

BURNABY ART GALLERY

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Offsite Exhibitions

BURNABY, BC – The Burnaby Art Gallery is pleased to present two offsite exhibitions at Burnaby’s public libraries until December 6 and 7, 2015: *The Many Worlds of Jack Wise* and *Brigitta Kocsis: Universal Gravitation*.

From the Collection: The Many Worlds of Jack Wise

October-December 6, 2015

Bob Prittie Library | 6100 Willingdon Avenue



This Burnaby Art Gallery offsite exhibition features a selection of artworks by Jack Wise reproduced in various media. Most of the black and white images shown in this exhibit are from *The Many Worlds of Jack Wise*, a portfolio of the artist’s then recent work published by The Bau Xi Gallery in the fall of 1967. The large format of the portfolio meant that many of Jack’s works could be reproduced at their actual size. It was hoped that the publication would allow a wide audience access to Jack’s artwork at an affordable price.

In addition to the reproductions shown in this offsite exhibition, the City of Burnaby Permanent Art Collection includes a dozen original works by Jack Wise, many of which are too large or too delicate to show in the library.

“The legacy of Jack Wise is a stunning array of artistic output, produced over a lifetime of dedicated, educated, and intelligent hard work. Looking closely at his artwork will take you on a personal visit to some of his many worlds...,” says local artist and art historian Gary Sim.

An appreciation of Jack Wise by Sim can be found on the Burnaby Art Gallery website: <http://bit.ly/1GwnWhm>.

Brigitta Kocsis: Universal Gravitation

October – December 7, 2015

McGill Library | 4595 Albert Street



Brigitta Kocsis, *SpareParts (Re-mix)*, detail, 2015, mixed media on paper, 45.7 x 60.9 cm, image courtesy of the artist.

Kocsis' recent series of works is populated by mechanical elements, fractured and recombined human forms, and colourful abstract elements. Gesturing towards technology's intersection with the physical, material world, her new compositions are open to interpretation and based in process, allowing the viewer to drift between ambiguous shapes and forms.

Brigitta Kocsis was born in Sarospatak, Hungary, to a Hungarian father and a Romani mother. She attended Concordia University Fine Arts in Montreal and received her BFA from Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design in 2005. She has shown extensively in Europe, and in the past year has mounted two solo exhibitions in Alberta, as well as solo exhibitions in Hungary and Finland with the support of the Canada Council for the Arts. Brigitta Kocsis lives and works in Vancouver.

The Burnaby Art Gallery's Offsite Exhibition Series showcases artwork from local, emerging artists as well as nationally-known, established artists in the spaces of Burnaby's Public Libraries.

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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.

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; suggested donation \$5. 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.



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