

## KW|AG & Magnetic North Partner for Art Walks, Live Theatre & Children's Choice Awards

*Kitchener, Ontario, Canada* - The Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery (KW|AG) in collaboration with [Magnetic North Theatre Festival](#) (June 9-19, 2010) is offering inspiring events that showcase theatre, public art, and the creativity of youth in Waterloo Region.

### **home sweet home Theatrical Production**

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*home sweet home* installation image. Image courtesy of Magnetic North Theatre Festival.

As part of the Magnetic North Theatre Festival, Subject to\_Change™, a UK live art company, will perform the North American premiere of [home sweet home](#) at the Kitchener-Waterloo Gallery from **June 12 to June 14**, with performances running from **1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** daily. *home sweet home*, created by Abigail Conway and Lucy Hayhoe, invites audience members to personalize a house of their choosing and become part of a miniature cardboard community. Neighbours introduce themselves and explore their neighbourhood as it develops. They make decisions about street names and other community issues. On the final night, June 14 beginning at 6 p.m., there will be a *Block Party* where residents can gather, meet their neighbours, and take in the results of the three days of city building. House prices vary, but they are all under \$10, and are available at KW|AG. Admission to the Gallery's exhibitions continues to be free.

### **Public Art Walking Tours**

Two free public art walks will also be hosted by KW|AG and presented by local artist/educator Nicholas Rees. The 2-hour walking tours visit interesting public art installations throughout downtown Kitchener and Waterloo:

- **Saturday, June 12 at 11:00 a.m.** - The City of Waterloo Art Walk begins at the public square, 75 King Street South, beside Roven Rabinowitch's bell sculpture. [Directions >](#)
- **Sunday, June 13 at 3:45 p.m.** - The City of Kitchener Art Walk begins at the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery, 101 Queen St. N. in Centre In The Square, following Magnetic North's matinee performance of *Homage* at the Conrad Centre for the Performing Arts. [Directions >](#)

Both art walks are free thanks to funding provided by the City of Kitchener, Magnetic North and the City of Waterloo. For more information about the art walks, contact the Gallery at 519-579-5860 ext. 100.

### **Children's Choice Awards**

In addition, KW|AG is collaborating with Suddaby Public School to create handmade awards to be presented at the **Children's Choice**

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The Children's Choice Awards take place June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Image courtesy of Magnetic North Theatre Festival.

**Awards** ceremony at the conclusion of the Magnetic North Theatre Festival. [Mammalian Diving Reflex](#)'s Children's Choice Awards are comprised of a youth jury that visits the festival's performances, decides on the categories, offers audacious opinions, and then selects the final Children's Choice Award winners. The ceremony takes place at [The Museum](#) on **Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** Admission is free.

#### **About the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery**

Through thoughtful and engaging programs, the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery (KW|AG) connects people and ideas through art. The Gallery's exhibits and programs are built on the mission that art is the catalyst for shared experience, dialogue and imagination. The Gallery emphasizes contemporary art, often premiering works by Canadian and international artists. Exhibitions frequently draw upon selections from the 4 000 work permanent collection to provide a forum for dialogue. KW|AG plays a vital educational role in the community, offering a full spectrum of artistic experience for adults, children and families alike. 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. For more information, contact [mail@kwag.on.ca](mailto:mail@kwag.on.ca) or visit [www.kwag.ca](http://www.kwag.ca).

#### **About Magnetic North**

The Magnetic North Theatre Festival is an annual Canadian cultural theatre event, showcasing works by Canadian theatre artists from across the country. Magnetic North features some of the most exciting theatrical productions to tour Canada, and promotes the diversity and quality of Canadian theatre to Canadians. Established in 2002, the Festival alternates between Ottawa and a different Canadian city each year. In addition to live theatre, the festival is a forum for Canadian theatre professionals to market their work to national and international presenters and touring venues. To date, the festival has travelled to Edmonton, St. John's and Vancouver and will travel to Kitchener-Waterloo from June 9-19, 2010. Visit [www.magneticnorthfestival.ca](http://www.magneticnorthfestival.ca).

#### **About Mammalian Diving Reflex**

Mammalian Diving Reflex, lead by Darren O'Donnell and Natalie De Vito, is a Toronto-based research-art atelier dedicated to investigating the social sphere, always on the lookout for contradictions to whip into aesthetically scintillating experiences, producing one-off events, theatre-based performance, theoretical texts and community happenings. Working with adults and children alike, Mammalian Diving Reflex creates critically-engaged participatory events including Slow Dance with Teacher, Old People Shooting Guns and Haircuts by Children. Mammalian Diving Reflex creates ideal entertainment for the end of the world. [www.mammalian.ca](http://www.mammalian.ca)

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