

## OMG - On Main Gallery presents: THRU THE TRAPDOOR

A major interdisciplinary art event featuring over 50 artists and curators.

Artistic Director: Paul Wong

Producer: Rick Erickson

Opening: Tues Apr. 22, 8 – 10 PM Exhibition: Apr 23 – 25, Weds, Thurs, Fri 12 – 8 PM Art Party: Sat Apr 26, 8 – 2AM \$10 Admission 1965 Main St., Vancouver

Site-specific installations, projections, visuals, sculpture, performance, music, relational experiences, assemblages, constructions, participatory happenings, sound, interactive art, and more...

*Trapdoor* is a 5-day exhibition concluding with a monumental closing event. This is the final act and the end of an era for 1965 Main St., an important and innovative creative hub since 1993. It has been the home-base for VIVO Media Arts, Alderbridge Mini-Storage, Gallery 1965, New Forms Festival, and many other organizations and artists.

On Main Gallery has occupied one of the storefronts since 2007. In 2012 this space was expanded and completely renovated by Rick Erickson, who put in a "secret trap door" leading down to Alderbridge Mini-Storage, a labyrinth of 70 spaces in all shapes and sizes, with 6500 sq. ft. of storage lockers.

We have invited dozens of artists who will be transforming this unique warehouse into an amazing site for experiencing contemporary art. They will respond to the architectural features of the site, along with ideas of memory, history, the present, the future, consumption, and hoarding.

Together, they are some of the best new and established talent in Vancity, collaborating to create something extraordinary. Within these spaces, there will be a camera obscura, an Ames room, peep holes, a grand piano, interactive sound and internet works, immersive environments and intimate personal narratives. These projects mix traditional media with newer technologies, combining

photography and video with everything from found objects, dirt, wood, and concrete, to infusions of the more ephemeral: performance, sound, projections and interventions.

Michael Yahaulanaas Amy Fung Glenn Alteen Annie Briard Howie Tsui Mark Nazemi Attila Richard Lukacs Instant Coffee Olivia Fauland Brian Howell Jay Senetchko Patrick Campbell Cam Andrews Jessica Bushey Patrick Daggitt Charles Rea Iohn Brennan Rachel Iwaasa Christian Pelech Joe Sarahan Hammock Residency Ionathan Middleton Robert Scharein Dan Leonard David Campion Jonny Sopotiuk SD Holman David Khang Katherine Coe Sebnem Ozpeta David Leith Steven Tong Kenneth Yuen DRIL COLLECTIVE Lawrence Paul Yuxweluptun Sydney Southam Dylan Neuwirth Laura Lee Coles Tommy Chain Trevor Discoe DI Clarence and Wilson Hart Leo Stefansson Elisa Ferrari Lynn Chen Vieko Saaer Emily Neufeld Makiko Hara William Bros Evann Siebens Michael Edward Miller AND MORE...

This is going to be legendary, harking back to the free spirit of 1980's artists' warehouse shows.

For the closing *Art Party* on Sat. April 26, we are going all out with a spectacular experience. Happening in a combined 10,000 sq. ft. of space, the *Art Party* will include the upstairs, downstairs, and parking lot of 1965 Main St. There will be video mapping along the building exterior, and we will feature an additional lineup of performers, DJ's, musicians and visual artists for this stellar event.

Sponsors/participating organizations to date: Bomber Brewing, Cinevolution Media Arts Society, grunt Gallery, Hybridity Media, New Forms Festival, Or Gallery, VIVO Media Arts Centre, and more...