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## ***FUSE: Fake Plastic*** **hottest art party this summer**

**Friday, July 11, 8pm–1am, Vancouver Art Gallery**

July 3, 2014, Vancouver, BC – Vancouver Art Gallery celebrates its popular summer exhibitions with a glamorous and eclectic evening of music, visual arts and performances with an outdoor lounge on **Friday, July 11, 2014**. *Fake Plastic*, this summer edition of **FUSE** embraces, investigates and accentuates the love of popular culture in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century where everything can be anything. Additionally, a free outdoor performance will take place on Robson Street, offering the ultimate *FUSE* experience both inside and outside the Gallery space.

*FUSE: Fake Plastic* is filled with thought-provoking and entertaining performances that play with theme of mutability, flexibility, shifts and changes, including the following:

- **Maiko Bae Yamamoto** from Theatre Replacement will construct giant rainbow loom sculptures out of elastics with help from the *FUSE* audiences.
- Using her sewing machine which is wired to a keyboard, contact mics and loop pedals, **Lisa Simpson** will complete a costume during the course of the evening while creating other-worldly sounds.
- **Special music guests:** Vancouver-based band **Cool**, featuring indie luminaries such as Adrian Teacher, Amanda Pezzutto, and Shawn Mrazek, and Vancouver's pop maestro **Nicholas Krgovich**.
- **Emelia Symington Fedy** from the Chop Theatre will reprise her popular one-on-one “fake therapy”, with an emphasis on “fake”.
- **Interactive Fabric Art:** Evelyn Roth's 1970s wearable art costumes (knit from video tape and acrylic tricord) will be animated by **MACHINENOISY's** Delia Brett and two dancers, while Evelyn mingles with the crowds wearing her *Video Tape Warrior* costume.
- An extravaganza of costume, headwear, and burlesque, **Wiggle 20** celebrates the anniversary of drag fashion show and cabaret **House of Venus**.
- In conjunction with **VIVA Vancouver**, Vancouver-based artist **Heidi Nagtegaal** will facilitate an interactive weaving project on Robson Street.

In addition to performances, FUSE-goers can see these current exhibitions:

*Douglas Coupland: everywhere is anywhere is anything is everything*

*Lost in the Memory Palace: Janet Cardiff and George Bures Miller*

*Painted Past: A History of Canadian Painting*

*On Stage: Recent Acquisitions*

*Out of Sight: New Acquisitions.*

Tickets: \$20 (+tax)

Website: [http://vanartgallery.bc.ca/events\\_and\\_programs/fuse.html](http://vanartgallery.bc.ca/events_and_programs/fuse.html)

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About **FUSE**: Since its inception in July 2005, thousands of *FUSE*-goers have converged at the Gallery for this unique adult event. Live performances and music in the Gallery spaces, DJs, eclectic Gallery tours, contemporary dance and unexpected surprises have made *FUSE* Vancouver's favourite art party ---a place to see-and-be-seen. The summer 2014 edition of *FUSE* is guest-curated by Veda Hille.

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