

**Burnaby Art Gallery Public Library Offsite Exhibitions
September-November 2016**

BURNABY, BC—The Burnaby Art Gallery presents two new exhibitions opening next week at local libraries. To co-inside with the start of the school year, Ben Duncan's *Ever Onward* will explore the long history of the art of the doodle at the Bob Prittie Library. Catherine M. Stewart is an artist featured in the City of Burnaby's Malaspina Printshop Archive. She also has a background in physics and mathematics, which have influenced her artistic practice. Her exhibition, *Distillations: Lithographs and Etchings* will run at the McGill Library.

Ben Duncan: *Ever Onward*
September 19-November 15, 2016
FREE | Bob Prittie Library (Metrotown)
6100 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby

***Distillations: Lithographs and Etchings*
by Catherine M. Stewart**
September 20-November 16, 2016
FREE | McGill Library, 4595 Albert Street, Burnaby

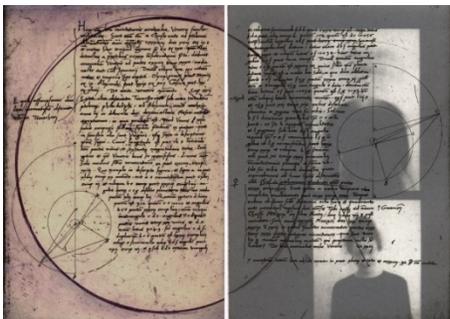
Ben Duncan: *Ever Onward*



Ever Onward is a presentation of new work by Ben Duncan in the longstanding tradition of the doodle. Whether in the ancient papyrus loose leaf notes of the Babylonian magi, or the hastily jotted, nearly illegible plans of the great scholar Dapti, crudely scrawled drawings and scribbles abound. This showcase honours those whose artwork earned them the "easily distracted" distinction in their report cards and presents a loosely tied narrative of pilgrims, denizens and otherworldly entities who dare to venture ever onward.

Vancouver-based artist Ben Duncan works in the mediums of drawing and screenprinting, establishing narrative-centric situations through a roster of reoccurring and newly developed characters. With a humorous bent, he focuses on a variety of themes, including but not limited to cartoonish displays of explosive violence, surreal gang culture and an insectoid value system applied to traditional human societies. Duncan completed his BFA at the University of Manitoba in 2009 with a major in sculpture. Upon graduating, he won the University of Manitoba's CPAM Sculptural Experience award and installed his permanent bronze piece, *Golem's Pelt*, on the campus grounds in 2011.

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With this exhibition, the Burnaby Art Gallery continues its exploration of the Malaspina Printshop Archive. Other exhibitions in the series have included Diana Kemble's *Birdsongs*, Marty Levenson's *Then and Now* and the group show *Matrix: Perspectives from the Malaspina Archive (1979-1982)*, recently on view at Bob Prittie Library.

Catherine M. Stewart's *Distillations* differs from these other exhibits in that the artist herself has chosen the works to be displayed from both the Malaspina Archive and her own collection.

Stewart earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Toronto and a Master of Fine Arts from the University of British Columbia. Her early exposure to science and mathematics continues to be an influence that resurfaces in her artistic practice. Her work has won awards and been shown locally, nationally and internationally in group and solo exhibitions.

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Image Credits: (Top) Ben Duncan, *Ikimashou* (detail), screenprint, 8.5" x 11"
(Bottom) Catherine M. Stewart, *Investigating the Motion of Venus*, 2004, multiple plate etching, 11 x 15"

ABOUT THE BURNABY ART GALLERY

The Burnaby Art Gallery (BAG) is dedicated to collecting, preserving and presenting a contemporary and historical visual art program by local, national and internationally recognized artists. The BAG acts as a leader in the collection, preservation and exhibition of artists who choose to work on paper—we are the only art museum in British Columbia dedicated to works of art on paper. Through our collection and exhibition practices the BAG endeavours to represent the best and most promising artists within the Canadian print culture community. The BAG cares for and manages over 5,000 works of art in the City of Burnaby's Permanent Art Collection.

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