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International Lecture Series:
Roger Buergel, Artistic Director and Ruth Noack, curator
of documenta 12

Vancouver, BC – On November 8, the Vancouver Art Gallery will present the latest thought-provoking evening in its new *International Lecture Series*. **Roger Buergel**, artistic director, will present an overview of **documenta 12**, one of the most significant and important international exhibitions for contemporary arts and artists.

Established by painter and professor Arnold Bode of Kassel, Germany in 1955, **documenta**'s original purpose was to re-establish Germany as a world partner and supporter of the arts. Now presented every five years, **documenta 12** will continue this 50-year tradition in Kassel, Germany in June 2007.

The *International Lecture Series* will also include a discussion with Buergel's collaborator, Ruth Noack, curator, art historian, lecturer and independent critic. Their joint presentation will focus on Buergel's concerns with artistic autonomy and aesthetic experience, as well as the social and political power of art and their role in **documenta**'s development.

Roger Buergel studied at the Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna, the University of Vienna, MIT and Berkeley. He has organized and curated numerous exhibitions and was the first recipient of the Walter Hopps Award for Curatorial Achievement in 2003.

The Vancouver Art Gallery is pleased to present this lecture series as a public forum to engage in discussions of compelling ideas, contemporary art and events from the international art scene. The lecture will take place at UBC Robson Square Theatre at 7pm. Tickets are \$15 per person and \$10 for Gallery members, seniors and students. For ticket information, phone 604 662 4717.

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