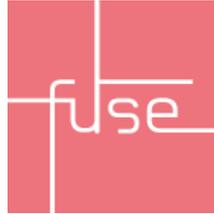


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Stay Up Late With the Gallery



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Vancouver, BC – Every fourth Friday from July through November, Vancouver’s leading visual arts destination will take on an entirely new light - at night. *FUSE*, an evening of art, music and live performance, debuts at the Vancouver Art Gallery on Friday, July 22.

Admission is \$10 per person, \$5 off the regular adult ticket price, and includes access to the entire Gallery, music by top Vancouver DJ’s and performance art from 6 to 11 p.m., with food and drinks available in The Gallery Café and patio. Members of the Vancouver Art Gallery receive free *FUSE* admission.

The Gallery’s summer exhibitions’ celebrate the human form with major works by sculptor Auguste Rodin and contemporary works by Theodore Wan, Wang Du, Franz West and fourteen young British artists. The inaugural July 22 *FUSE* continues the theme with a focus on the human body. Guest lecturer **Patricia Vertinsky** will explore how we nurture, medicate, present and represent the body as a medium of culture and form at 7 p.m. in the Gallery’s Open Studio. Beginning at 8:00, **Kokoro Dance Company’s** slow, sensual, sculptural movements will celebrate the human form in the Gallery’s Forecourt, adjacent to the masterworks in the *Rodin: A Magnificent Obsession – Sculpture from the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation* exhibition. **Vancouver TheaterSports League**, with some of the city’s funniest and most daring comics, will “interact” with Austrian artist Franz West’s wearable sculptures at 9:15 in the Highwall Gallery. Exchanges with Vancouver-based artist collectives **Instant Coffee** and **Intermission** will be held throughout the evening, with music by **DJ Chris Frey**, a fixture in the Vancouver music and art scene, and an encore Gallery appearance by **DJ Granny ‘Ark**.

Late night Fridays *FUSE* at the Vancouver Art Gallery: THE new place to meet friends in downtown Vancouver.

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