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FUSE: Dark City, March 18, 2011, 8pm until 1am
VANCOUVER ART GALLERY EXPLORES THE DARK SIDE

Vancouver, B.C. – The Vancouver Art Gallery invites Vancouverites to enter the “dark side” at the latest edition of *FUSE* on Friday, March 18th. Taking its cue from current exhibitions *WE: Vancouver* and *UNREAL*, *FUSE: Dark City* is a special evening of music, dance, and art that investigates the darker side of our city of glass. Celebrate Vancouver with this night of performances and installations that bring together theatre artists, dancers and a hip hop group to reveal the truly off-beat.

Highlights of *FUSE* include:

- Vancouver dance troupe **The 605 Collective** will perform dances created in response to current exhibitions *KEN LUM* and *UNREAL*. www.605collective.com/blog/?page_id=2
- Contemporary dance company **The Response** will present a new work choreographed especially for *FUSE* entitled *Team 3.0*, featuring dancers Amber Funk Barton, Heather L. Gray, and Maiko Maiyuchi. <http://responsedance.blogspot.com/>
- **November Theatre** will resurrect Vancouver’s punk rock scene at the Gallery with excerpts from the musical *Hard Core Logo Live*. Singer Michael Scholar Jr. will perform highlights from this hugely popular show. www.novembertheatre.com
- **Beat Nation** members will throw down hip hop and create digital graffiti art up on the 4th Floor balcony. Beat Nation is a collective of aboriginal artists working in traditional and new media environments. Performing at *FUSE*: artist **Corey Bulpitt** (Haida Nation); hip hop performers **Miss Christie Lee Charles** (Musqueam Nation) and **JB the First Lady** (Nuxalk and Cayuga Nations); and musician **Cris Derksen** (Cree). www.beatnation.org
- **Looking to find your own personal Doomsday Prophecy?** A variety of Vancouver’s artists and writers will be setting up their Prophecy Shops at *FUSE* to provide you with one. Artists and writers include:

Amber Dawn is a writer, filmmaker and performance artist based in Vancouver. She is the author of the novel *Sub Rosa* (Arsenal Pulp Press, 2010), editor of the Lambda Award-nominated *Fist of the Spider Woman* (Arsenal Pulp Press, 2008) and co-editor of *With a Rough Tongue: Femmes Write Porn* (Arsenal Pulp Press, 2005).

Cindy Mochizuki is an interdisciplinary artist working in installation, audio, performance, drawing, video, webworks and animation.

Paul Ternes is a writer and performer whose recent work includes the theatre project *Babylonia*.

Since its inception in July 2005, thousands of *FUSE*-goers have come to the Gallery for this hugely popular adult event. On Friday evenings three times annually, art, live performance, music, DJs, eclectic Gallery tours and unexpected surprises have made *FUSE* Vancouver's favourite see-and-be-seen event. Admission: \$19.50 for adults and free for Gallery Members.

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