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**Wherever there are beating hearts, there are brilliant stories!
Take the whole Family to the Vancouver Art Gallery's
Family FUSE Weekend: Tell Me A Story
November 23rd and 24th, 2013, 10 am – 5 pm**

Vancouver, B.C. – Families are invited to the Vancouver Art Gallery's popular Family FUSE Weekend on November 23rd and 24th. It's a great opportunity to experience new ways of storytelling with artists, musicians, performers and educators. Share stories, hear tales and create your own fiction through all kinds of exciting performances, hands-on activities and fun workshops.

FREE for all Gallery Members and all children aged 12-and-under when accompanied by an adult. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Regular adult admission rates apply.

Some of the weekend's activities:

1. Stories on Wheels

1st floor Rotunda

11:30 am, 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm daily

This is an original street theatre act based on a Japanese travelling storytelling tradition called *kamishibai* (paper drama). Tales are brought to life by a high-energy comic performer, using picture cards displayed in a magnificent miniature wooden stage attached to the back of a bicycle. You've never been told a story this way before!

2. The Salmon People Story

4th floor Gallery

12:00 pm and 1:00 pm

From the Musqueam Nation in Vancouver, **Quelemia Stacey Sparrow** shares traditional storytelling with a contemporary voice. Hear the story of how Salmon came to be and its strong connection her people.

3. The Story of We

1st floor Rotunda

2:00 pm and 4:00 pm

Go on an auditory exploration of the human condition with stories for all ages. Through the telling of their own colourful experience, poets **Jillian Christmas** and **Francis Arevalo** unveil the universalities that tie us all together and the constructed boundaries that keep us apart.

4. Word Play Workshop with Jillian Christmas and Francis Arevalo - Sign up required

Room 301 Annex

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Uncover the spoken word artist inside yourself through an eclectic mix of group writing and physical expression activities. Wherever there are beating hearts, there are brilliant stories. This workshop highlights the vast variety of experience that we all hold, empowering the young and old to share them in a moving and meaningful way. **This is an hour long workshop for children aged 10+.**

5. Brick lounge - Sign up required

Room 301, Annex

11:00 pm, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm

Join **Douglas Coupland** and the **Vancouver Lego Club** for some hands-on tower building! Let LEGO become an art supply and bring you exciting creativity. Sign up for a time to build LEGO structures with Douglas Coupland for a chance to become part of his new work, a crowd-sourced LEGO tower for his upcoming exhibition at the Gallery in 2014.

This is an hour long workshop for children aged 6+.

6. Haida Graffiti (Saturday Only)

Outside Robson Street Doors

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Watch Charles Edenshaw descendant **Corey Bulpitt (T'aakeit G'aayaa)** spray-paint live on canvas. Corey has created art in galleries and cityscapes all over the world. He free-hands his work directly on the surface without the use of stencils or masking tape to create Haida designs in spray-paint.

7. Using Negative Space (Sunday Only)

4th East

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Learn the importance of negative space used in Haida art by drawing your own design. Through a hands-on drawing demonstration, Charles Edenshaw's descendant **Corey Bulpitt (T'aakeit G'aayaa)** explains how the negative space is used along with positive space to create successful Haida and Northwest Coast designs.

8. Art Agents

2nd floor Gallery,

10:00 am- 4:00 pm

Explore the work of Kimsooja with our knowledgeable Art Agents. Learn more about the materials and techniques she uses through a range of hands-on activities.

9. Story Generator

3rd floor Rotunda

10:30 am – 4:30 pm

Use our Story Generator to randomly select a story style, location and characters to create a simple comic strip or illustration, led by art educator **Jessica Jang** .

10. Sketch Station

2nd floor High Wall Gallery

10:30 am – 4:30pm

Through drawing and sketching, art educator **Kate Dawson** invites you to consider the work of Kimsooja and the journeys we all make.

11. Making Place

4th floor Pavillion

10:30 am – 4:00 pm

Be inspired by the work in the exhibition *In Dialogue with Carr: Gareth Moore* and try a range of explorative and hands-on activities.

12. Family Film Lounge - Programmed by Reel 2 Real International Film Festival for Youth

1st floor, Annex workshop

10.00 am - 4.30 pm

Take a break and relax in our film lounge. Eat your lunch or a snack whilst watching a selection of great animated and live action films.

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