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***Revolution By Night, May 27, 2011***  
**VANCOUVER ART GALLERY GALA PREVIEWS**  
**MAJOR EXHIBITION OF SURREALIST ART**

Vancouver, B.C. – The Vancouver Art Gallery invites Vancouverites to celebrate the surreal on May 27<sup>th</sup> at ***Revolution By Night*** – the spectacular official gala preview for ***The Colour of My Dreams: The Surrealist Revolution in Art***.

*Revolution By Night* will give guests the opportunity to be the first to experience this unprecedented exhibition, organized by the Vancouver Art Gallery and curated by Dawn Ades, a renowned scholar and leading authority on Surrealism. Guided by Ades, gala-goers will enjoy an exclusive exhibition preview of 350 Surrealist masterworks from such prestigious institutions as The Museum of Modern Art, Centre Georges Pompidou, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, and Tate.

After the exclusive exhibition preview, the evening continues in a grand marquee on the Georgia Plaza with a spectacular dinner created by chef Jonathan Chovancek of Culinary Capers. Inspired by the Surrealists' radical sense of experimentation, highlights of the menu include Dragon's Breath, a liquid nitrogen palate cleanser, and a striking main course called The Revolution featuring black and red lentil crusted sablefish.

After the dinner, guests will enjoy a live auction of extraordinary items, dancing, and an other-worldly performance by internationally renowned performance group String Theory. The Los Angeles collaborative ensemble will mesmerize the audience with sonic sculptured performances which have been described by the Hollywood Reporter as "spectacular as anything you would have wanted to see..."

Vancouver Art Gallery board trustee and gala chair Lesley Stowe said, "this is going to be an unforgettable evening. We wanted to make this gala as unique as the extraordinary art that it celebrates. I feel confident in guaranteeing – from food to entertainment, there's never been anything quite like this in Vancouver."

Some highlights of the live auction include:

- A Table and Rooftop Affair to Remember. From InForm Interiors, a Méret Oppenheim Surrealist-inspired table and a reception for 50 guests on lawn on the roof of InForm with a private surrealist film screening and a delectable menu personally envisioned and created by renowned chef Vikram Vij.
- Manhattan by Storm: three-day art excursion hosted by international art expert Thomas Padon, with behind-the-scenes museum and gallery tours and a walking tour of 1920s New York Surrealist artists' haunts and history.
- Gallery Feast with Gordon Smith and the Surrealist Masters. Private evening exhibition tour of *The Colour of My Dreams: The Surrealist Revolution in Art*, followed by dinner with

venerable British Columbia artist Gordon Smith and guests at the new Hawksworth Restaurant, located at the Rosewood Hotel Georgia.

Tickets for *Revolution By Night* may be reserved by calling: 604-662-4747.

More information about the gala is available at:

<http://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca/revolutionbynight/main.html>

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