



**KITCHENER - WATERLOO  
ART GALLERY**

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## Tear Down This Fence

*Kitchener, ON, Canada* – Artist **Daniel Seiple** is inviting residents along the Kitchener-Waterloo border to ‘*Tear Down This Fence*’. Seiple, an American artist living in Berlin, has been invited by the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery to create a project for the upcoming international exhibition, *Building Berlin* (Sept 18, 2009 -Jan 23, 2010). **Building Berlin** features new art work by artists who are directly shaping Berlin’s attractive arts and culture scene, the latest destination for rising international artists and thinkers. The exhibition includes painting, video, photography, installation, and sculpture with many of the artists premiering their work in Canada.

Seiple creates sculptures, films and performances about particular places, engaging the audience and local public in collaborative exchanges. In Kitchener, he is specifically interested in life along the obscure, K-W border. His curiosity stems from his work as a director at Skulpturenpark Berlin\_Zentrum ([www.skulpturenpark.org](http://www.skulpturenpark.org)), a sculpture park on the former militarized zone within the Berlin Wall. In anticipation of this year’s 20th Anniversary of the Wall’s collapse, Seiple is encouraging K-W residents to tear down their wall or fence. He will document the event on video and prominently display the fence at the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery for the *Building Berlin* exhibition. Besides encouraging a down-home, backyard demolition party, Seiple plays with how this region’s history resonates with its prior namesake, Berlin.

“Like the pieces of the Berlin Wall that have been gifted and displayed around the world, your wall will be displayed downtown at the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery as a symbol of self-empowerment and change, or simply as your fence. Tear down this fence!” exclaims Seiple.

Whether or not you are inclined to tear down your fence, Seiple is interested in hearing your stories of how the K-W border affects or does not affect your daily life. He can be contacted through Crystal Mowry, the Gallery’s Curator of Exhibitions and Collections at 519-579-5860 ext. 215 or directly at [dan@travelhome.org](mailto:dan@travelhome.org). [Read his letter](#) to K-W Border residents>

The **Building Berlin** exhibition is on view from September 18, 2009 to January 23, 2010. An opening reception takes place on **Fri, Sept 18 from 5-7 p.m.** with opening remarks at 5:30 p.m. A **Curator Talk with Germaine Koh** takes place **Thurs, Sept 17, 7 p.m.** Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Support for the *Building Berlin* exhibition is provided by:

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### About Daniel Seiple

Daniel Seiple is an American artist based in Berlin. He is a director and co-founder of *Skulpturenpark Berlin\_Zentrum* located on the former “death strip” within the Berlin Wall. He is also the director of *Homie*, an

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independently run exhibition space in his apartment. His projects have received grants from the European Cultural Council (Netherlands), Kulturstiftung des Bundes (Germany), Hauptstadtkulturfonds (Germany), Kunstfonds Berlin, NY State Council on the Arts, and The Bessies, NY. He has been a resident at the World Views Residency in the World Trade Center, Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, AIM at the Bronx Museum of Art, Vasl Residency in Lahore Pakistan, and the Vermont Studio Center. His work has been exhibited at various venues including the Bronx Museum of Art, NY, Freigh&Volume, NY, White Columns, NY, Momenta Art, Brooklyn, Socrates Sculpture Park, Queens, Soap Factory, Minneapolis, Southern Exposure, San Francisco, and internationally in the 5th Berlin Biennial, m29 Galerie, Cologne, Outpost, Norwich (GB), Autocenter, Berlin, and Markus Winter, Berlin.

**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. Contact [mail@kwag.on.ca](mailto:mail@kwag.on.ca) or visit [www.kwag.ca](http://www.kwag.ca).

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