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The Vancouver Art Gallery Invites Kids and Parents to Look *Through the Lens*
Family FUSE Weekend, March 3rd and 4th, 2012

VANCOUVER, BC – On March 3rd and 4th, children and their parents will have the opportunity to look *Through the Lens* at the Vancouver Art Gallery's *Family FUSE Weekend*. *Through the Lens* – the latest presentation of the Gallery's highly popular art exploration program for families – is all about learning new ways of seeing through art, music, dance and other creative forms.

A wide range of artists, musicians, and performers will be on hand to help. Inspired by the exhibition *Beat Nation: Art, Hip Hop and Aboriginal Culture*, highlights of this spring's *Family FUSE Weekend* include:

- ***Live Aerosol Art Demonstration***
Watch art in action – *First Nations artists Corey Bulpitt aka Akos and Larissa Healey aka Gurl 23* lay down an original aerosol art work. 11am – 3pm, near Robson Street doors.
- ***Four Points of View***
Join First Nations artists *Gabrielle L'Hirondelle Hill, Jeneen Frei Njootli, Julian Napoleon and Trevor Angus* as they share their perspectives on the world around us through hands-on making activities. 10:30am to 4:30pm, 4th Floor Gallery.
- ***Pow Wow Fusion***
See traditional pow wow dance with a contemporary interpretation as *Nyla Carpentier* dances to music by Aboriginal hip hop group *A Tribe Called Red*. 11am, 1st floor Rotunda.
- ***Pow Wow 101 Workshop***
Participants learn the basic steps of pow wow dancing with dancer *Nyla Carpentier*. This is a sign-up workshop and space is limited. Ages 5+. 11:30am in the Annex.
- ***Rapsure Risin***
MCs *Carrielynn Victor aka Num!nouS and Theresa Point aka Apt Exact* perform their own brand of rap. 11:30am and 1:30pm, 1st Floor Rotunda.
- ***Ostwelve: Coast Salish Hip Hop Transformation***
Ostwelve is a Sto:lo Coast Salish multimedia artist. His performance uses hip hop music to tell stories of life, culture, history and love. 1pm and 3pm, 1st Floor Rotunda.
- ***Introduction to Writing a Hip Hop Song Workshop***
Learn about the origins of hip hop music, gain skills in song-writing, and experiment with your own lyrics and voices. The workshop environment is fun and encouraging for future hip hop stars! This is a sign-up workshop and space is limited. Ages 8+. 2pm in the Annex.

- **And lots more!** Including a graffiti wall for kids to tag with their own 'street name', sketch stations, special *Art Agents* tours, family friendly films, and art activities in *The Making Place*.

Family FUSE Weekend is presented three times annually as one of several educational programs that enhance visitor experiences, while offering new ways to view, discuss and think about art. Children aged 12-and-under are free when accompanied by an adult.

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