

MEDIA ADVISORY

Wednesday, August 17, 2005

Vancouver Art Gallery Now Open Late Every Friday

Vancouver, BC – By popular demand, the Vancouver Art Gallery has extended its hours of operation and is now open late every Friday evening. Due to the success of “Thursday Evenings by Donation” featuring extended hours and reduced admission, the Gallery will now remain open until 9p.m. the first three Fridays of the month, with *FUSE*, featuring art, music and live performance, held every fourth Friday.

“Our intention is to make the Gallery even more available and accessible to the community ” said Kathleen Bartels, Director of the Vancouver Art Gallery. “We encourage art lovers to visit the Vancouver Art Gallery on Friday evenings and experience the exhibitions in a casual, more intimate way.”

FUSE debuted to a capacity crowd of 1,200 visitors on Friday, July 22. Showcasing such local performing artists as Kokoro and Vancouver Theatre Sports, the inaugural *FUSE*, presented by RBC, featured special “body-themed” performances in celebration of the Gallery’s summer exhibitions: *Rodin: A Magnificent Obsession*, *Sculpture from the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation*; *Franz West*; *Wang Du: Parade*; *Body: New Art from the UK* and *Theodore Wan*.

- end -

Media contact:

Sue Lavitt, PR & Promotions Specialist, Vancouver Art Gallery 604 662 4700 x 309

The Vancouver Art Gallery gratefully acknowledges the support of the City of Vancouver, the Province of British Columbia through the BC Arts Council, the Government of Canada through the Canada Council for the Arts, the Department of Canadian Heritage Museums Assistance Program and the Greater Vancouver Regional District.