



**KITCHENER - WATERLOO
ART GALLERY**

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KW|AG Panel Tackles Topic of Time

Kitchener, Ontario November 2011 - The Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery is pleased to present a special panel discussion, *Present Tense: Talking About Time* on Thursday, December 1 at 7:00 pm at the Gallery.

Held in conjunction with our current exhibition, *The Limits* - which explores ideas about time and space through the eyes of seven Canadian and international contemporary artists, KW|AG curator Crystal Mowry will speak with special guests, author **Sheila Heti**, composer **Peter Hatch** and physicist **Lee Smolin** about their own notions of time.

Each guest will have 15-minutes to talk about time from their own point of view - What is time? How is it measured? How does time flow? Is time a dimension? Following their comments and observations the discussion will be opened up for audience questions and comments.

"It would be difficult to imagine a system of measurement that continues to shape our culture, idioms, and discoveries more than time. But time is much more than a series of increments. To characterize time is to wade into discussions which are much more expansive and elusive than a simple order of measurement would suggest," says Crystal Mowry, KW|AG's Curator of Exhibitions and Collections.

Admission is free. Join KW|AG for this intriguing and dynamic cross-disciplinary conversation about a topic that just keeps on ticking.

Guest Speakers

Sheila Heti lives in Toronto and works as Interview Editor of The Believer. She is the founder of the innovative Trampoline Hall lecture series, and is the author of the short story collection, *The Middle Stories*, and the novel, *Ticknor*, among others. Heti studied playwriting at the National Theatre School in Montreal before attending the University of Toronto to study art history and philosophy.

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Peter Hatch is Artistic Director of the Open Ears Festival of Music and Sound as well as a composer, concert organizer and teacher whose works are in a large number of genres, from orchestral and chamber music to instrumental theatre, electroacoustics and installations. He received a DMA degree from the University of British Columbia following MusBac and MusM degrees from the University of Toronto. His works have won recognition with composer competitions held by CBC Radio, SOCAN, the Winnipeg New Music Festival and Vancouver New Music. Hatch is a professor at the Faculty of Music, Wilfrid Laurier University.

Lee Smolin is a founding member of the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics, primarily contributing to the field of quantum gravity and currently writing about the theme of the reality of time. Born in New York City, Smolin attended Hampshire College and the University of Cincinnati, graduating from Hampshire in 1975 with a degree in Physics and Philosophy. He also attended Harvard University for graduate school and had held postdoctoral positions at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, The Institute for Theoretical Physics (now KITP) in Santa Barbara and the Enrico Fermi Institute at the University of Chicago.

About the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery

The Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery (KW|AG) connects people and ideas through art. The Gallery emphasizes contemporary art, has a 4,000 work permanent collection and offers experiences for adults, children and families. Established in 1956 and operating within Centre In The Square, KW|AG is the oldest and largest public gallery in Waterloo region: roots in the community, eyes on the world.

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Gallery Hours and Admission

M-W 9:30am-5pm., T 9:30am.-9pm, Fri 9:30am – 5pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1pm-5pm. Open prior to performances at Centre in the Square. Please view our website for current hours. www.kwag.ca

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