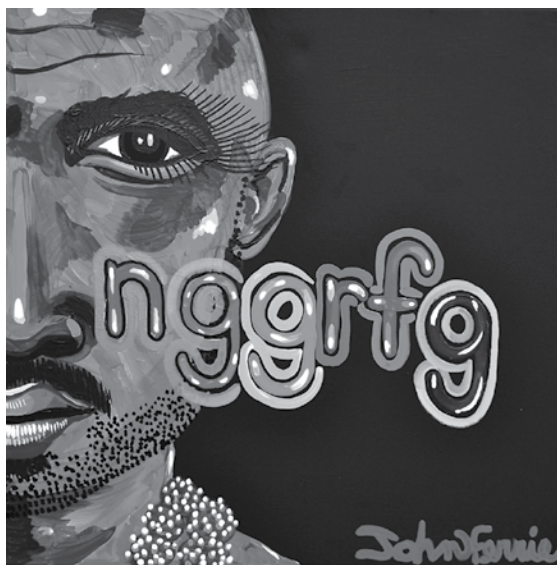
Starring Berend McKenzie, directed by the late great Denis Simpson

Co-Presented with Small Brown Package and the Vancouver Pride Society

2 NIGHTS ONLY! Don't miss your last chance to see the Jessie nominated, hit play *nggrfg* before it moves onto Toronto in November. Every ticket holder enters to win the original piece of poster art by John Ferrie.

nggrfg is a revealing and hilarious tour-de-force one-man show about a queer black kid negotiating the bewildering minefield of straight white Canada: from the schoolyard, to the perils of dating, to the "glamour" of showbiz. *nggrfg* is for anyone who has ever felt marginalized. Directed by Canadian theatre legend Denis Simpson.

Since opening two years ago in Edmonton *nggrfg* has enjoyed sell out theatre and school performances across Canada.



"Playful and touching. McKenzie is an ebullient performer, (it) left this crusty old critic in tears, nggrfg is for anyone who's ever felt like an outsider."

- Colin Thomas, Georgia Straight

\$12 in advance, \$15-20 sliding scale at the door

DARCY MICHAEL: THE GAYEST SHOW ON EARTH; PART DEUX, EVEN GAYER

TUES JULY 26 | 9PM

Co-presented with the Vancouver Pride Society.

Last year Darcy Michael gave us the Gayest Show on Earth. This year he's skinnier and bitchier, an he's back with *The Gayest Show on Earth – Part Deux, Even Gayer*.

Join Darcy as he takes us for a year in a review of his life, your life and everything in between. Joined by some of Vancouver's top queer performers - Darcy will be taking the audience for a wild and hilarious ride into pride!

Featuring music, drag, sketch, improv & stand up.

STARRING:

Darcy Michael Symone!
Peter Breeze Armstrong Jr
Ryan Steele Amy Gee
Tops & Bottoms Improv

and more!!

Darcy Michael is considered one of Canada's rising stars. Coming off his wildly successful debut at the prestigious Just for Laughs festival in Montreal, where the Montreal Gazette pegged him as one of their favorites, Darcy went on to film his first national stand up special for CTV and The Comedy Network which aired in June 2010. Darcy was also featured on a pre-taped segment for The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. Shortly after Darcy filmed a Gala set for the Winnipeg Comedy Festival in which he was nominated for a 2010 Canadian Comedy Award for Best Televised Performance. April 2010 saw Darcy featured as one of the final 8 in the Comedy Networks Great Canadian Laugh Off. In the fall of 2008 he recorded his first CD in conjunction with XM Radio called: "You're Gay Now."



Photo Credit April Plett

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WILD WOMEN

WED JULY 27 | 9PM



Comedy with the funniest ladies from The Bobbers, co-presented with The Vancouver Pride Society.

The funniest ladies from queer comedy troupe The Bobbers (of Vancouver comedy and *Tops and Bottoms* — Out TV fame) create improvised madness in this one-time-only show. In *Wild Women*, an army of queer improvisers make mayhem on the spacious stage - spontaneous comedy with femme edge.

\$12 in advance, \$15-20 sliding scale at the door

ELECTROSEXUAL: SucK iT uP!

SAT JULY 30 | 7:30PM

A night of music and art, as the best of Vancouver's out electronic musicians – indie-electro band Hector, electro-pop sensation SAM, soulful hip hop MC Beth "Buzy B" Allen, and headliners Bluelight – share the stage with live interactive video by artist Jamie Griffiths.



HECTOR is a fracas of vigorous bass and drum grooves, mixed with digital din. Old-school rock and electro-pop meet with inextinguishable lyrical hooks and melodies.



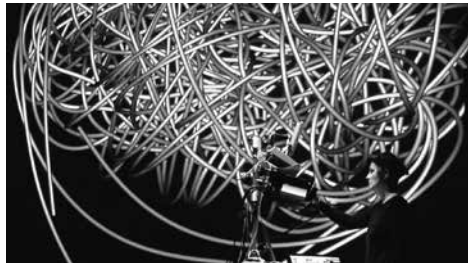
SAM features Jerome Mandrake's lyrical writing and vocal performances along with James Sadoway's musical compositions and lyrical co-writing. Their debut album has been released on iTunes.



Beth "Buzy B" Allen has performed as DJ and MC at Lick nightclub, The Reef restaurant, the Sista' Hood festival and the Queer Film Festival. Writing lyrics, singing, rhyiming and scratching are some of the reason's why she

goes by the name Buzy B.

Electronic duo Bluelight formed in 2008, releasing their debut four track EP on Boomsnack Records.



Their full-length album 'On The Edge' is set for release in July 2011, coinciding with their first video 'I See Fine', directed by Lorna Richards.

jamie griffiths is an interdisciplinary visual artist & film-maker, working with photography, film, live performance improvisation and interactive medias and softwares. Her latest works include 3D video projections and designs for a new handheld wireless video performance instrument.

\$12 in advance, \$15-20 sliding scale at the door

BIG GAY SING

SUN JULY 31 | 7PM



A festive audience sing-along with the Vancouver Men's Chorus, Willie Zwozdesky, conductor

Co-produced with the Vancouver Men's Chorus

The Vancouver Men's Chorus marches back into Pride with the second edition of The Big Gay Sing! On the heels of last year's sell out event, this interactive audience sing-a-long is the perfect way to celebrate pride. It's karaoke with glitter!

The hosts for this fabulous evening of entertainment will be none other than the unstoppable Conni Smudge along with our very own VMC member and actor extraordinaire; Jamie Foster. This dynamic duo will get the show rolling as they lead the audience in

song as well as entertaining all with their hilarious antics on stage. Don't worry about your singing ability or learning any words as they will be projected high above you; while a bouncing ball guides you to sing the words you need to. There will be singing and schmacting galore by various VMC members, artistically lead by our very own Willi Zwozdesky and accompanied by our own Liberace – Dr. Stephen Smith.

Keep the Pride celebration going after watching the parade by joining us at the Roundhouse.

Win a prize by coming dressed in your most outrageous outfit; cash bar will be available!

Tickets: \$20

SCREAMING WEENIE'S CLEAN SHEETS 2011

SHOWCASES THREE PLAYS ON TUES, AUGUST 2 AND 9

NEW SCRIPTS, ACTORS, AND A STAGE

Screaming Weenie's Clean Sheets is the annual event of original queer-themed plays by both emerging and established Canadian playwrights. Plays were selected from an open, nation-wide call for submissions. This year's playwrights come from Vancouver, Toronto and Montréal.

Playwrights are teamed up with a local team of actors and a dramaturge behind closed doors for a couple of days before they take to the stage to share these original new Canadian works.



1 THE BETTER PARTS OF MOURNING

TUES | AUGUST 2 | 6:30 PM

by Christopher Cook (Vancouver, BC)

Dramaturged by Jan Derbyshire

2 MARLA'S PARTY

TUES | AUGUST 2 | 8:15 PM

by Darrah Teitel (Montréal, QC)

Dramaturged by James Fagan Tait

\$5 suggested donation

3 UNSTUCK

TUES | AUGUST 9 | 6:30 PM

by Evan Tsitsias (Toronto, ON)

Dramaturged by David C. Jones

4 SAFE WORDS

TUES | AUGUST 2 | 8:30 PM

Visiting playwright Evan Tsitsias reads one of his plays.

When your only safety is in your words, what happens when you forget them? Two men explore their boundaries inside their very own Safe Words. Derbyshire

QUEER CROSS-BORDER POLLINATION

WED AUGUST 3 | 7:30PM

Curated by Rachel Rose

Literary readings and conversation with some of the most powerful and innovative Canadian and American writers in our community:

John Barton has published nine books of poetry, most recently *Hymn*. His writing has won three Archibald Lampman Awards, the Patricia Hackett Prize (University of Western Australia), an Ottawa Book Award, a CBC Literary Award, and a National Magazine Award.

Elizabeth J. Colen is the author of *Lambda Literary Award-nominated prose poetry collection Money for Sunsets* and flash fiction chapbook *Dear Mother Monster, Dear Daughter Mistake*. She serves as poetry editor of *Thumbnail Magazine*.

Jen Currin has published three books of poetry: *The Sleep of Four Cities*; *Hagiography*; and *The Inquisition Yours* which is shortlisted for the 2011 Dorothy Livesay Poetry Prize, the Lambda Literary Award in Poetry, and the Audre Lorde Award.

Carol Guess is the author of seven books of poetry and prose, as well as four forthcoming collections: *Darling Endangered*, *Doll Studies: Forensics*, *Willful*



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Departure.

With support from the U.S. Embassy, *Poetry is Dead* and Simon Fraser University.

Machine, and *My Father In Water*. She lives with her spouse, Elizabeth J. Colen, on the Washington coast.

Wayne Koestenbaum has published five books of poetry, one novel, and six books of nonfiction. He is a distinguished professor of English at the CUNY Graduate Center and also a visiting professor in the painting department of the Yale School of Art.

Lydia Kwa lives and works in Vancouver as a writer and psychologist. She has published one book of poetry, *The Colours of Heroines*, and three novels *This Place Called Absence*; *The Walking Boy*; and *Pulse*.

Rachel Rose holds dual U.S. and Canadian citizenship. She has published two books: *Giving My Body to Science* (winner of the Quebec Writers' Federation A.M. Klein Award and finalist for The Gerald Lampert Award, The Pat Lowther Award, and the Grand Prix du Livre de Montreal) and *Notes on Arrival* and

\$5 suggested donation

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THE NO SHIT SHIRLEYS

THUR AUGUST 4 | 7:30PM



Acapella world music/protest songs with seven sassy n' sweet women.

Back by popular demand! The No Shit Shirleys are seven unique women with seven signature, solo voices, who have come together to create a jewel-toned septet. They have inspired and touched the hearts of audiences with music that truly celebrates both life's joys and struggles. The No Shit Shirleys are proud to present a concert centering on life, love and womanhood for the Queer Arts Festival,

featuring original material and gorgeous, innovative arrangements of traditional pieces from around the world. Whether it be love songs, music of celebration, or songs of protest, the Shirleys' music is always full of joy, strength and courage – music to live by.

Also check out the Singing, Rhythm and Body Percussion Workshop on August 6, led by No Shit Shirley Dawn Pemberton (page 21).

\$12 in advance, \$15-20 sliding scale at the door

JODAIKO

FRI AUGUST 5 | 7:30PM



Incendiary international women's Taiko drumming ensemble led by Tiffany Tamaribuchi.

Festival favorites JODAIKO will rip it up with an evening of Japanese Taiko drumming.

This international group of women taiko drummers is led by the first and only female World Taiko Champion, Tiffany Tamaribuchi. High-octane, high-decibel, and high-energy, this show always sells out, so get your tickets early!

Jodaiko is comprised of members of the Sacramento Taiko Dan and guest artists from Taiko groups throughout North America. The ensemble strives to express the passion and strength of women through the art of Taiko.

Jodaiko made its debut in 1988 at the CSUS Women's History Month Celebration. This led to their first community performance on the west steps of the California State Capitol at the Take Back the Night March and Rally sponsored by the University Women's Center.

Highlights for this group have included a joint concert with The Dance Brigade at the Osaka Prefectural Women's Center in Osaka, Japan and main stage performances for the West Coast Women's Music and Comedy Festival.

Also check out Tiffany's taiko drumming workshop on August 6 (see page 21).



\$20

GLITTER AND BE GAY: A DRAG CABARET

SAT AUGUST 6 | 7:30PM



Photo Credit Melissa Baker

Opera stars Joel Klein (Maria Toilette / Cherie Pauper), and Frédéric Robert, tenor (and Infamous Numbers Idol Judge), performing with the inimitable Karen Lee-Morlang on piano, bring you the smoky tones of Berlin's cabaret stage, famous drag duets from the Great White Way, and off-kilter (off-colour?) pop-opera-art fusion in this hour-long tour-de-force. Cameo appearance by pop hottie Zack Singer.

Bass-Baritone Joel Klein most recently sang the role of Bart in Edmonton Opera's February production of *The Barber of Seville*, a role he created in Vancouver Opera's 2007/8 touring production of *The Barber of Seville*. He has also performed for City Opera Vancouver Burnaby Lyric Opera. After recent success in France, Joel has been invited to return for a series of concerts throughout the Rhône-Alpes and Bordeaux regions.



At only 24 years old, Vancouver based tenor Frédéric Robert has already sung over 20 roles and many concerts with professional companies and orchestras across Canada. Versatile in almost any genre of music, Frédéric is also very proud to be a member of the group, Romanza "L'arte del tenore" performing across North America.



Performer, educator and impresario Karen Lee-Morlang has been recognized and remembered for her exquisite playing, boisterous stage presence as well as her freshly innovative programming. She is well-loved by audiences for producing creative

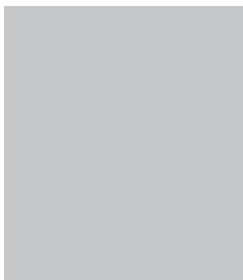
performances that incorporate music appreciation, theatrical elements and multi-disciplinary fields.

\$12 in advance, \$15-20 sliding scale at the door

SHORT SHORTS

SUN AUGUST 7 | 7:30PM

Sailor by Sarah Race



A night of miniatures — performance briefs from a bouquet of artistic disciplines

Reading by beloved author and radio personality Bill Richardson

Dancer and choreographer Noam Gagnon, performing his spectacular solo piece *Gone*

Contact Improv duo MACHiNENOiSY performing *Self Less*, created in 2006 in response to the south east asian tsunami

Violinist Rebecca Whitting (of Vancouver's premiere contemporary chamber music ensemble *Standing Wave*) performing Jeffrey Ryan's virtuoso solo *Bellatrix*

Tenor William George singing *Love Songs* from *Powers of Two: The Artist*, by renowned electro-acoustic composer Barry Truax

New work by Mark Sean Kershaw, titled *Heliopause*: a public lecture for invited guests only: a mix of stand-up, interactive improv, music, philosophy, two talking dolls and a sombrero.

Aerialists Jillian Deri and Wendy Mendes perform *The Doctors Are In*: a graceful adagio in the air on single point trapeze, set to the beguiling live violin music of Kathleen Forrester.

\$12 in advance, \$15-20 sliding scale at the door

QUEEROTICA

mon august 8 | 7:30pm

Erotic Literary Readings, curated by Amber Dawn

Founded by Elaine Miller and Afuwa Granger, Queerotica continues under the chimerical curatorship of writer/performer Amber Dawn. Ten local authors traverse not only the wide breadth of queer sex, desire and identities, but also explore how different literary genres and modes of storytelling all make fine bedmates for erotica.

From the pop-underground song writing of up-and-comer Leroy Wan to the archival (circa 1970s) counter-cultural journalism of Kevin Dale McKeown to the strange and magical sensuality of novelist Hiromi Goto, Queerotica offers a robust and racy line-up.

Readings by:

Hiromi Goto Elaine Miller

Amber Dawn Afuwa Granger

Sigal Samuel C. E. Gatchalian

Marco Soriano Kevin Dale McKeown

Leroy Wan Daniel Zomparelli



Come Undone by Patricia Atchison

\$5 suggested donation

WORKSHOPS

Taiko Drumming Workshop

with Tiffany Tamaribuchi and members of JODAIKO

Join International Taiko Champion Tiffany Tamaribuchi and other members of JODAIKO for one of QAF's most popular workshops. If you've ever watched taiko and wondered what it felt like to hit those big drums yourself, this is your chance!

Sat | Aug 6 | 10:30 am
\$30



Singing, Rhythm & Body

Percussion Workshop
with Dawn Pemberton

Clap your hands, stomp your feet and raise your voice! Join Dawn Pemberton of the No Shit Shirleys to discover the joy of creative expression, music and rhythm while using one of the world's first instruments . . . the human body. This workshop is for all levels and we will be learning everything by ear— no experience is required to have a good time.

Sat | August 6 | 1 pm
\$30, Full bursaries available on the online registration form

Life Drawing Workshop

with Sakino Sepulveda

Join visual artist Sakino Sepulveda and models for a 2-day workshop celebrating the beauty of the human form. The workshop will cover drawing technique with pencil and charcoal, as well as the theory of line, mass conception, light and shade, and more.

Sat | August 6 | 3 pm-6pm
Sun | August 7 | noon-3 pm
\$30 for both days, \$15 for one day. Full bursaries available on the online registration form.

DIY Podplay workshop

Co-presented with NewWorld Theatre and the Vancouver Queer Film Festival

Podplays are short, site-specific audio play that takes participants on a walk through the geography of a city and the urban obsessions of its residents. Much like you would listen to an audio guide in a museum, you load podplays onto portable media players and are guided on a walk by narration that combines story, music and directional cues. Renowned Queer playwright C. E. Gatchalian will lead you through the imaginative and technological hoops of podplay creation.

Wed | August 10 | 6-9:30 pm
\$5 suggested donation



Please arrive 30 minutes prior to workshop start

Or pre-register online at queerartsfestival.com/qaf-all-ages-workshop-registration

YOUTH EVENTS



Law of Proximity: Youth Contact Improvisation

Workshop with MACHiNENOiSY
5-day youth dance workshop

MACHiNENOiSY Artistic Directors Delia Brett and Daelik offer a 5-day workshop introducing the fundamentals of Contact Improvisation. Contact improvisation (CI) is a dance technique in which points of physical contact provide the starting point for movement improvisation. Requiring no formal dance training, CI develops clarity of intention when communicating through touch. It is a dance of proximity as it works with shared weight, shared choice making and shared physical contact. It develops self-awareness and a sense of interpersonal trust.

August 2-6 | 4:30-6:30 pm daily
(progressive class)
\$350, Full bursaries available



Youth Visual Arts Workshop

with Roxanne Gagnon: Self-Inquiry; Mixed Media
3-day progressive class

Project: Self-Inquiry; Mixed Media

Join rockin' instructor Roxanne Gagnon in an exploration of self-inquiry through manipulation of mixed media including found objects and remnants of pop culture. This 3-day workshop is designed for LGBT / Queer / Questioning youth with a keen interest in visual arts.

Tues | August 2 | 6 pm-8:30 pm
Thur | August 4 | 6 pm-8:30 pm
Sat | August 6 | 1 pm-3:30 pm
\$120, Full bursaries available

Please note that these youth workshops are designed to build from session to session, and are therefore not run on a drop-in basis.



Rosamond Norbury

Fierce & Fabulous Party

Youth Gala co-produced annually with the Vancouver Queer Film Festival

It's time to let loose your personal fierceness. Vancouver has its own fabulous and under-twenty-five crowd after all. The Fierce and Fabulous party is free and for queers and allies under-twenty five, only. The night begins with a tour of the Queer Arts Festival exhibition—imagine an art show with 100% queer art on the walls!

The creativity continues with the premiere screening of the 2011 NO HATE films and Anti-Homophobia PSA competition winners. Next, there is time for everyone to shine at the open-mic cabaret, so bring your poems, your drag costume, or any short live act you'd like to share. Your audience awaits! The party ends with dance tunes by DJ Extra Feeling.

Fri | Aug 12 | 8 pm

Please arrive 30 minutes prior to workshop start

Or pre-register online at queerartsfestival.com/qaf-youth-workshops-registration
Full bursaries available for all QAF youth workshops.

ARTIST TALK

Artist's Talk: The Charge of the Documentarian

Co-presented with
the Vancouver Queer
Film Festival.

This free artists' talk explores the passion and ethics of documentary making. Director Susi Graf spent upward of seven years following a group of homeless queer youth in New York City, yielding the feature film *Lost in the Crowd*. To make her semi-autobiographic film, *I Am*, Sonali Gulati returned to Delhi, India to speak with gay and lesbian Indians in a landscape where being queer was until recently a criminal offense.

While their subject matter may differ, these two women directors have both experienced the tremendous amount of labour and love that goes into developing relationships and documenting under-heard voices. Through this moderated artists' talk, Graf and Gulati discuss their process—from first contact with interviewees to using their films as a tool for awareness. This moderated talk, with an audience Q&A session, is aimed at documentary filmmakers, non-fiction authors, researchers, outreach workers or anyone with a desire to empower the voices of others.

Co-presented with the Vancouver Queer Film Festival.

Moderated by educator and art lover, Louise Pohl.
Co-presented with the Vancouver Queer Film Festival.

Sat | August 13 | 12 pm
Free!



Sonali Gulati

Artist's Talk: Show Your Film to the World!

Co-presented with
the Vancouver Queer
Film Festival.

You've made a film—maybe it's a short comedy or maybe it's a feature "tear jerker" or a documentary. Whatever the length, theme or genre, you're bound to want a wide audience. This panel-style workshop explores the avenues an emerging filmmaker can take to submit their films to Canadian and international film festivals, find a distributor or post your video for online-viewing, and more.

Join Mel Prichard, short film programmer for the Hamburg International Queer Film Festival and film scout for Busk Films; Alex Muir, distribution assistant and technician, at VIVO Media Arts Centre; and Jason Karman, a local, mid-career short film director who represents his own films. Moderated by Amber Dawn, Director of Programming, Vancouver Queer Film Festival

Co-presented with the Vancouver Queer Film Festival.

Sat | August 13 | 2:30 pm
Free!



Jason Karman

QUEER ARTS FESTIVAL CLOSING PARTY

SAT AUGUST 13 | 7:30PM

The QAF final big blow-out, as the Pride in Art Society celebrates the 2011 festival and the many dedicated volunteers who made it possible.

Many of the names of the volunteers were not available at the time of printing, but they include:

River Light - catering

Laurie Presloski - catering, installation, gallery hosting

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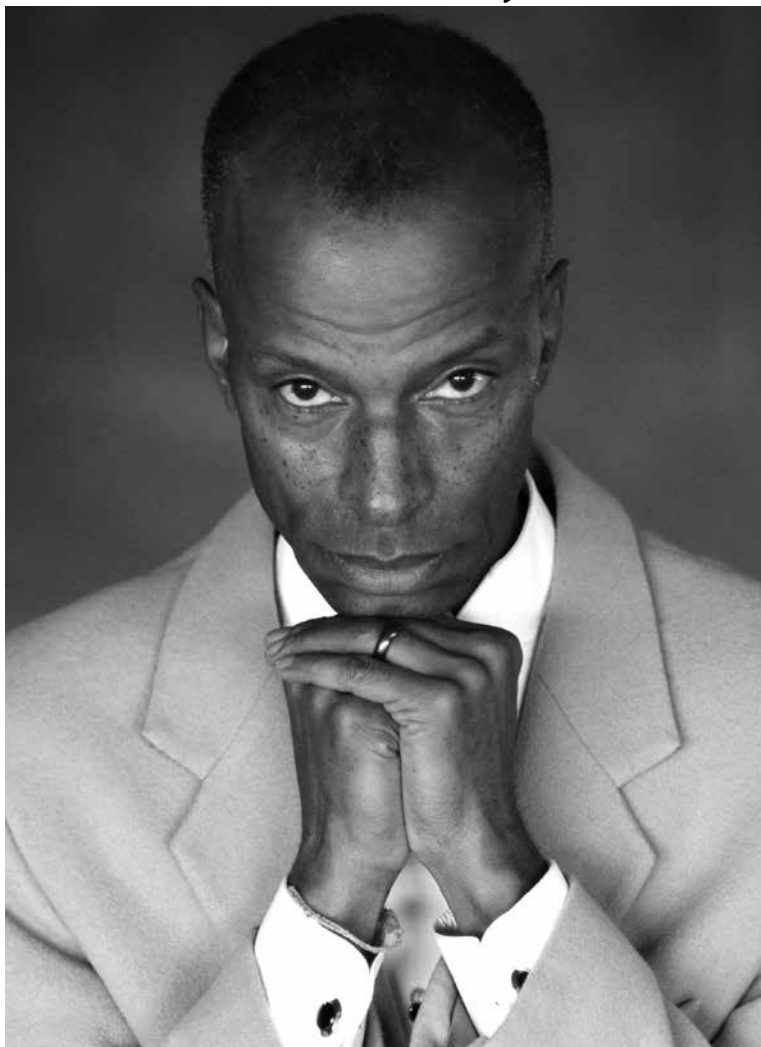
**We could not have done it without
you and your efforts.**

If anyone deserves thanks, it's YOU.

YOU ROCK!!!

"Of course I had fun - that's what I went for!" - C.W. Holman

in memory of
Denis Simpson
November 4, 1950 - October 22, 2010



The Queer Arts Festival community mourns the passing of Denis Simpson, Canadian theatre legend who appeared at QAF every year since the festival's inception in 2008.

We miss you, sweet, beautiful, talented man.

QAF QUEER ARTS FESTIVAL

PLANNING MEETING FOR QAF 2012:

Random Acts of Queerness

THURS AUGUST 11 | 6PM

Want to be part of the Queer Arts Festival?

Come to our first planning meeting for QAF 2012. The festival theme is Random Acts of Queerness, in homage to the centenary year of multi-disciplinary artist John Cage, whose work celebrated indeterminacy.

Meet the people who make QAF happen, learn about the submissions process, and help brainstorm the theme for 2013. Pride in Art welcomes artists and art-lovers of all ages, orientations, backgrounds and abilities to participate in QAF's ongoing planning and preparation.

The Queer Arts Festival in Vancouver is presented by the Pride in Art Society. An annual showcase of queer arts, culture and history, QAF celebrates the unique creative expressions of visual and performing artists who identify as part of the queer communities. QAF features a curated visual arts show, a community art show, and 3 dynamic weeks of cutting-edge performances and workshops from all artistic disciplines, including music, dance, theatre, literary and media arts.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Pride in Art Society is to promote the production and exhibition of queer art. The Pride in Art Society creates opportunities for dialogue between queer artists from different disciplines, encourages visibility and appreciation of queer art and artists. The Pride in Art Society fosters inclusion, equality and a strong political voice for the queer communities. We combat homophobia by building greater public awareness and acceptance of individuals and groups outside sexual and gender norms.

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