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**Vancouver Art Gallery Presents the Canadian Premiere of
Acclaimed Performance Work *Beggar Woman – Conditions of Anonymity*
by Internationally Renowned Korean-born Artist Kimsooja
at the Gallery's FUSE event, November 29, 2013**

VANCOUVER, BC – The Vancouver Art Gallery's enormously popular FUSE brings the crowd into the Gallery on the night of **November 29th**, from **8 pm to 1 am**. Noted as the hottest cultural event in Vancouver, FUSE attracts an audience over 2000 in one night.

Not to be missed at this FUSE is *Beggar Woman*, a critically acclaimed performance art work by **Kimsooja**. Her first retrospective exhibition *KIMSOOJA Unfolding* is currently on view at the Vancouver Art Gallery, assessing the thirty-year career of this Korean-born, Paris and New York based artist.

Originally staged in Times Square (New York, 2005), *Beggar Woman* is an interactive performance that sees a group of performers in a sitting position which resembles the act of begging. In collaboration with 14 local Vancouver artists and dancers, this presentation of *Beggar Woman* marks the Canadian premiere of this remarkable performance.

Over the past thirty years, Kimsooja has emerged as one of the most innovative figures in the international art scene. Most recently, she has officially represented South Korea in the 2013 Venice Biennale.

This FUSE also features artist/author Douglas Coupland (with the Vancouver Lego Club), artist collective Instant Coffee, visual artist Germaine Koh, Sound explorer DB Boyko and more.

In addition to performances, FUSE-goers can see these current exhibitions: ***Charles Edenshaw, KIMSOOJA Unfolding, Muntadas: Entre/Between, James Hart: The Dance Screen (The Scream Too), Emily Carr in Haida Gwaii, and In Dialogue with Carr: Gareth Moore – Allochthonous Window.***

About FUSE: Inaugurated in July 2005, FUSE features live performances in the Gallery spaces, DJs, eclectic Gallery tours and unexpected surprises. It's Vancouver's favourite see-and-be-seen event. More information: http://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca/events_and_programs/fuse.html

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