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## **Vancouver Art Gallery's *FUSE* to offer high-flying dancers and self-serve DJ-ing July 28th at the Vancouver Art Gallery**

**VANCOUVER, BC** — The **Vancouver Art Gallery's** July 28th ***FUSE*** will feature gravity-defying dancers scaling the exterior of the building, mp3 DJs, massive shape-shifting orbs and a flashlight focus on Robson Square. With live music on the Gallery Café's see-and-be-seen patio and expert tours of current exhibitions, *FUSE* offers Vancouver's most unique night of art, music and performance.

Vancouver-based dance company **Aeriosa** will present an airborne act, swinging and repelling from the Gallery both inside and out. Bringing dance to the vertical realm, the troupe will create site-specific works for the Hornby Street façade and the Gallery's rotunda, which highlight the building's architecture with a breathtaking midair performances using rope rigging systems and graceful leaps of faith.

**iDJ** will give *FUSE*-goers the chance to program 15 minutes of music in the *FUSE* Lounge, a bar space on the Gallery's 4th floor. Prospective DJs are invited to play their tunes by coming equipped with the mp3 player of their choice and plugging it into the Lounge sound system. For anyone with melodious gems to share, or those who possess musical flare, iDJ breaks the bonds of the earphone to let music spill forth.

**SPACEAGENCY**, a committee of Vancouver architects, professors, artists and critics, will fill a section of the exhibition *Arthur Erickson: Critical Works* with glowing orbs measuring five to nine metres in diameter. Titled *Fluxspace*, the massive nylon balloons will alter visitors' experience of the Gallery by inflating and deflating at various rates, while acting as a backdrop to projected images. Designed by two Tokyo-based architects for an international design competition, the orbs were installed last summer between buildings in a Gastown alleyway to great public response.

Local historian **John Atkin** will lead *FUSE*-goers on flashlight tours of Arthur Erickson-designed Robson Square. From the Vancouver Art Gallery to the Provincial Courthouse, Atkin will illuminate the massive public project that has come to define Vancouver's urban landscape. Inside the Gallery, animatures will provide a deeper look at the exhibitions *Raven Travelling: Two Centuries of Haida Art* and *Arthur Erickson: Critical Works* with guided tours throughout the evening.

*FUSE* tickets are \$10 per person, \$5 off the regular adult admission price. Members of the Vancouver Art Gallery receive free admission.

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