

Mark your calendars and join us at Oakville Galleries on Friday 8 September for our Fall exhibition opening...

Urban Territories / Territoires urbains

9 September 2006 – 5 November 2006

At Centennial Square and in Gairloch Gardens

Featuring Christian Barré, Martin Désilets, Isabelle Hayeur, Emmanuelle Léonard, Pavel Pavlov and Myriam Yates

Urban space is constantly changing, presenting new qualities and generating new realities that make it appear inexhaustible in our eyes. The field of visual art is not immune to these transformations, and a great many realities in urban life preoccupy many artists of our time.

Throughout the twentieth century, urban space was a major subject for photographers. Ever since it first appeared, photography has maintained a close connection to the city. Observed from widely divergent angles in the past, today the urban environment continues to elicit fresh perspectives and gives rise to new issues.

As its title suggests, *Urban Territories / Territoires urbains* is meant to be understood on different levels: it addresses not only the question of the way physical space is organized, but also the various areas of interest and deliberation employed by each of the artists. Using photographic and video images in a very personal fashion, the six artists brought together here express in their work a particular point of view in urban reality – whether as physical territory or social space – while demonstrating, each in their own way, a real concern for this constantly changing environment and the new situations that come out of it.

Urban Territories / Territoires urbains is a traveling exhibition circulated by the Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal.

OPENING FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2006, FROM 7:30 TO 8:30 PM AT CENTENNIAL SQUARE, FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION IN GAIRLOCH GARDENS FROM 8:30 TO 10 PM. ARTISTS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

High resolution images available for the media upon request.

For media inquiries, contact Tony Hewer, Communications Officer, at 905.844.4402, ext 28 or <tony@oakvillegalleries.com>



Oakville galleries

Oakville Galleries has two locations:

Oakville Galleries at Centennial Square is located at 120 Navy Street in downtown Oakville. The gallery is open 12 to 9 pm Tuesday to Thursday; 12 to 5 pm Friday; 10 am to 5 pm Saturday; and 1 to 5 pm Sunday.

Oakville Galleries in Gairloch Gardens is located at 1306 Lakeshore Road East, 2 km east of downtown Oakville. The gallery is open 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday to Sunday.

Admission is free.

For further information please call 905.844.4402 or visit <http://www.oakvillegalleries.com>

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