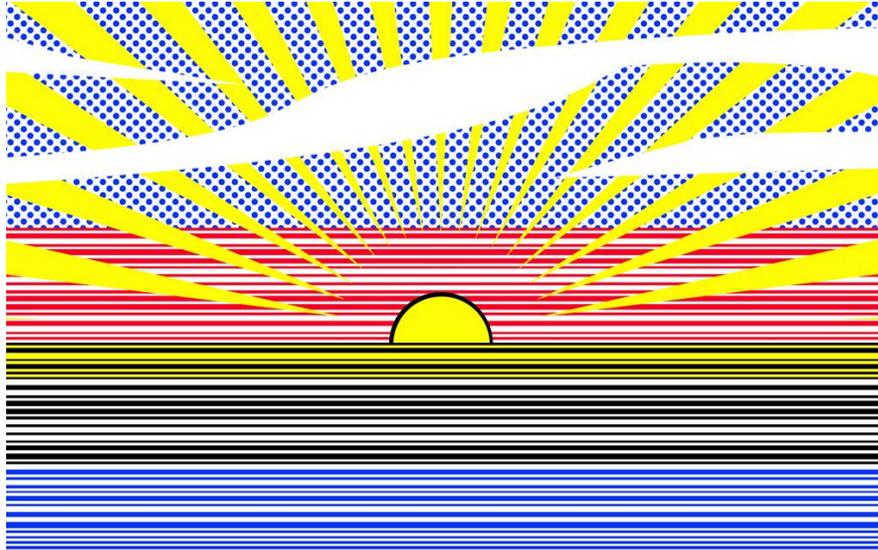


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Douglas Coupland Exhibition Slated For Summer 2014  
May 31 to September 1, 2014



Douglas Coupland  
*Luggage Bar Code Sunset No. 4, 2012*  
acrylic on canvas  
Courtesy of Daniel Faria Gallery

July 11, 2013, Vancouver, BC—A major exhibition featuring the multi-faceted work of artist Douglas Coupland will be presented at the Vancouver Art Gallery from May 31 to September 1, 2014. Titled ***Douglas Coupland: everywhere is anywhere is anything is everything***, it is the first exhibition to survey the visual art of this well-known Vancouver author, designer and artist. The title of the exhibition refers to Coupland's relationship with place, cultural identity and the contemporary era's ready access to information and technology.

Coupland's work challenges conventional definitions of high and low art, referencing historical artists such as members of the Group of Seven, Andy Warhol, Robert Rauschenberg and Roy Lichtenstein, while also drawing on pop culture, technology and Canadiana to explore "the 21<sup>st</sup> Century condition." Working with diverse media—from children's toys to books to found materials such as plastic lids—he probes the way the things, the images and the processes of contemporary life affect our understanding of the world. The exhibition will be comprised of five thematic sections, including: *Canada Noir*, which will unravel Canadian cultural identity with paintings, large-scale sculptural installations and building models, and *Words into Objects*, in which the artist investigates his relationship with text and literature.

Coupland who is heavily involved in the digital realm, is contributing to a real-time online magazine about the exhibition. Please check out [couplandexhibition.org](http://couplandexhibition.org)

Douglas Coupland was born in 1961 and grew up in West Vancouver, where he continues to live and work. Known to many as an author, his ground-breaking novel *Generation X: Tales for an Accelerated Culture* was the first of his many best-selling books. He is the author of thirteen novels, seven nonfiction books, two collections of short stories and he has also written for film and television. Coupland has exhibited his artwork since the 1980s nationally and internationally.

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