

BURNABY ART GALLERY

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THE ARTIST POSTER SHOW February 8 – April 7, 2013



Sonny Assu, *Happiest Future*, digital print, 45.7 x 91.4 cm., 2012, image courtesy of the artist.

BURNABY, BC – The Burnaby Art Gallery is pleased to present *The Artist Poster Show*, an exhibition exploring the didactic evolution of artist exhibition posters. Drawn primarily from the Burnaby Art Gallery’s permanent collection, the showcase spotlights the artist’s ability to communicate time, place, symbolism or space through an exhibition poster.

“A poster may be considered an exhibition’s ‘calling card.’ Posters created or initiated by artists, as opposed to design professionals, often reflect a unique sensibility related to content and representation. Often it represents an object in the show and strives to reflect the ideas behind an artist’s work. The Burnaby Art Gallery’s *Artist Poster Show* explores various ways in which artists have approached the idea of the poster and created their own hand-printed posters.” – Darrin Martens, Director/Curator, Burnaby Art Gallery.

See works by artists like the eccentric Gilbert and George, the explosive international feminist group Guerrilla Girls, the beloved Canadian painter Jack Shadbolt and multidisciplinary artist Rodney Graham. Also on display will be a contemporary selection of artist posters from Vancouver artist-run centres like Artspeak, Or Gallery and Western Front. The exhibit will feature a newly commissioned 12-poster series by Sonny Assu (1200 printed posters will be available for free, and 20 special editions will be available for purchase).

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FEATURED ARTISTS:

Sonny Assu
Vanessa Beecroft
Mary Plumb Blade
Michael De Courcy
Michael Drebert
Ron Eckert
Edgar Heap of Birds
Robert Evermon
Brendan Fernandes

Gilbert and George
Felix Gonzalez-Torres
Rodney Graham
Guerrilla Girls
Jack Hardman
Jacques Hnizdovsky
Gordon Matta-Clark
Paul McCarthy and Jason
Rhoades

Robert Rauschenberg
Ed Ruscha
Igor Santizo
Jack Shadbolt
Frank Stella
Raymond Verdaguer
Ian Wallace
Lawrence Weiner
Laurel Woodcock

THE ARTIST POSTER SHOW PROGRAMMING

Lunch B.A.G. Day

Friday, February 12, noon-1pm

All ages, \$12 includes lunch

A tour and talk led by Public Programmer, Shaun Dacey. The tour will be followed by a lunch, a cheese selection and tea and coffee.

Register 24hrs in advance, 604-297-4422.

Curator's Tour

Saturday, February 16, 2pm

All ages, *Free*

Talk and tour by BAG's Director/Curator, Darrin Martens

In the B.A.G. – Family Program

Sunday, February 24, 1-4pm

All ages, *Free*

Join us for an interactive experience that combines the current gallery exhibit, *The Artist Poster Show*, with a free, hands-on studio activity. No registration required.

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The Burnaby Art Gallery is dedicated to collecting, preserving and presenting a contemporary and historical visual art program by local, national and internationally recognized artist. As the stewards of the third largest public art museum collection with the Province of British Columbia, the Burnaby Art Gallery cares for and manages over 4,000 works of art. The Burnaby Art Gallery is a nationally recognized leader in print culture dedicated to showcasing original hand pulled prints and ephemera related to printmaking in Canada.

For more information about the gallery's exhibitions, programs, and tours, call 604-297-4422 or visit www.burnabyartgallery.ca. Located in the beautiful surroundings of Deer Lake Park, the Burnaby Art Gallery is open Tuesday to Friday, 10:00am to 4:30pm and on Saturday and Sunday, 12noon to 5:00pm. Admission is by donation; parking is free.

The Burnaby Art Gallery acknowledges the generous support provided by: the City of Burnaby; the British Columbia Arts Council; the Province of British Columbia, its patrons and visitors.