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**The Vancouver Art Gallery Invites Kids and Parents to *Speak Loud*
Family FUSE Weekend, March 5th and 6th, 2011**

VANCOUVER, BC – Most art galleries are quiet places. But on March 5th and 6th, children and their parents will have the opportunity to ***Speak Loud*** at the Vancouver Art Gallery's ***Family FUSE Weekend***. *Speak Loud* – the latest edition of the Gallery's highly popular art exploration program for families – is all about learning new ways of being heard through art, music, dance and many other creative forms.

Taking its cue from the Gallery's current exhibitions *KEN LUM*, *WE: Vancouver*, and *UNREAL*, *Family FUSE Weekends* give families exciting opportunities to share ideas through using their imaginations.

A wide range of artists, musicians, and performers will be on hand to help. Highlights of *Family FUSE Weekend* on March 5th and 6th include:

- ***Speak Loud – Poetry Performance***
Poets Kelesey Savage and Tanya Evanson use their voices to be heard in the world. Savage performs Saturday; Evanson on Sunday.
- ***Dance Loud***
Art Agents Caroline Liffman and Chris O'Connor invite kids and parents to join them in using movement and dance to engage with art in the *UNREAL* exhibition.
- ***Drum Loud***
Drummers Tiffany Tamaribuchi, Eileen Kage and Leslie Komori of taiko drumming group *Jodaiko* perform in the Rotunda.
- ***Build High***
Join **art educator Richard Clement** and other kids to make a large cardboard building that 'grows' throughout the weekend.
- ***Posters, Placards and Signs!***
Art Agents Brady Cranfield, Jody Kramer and Sarvenaz Amanat invite families to make a poster, placard or sign which communicates a message to the community.
- ***Woodward's Community Choir***
Join the Woodward's Community Choir in a musical conversation that speaks to Ken Lum's *Mirror Maze with 12 Signs of Depression*. The choir's sonic remedy to feeling sad is singing together. Come raise your voice with them for a dose of collective joy!
- ***And lots more!*** Including special street dance and slam poetry workshops (pre-registration required), a sketching station, and an interactive digital graffiti wall.

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.

A full schedule of activities and times is attached.

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