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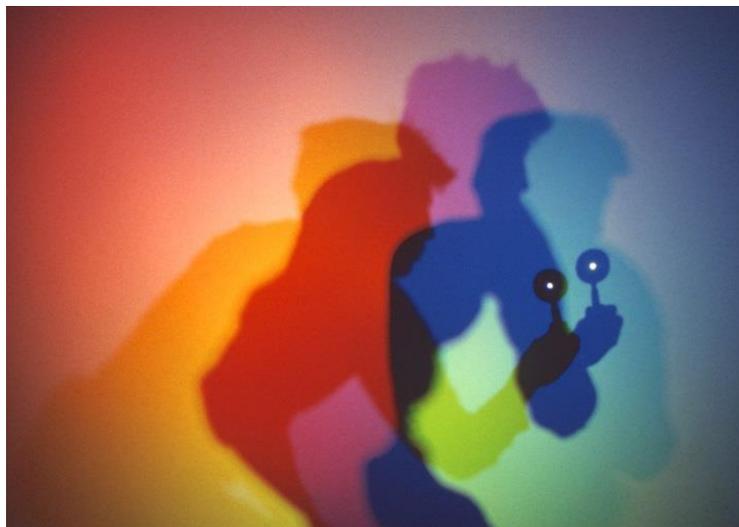
## HANK BULL: CONNEXION

January 20-April 6, 2017

Opening Reception: Thursday, January 19, 2017, 7-9pm

Curated by Joni Low (Vancouver) and Pan Wendt (Confederation Centre Art Gallery)

Organized and circulated by the Confederation Centre Art Gallery



**BURNABY, BC - Burnaby Art Gallery** (BAG) is excited to present ***Hank Bull: Connexion*** from **January 20 to April 6, 2017**, concluding the exhibition's cross-Canada tour at the only West Coast venue, and in the artist's hometown.

Transforming 50 years of archives and personal collections into a sculptural installation, *Connexion* illuminates decades of Hank Bull's prolific collaborations through the vestiges of a life lived as art. This fascinating array of things – performance props, photographs, video, documents and technology – points to a vibrant

network of relationships with artists and communities around the world. For Bull, art is a way of being in the world: of responding to, improvising with, and sculpting the social. Through these traces, *Connexion* proposes an expanded notion of the artist as a connector of people, and of objects as active generators of meaning.

Bull's expansive interests include experimental music, mail art, Fluxus, Dada, pataphysics and telecommunications art. Developing global networks years before the internet, his work parallels a wider shift towards collaborative and pluralistic interactions in our networked present. In this context, *Connexion* offers insights into collective ways of working, living and being together at a moment when new social forms are urgently needed.

*Connexion* is accompanied by a 160-page publication co-published by Burnaby Art Gallery and the Confederation Centre Art Gallery, with essays by Pan Wendt, Joni Low, Serge Guilbaut and Alexander Muir.

### ABOUT HANK BULL

Interdisciplinary artist and arts organizer, Hank Bull has been an influential leader in Canada's contemporary art community for over four decades. Born in Calgary, Bull has worked and lived much of his life in Vancouver. Associated in many ways with the artist-run centre Western Front, his own work has been widely shown and is held in the permanent collections of the Musée d'art Contemporain de Montréal, the National Gallery of Canada and the Museum of Modern Art (New York). He co-founded Centre A (the Vancouver International Centre for Contemporary Asian Art) in 1999 and was its Executive Director until 2010. In 2014 he received an honorary Doctorate of Letters from Emily Carr University of Art + Design.

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## PUBLIC PROGRAMS

**Opening Reception** | Thursday, January 19, 7-9pm | FREE  
**Offsite Talk with Tyler Russell** | Saturday, January 28, 3-6pm | \$5 | Centre A, Vancouver  
**Artist Talk: Hank Bull** | Sunday, January 29, 2pm | FREE  
**Workshop Series: Shadow Puppets** | Thursday, February 9 | \$23.00  
**In the BAG: Family Sundays** | Shadow Puppets | Sunday, February 12 | 1-4pm | FREE  
**Art Tour Tuesday** | Tuesday, February 14, 12:15-1:15pm | FREE  
**Tea & Tour** | Tuesday, February 14, 2-3:30pm | \$7.50  
**Shadow Play by Hank Bull** | Saturday, February 18, 8pm & Sunday, February 18, 2pm | FREE  
**In the BAG: Family Sundays** | Colour Transparencies | Sunday, March 12 | 1-4pm | FREE

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**IMAGE CREDIT:** Hank Bull, *Dichroic 1* (1978), from the shadow play *Vis-à-Vis*. Photo: Kate Craig

## ABOUT THE BURNABY ART GALLERY

Since 1967, the Burnaby Art Gallery (BAG) has been 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—the only public art museum in Canada dedicated to works of art on paper. Through our collection and exhibition practices the BAG endeavours to represent the best and most promising Canadian artists. The BAG cares for and manages over 5,000 works of art in the City of Burnaby's Permanent Art Collection. In 2017, BAG is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a full year of special events, exhibitions and programs.

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

**Website:** [www.burnabyartgallery.ca](http://www.burnabyartgallery.ca)

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