

2005 MAYWORKS FESTIVAL: CELEBRATING LABOUR & THE ARTS

APRIL 22-24

FESTIVAL OF CUBAN FILM
FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 7:00 P.M.
Winnipeg Art Gallery

The Beauty of the Alhambra and reception with Cuban director, Enrique Pineda Barnet and other Cuban guests. **\$12.00**

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 7:00 P.M.
St. Andrew's River Heights United Church, 255 Oak Street (at Kingsway)
Living at the Limit and social evening. **\$12.00**

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 1:00 P.M.
St. Andrew's River Heights United Church, 255 Oak Street (at Kingsway)
Challenge & A Successful Man.

4:00 P.M.
The Scent of Oak. **\$10.00**

Festival Pass for all events – \$30.00

The first-ever Festival of Cuban Film in Winnipeg celebrates the work of Cuban filmmakers since the revolution. The five films range from drama to musical to documentary. Of special note are the opening night film & reception with acclaimed Cuban director Enrique Barnet, and the documentary *Living at the Limit* on Saturday about Cubans living with HIV/AIDS.

See website cubanfilmfestival.com – for full details. All films in Spanish with English subtitles. Call *Diane* at 783-9380 for information and tickets or Ticketmaster at 780-3333. ORGANIZED BY THE MANITOBA-CUBA SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE

APRIL 28TH

DAY OF MOURNING
6:00 P.M.

Union Centre, 275 Broadway, Room 2C

The Manitoba Federation of Labour Health and Safety Compensation Committee will be hosting an evening memorial service and candlelight vigil. The Winnipeg Labour Choir will perform traditional, original and choral songs of labour. Refreshments will be served at a reception following the vigil. Contact *Pete Walker* for more information at 947-1400.

APRIL 30TH

UNITED MAY DAY BANQUET
6:00 P.M.

Kismet Banquet Hall, 280 Fort Street

Buffet Diner – East Indian Cuisine (Vegan Friendly items available)

Dinner to be followed by a variety show of music and poetry. Ending with a dance. For more information contact *Ken* at 479-8089. ORGANIZED BY THE UNITED MAY DAY COMMITTEE **\$20.00**

MAY 1ST

MAY DAY MARCH
ASSEMBLE 12:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL

Come and celebrate International Working Class Day. The annual Labour Council May Day march will go through downtown and return to Old Market Square for a programme of speakers and entertainment. This year's keynote speaker is *Robert Chernomas*, Professor of Economics at the University of Manitoba. He will be addressing the need for Canadians to assert their sovereignty in the face of growing pressure for closer economic and political ties with the U.S. Contact *Glenn Michalchuk* at 589-7840

MAY 2ND

LABOUR FAIR
7:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Union Centre, Main Floor, 275 Broadway

The Manitoba Federation of Labour presents the Labour Fair. A chance to come out and see what your union has to offer. Contact the MFL at 947-1400. **FREE**

MAY 3RD

WORLD MARCH OF WOMEN RELAY
9:20 A.M.

Winnipeg Airport!!! Women's Global Charter arrives.

11:30 A.M.
World March of Women Relay departs from YW-YMCA.

NOON!!!
Arrive at Legislature for a picnic.

MAY 6TH

WE WHO PLOUGHED THE PRAIRIES: 100 YEARS OF THE IWW
7:00 P.M.

Mondragon, 91 Albert Street

Celebrate the Industrial Workers of the World Centenary with a presentation on the history of the IWW in Manitoba and the greater region. Featuring Musical Performances by the 1919 Insurrectionary Orchestra, ATSEA and Fermented Reptile. There will also be a launch of a month long wobbly art and photo show. **\$5.00**

MAY 7TH – 8TH

WINNIPEG SOCIAL FORUM

Bulman Centre, University of Winnipeg

Details to be announced...For information contact *Cy* at 661-8816. ORGANISED BY SMAC

MAY 14TH

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
for Mike Sokolowski and Steve Schezerbanowich
1:00 P.M.

Brookside Cemetary, 3001 Notre Dame Avenue

This is a vigil to celebrate the life of Mike Sokolowski and Steve Schezerbanowich the two Brothers killed by the state during Bloody Saturday at the climax of the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike. There will be a short ceremony followed by music to commemorate these fallen martyrs. After that short program we will be walking to the grave of Steve Schezerbanowich.

Glen Michalchuk, Vice-President of the Winnipeg Labour Council will address the event, as well as Lily Stearns from the Association of Ukrainian Canadians who will provide some history about these Brothers and the discovery of their gravesites. Music courtesy of Hugo Tores Cereceda and the 1919 Insurrectionary Orchestra featuring Patrick McGuire/Garth Hardy. All are welcome. Please come and pay your respects to these fallen martyrs of the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike and the working class. For more information contact *John Friesen* 942-5480 ext 24.

PEACE AND JUSTICE IN HARMONY CONCERT –
THE WINNIPEG LABOUR CHOIR
7:30 P.M.

West End Cultural Centre, 586 Ellice Avenue

The Winnipeg Labour Choir presents its 11th annual Mayworks Concert featuring the choir and special guest singing songs of protest, social justice, peace, labour and revolution. Our songs have an international scope from past and present day composers. For more information and tickets contact 774-8573 or 772-2972. **\$5.00**

MAY 15TH

1919 GENERAL STRIKE BUS TOUR
2:00 P.M.

Pick up at the Union Centre, 275 Broadway

Visit the historic sites of an event that shocked the nation. For more information contact *John* at 792-7915. Call WORC at 947-2220 for reservations. **Free**

MAY 17TH

CUPW ART SHOW
7:00 P.M.

WORC, 280 Smith Street

Mayworks celebrates the artist as worker and the worker as artist. Viewed through the month of May. For more information contact *John* at 942-5480 ext 24. ORGANISED BY THE CUPW PRAIRIE REGION

MAY 20TH

TAKE THIS JOB AND SHOVE-IT!
DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 P.M.

The Royal Albert Arms, 48 Albert Street

Come out for an evening of radical hip hop with the break bread crew. Featuring Peanuts and Corn artists Pipi Skid, Gruf, Yy, John Smith and DJ Hunnicutt. ORGANISED BY THE IWW AND PEANUTS AND CORN **\$8.00**

MAY 20TH – 29TH

KING LEOPOLD'S SOLILOQUY by Mark Twain
SUNDAY MATINEE AT 3:00 P.M.

ALL OTHER PERFORMANCES 8:00 P.M.
NO PERFORMANCES ON THE 23RD AND 24TH

Ragpickers, 2nd Floor, 216 McDermott Avenue

Starring *Graham Ashmore* and directed by *Rick McNair*. A vicious comedy roasting Belgium's King for his Congo atrocities. Twain pissed Leo off so much the King sicked his henchmen on the great Missourian. Watch the royal rascal wriggle on the rotisserie of Twain's pointed humour. The relevance detected by the politically astute is completely coincidental. Not! Tickets available at the door. For more information and tickets contact 488-3179. **\$10:00**

MAY 21ST

OSMOSIS WITH HOWARD ZINN

Aceartinc, 2nd Floor, 290 McDermott Avenue

New York artist, actor and filmmaker *Michael Ormstein's* video interview with historian, professor and acclaimed author of *A People's History of the United States*, *Howard Zinn*. For more information contact *Garth* at 478-1261.

ORGANISED BY THE WINNIPEG LOCAL IWW **Free**

MAY 24TH

SO YOU THINK THE FUR TRADE WAS OUR LAST JOB? II
7:30 P.M.

Kateri Tekakwitha Church, 794 Ellice Avenue

Join Aboriginal workers for a truly Red River experience and get to know us outside of the history books and museums. Storytellers, drummers, and musicians providing an evening of fun like we've always done in our families at the end of a long day. Featuring "Auntie", Marvin Smoker, Bill Prescott, Women's Drummers and more. For more information contact *C.E. Carr* at 233-7116. ORGANIZED BY ABORIGINAL STORYTELLERS **ADVANCE: Adult \$8.00, Youth \$4.00, Under 6 Free.**

DOOR: Adult \$10.00, Youth \$5.00;
Family (2 Adult, 2 Kids or 1 Adult, up to 5 Kids) \$20.00

MAY 25TH

ART AND STRUGGLE
7:00 P.M.

Mondragon, 91 Albert Street

A panel discussion on the relationship between art and politics, featuring *Roewan Crowe* (artist, writer, interdisciplinary scholar and chair of Mentoring Artists for Women's Art) and *Steve Loft* (artist and Director of Urban Shaman). For more information contact *Garth Hardy* at 478-1261. ORGANISED BY THE WINNIPEG LOCAL IWW **Suggested Donation \$5.00**

MAY 26TH

MAYWORKS ARTS FESTIVAL POETRY:
THE LIVING WORLD SESSION
8:00 P.M.

McNally Robinson Grant Park

Featuring poets *Brenda Sciberras*, *Sandra Stechisen*, *Ron Romanowski* (author of *Sweet Talking*) and singer *Liliana Romanowski*. Hosted by novelist and poet *David Elias* (author of *Sunday Afternoon*). For more information contact *Ron* at 667-6802.

MAY 26TH – JUNE 14TH

STRIKE! – THE MUSICAL

Theatre in the Park, Kildonan Park Stage

Danny Schur's Full-Scale Musical about the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike starring Broadway star *Catherine Wreford* as well as stage and screen star *Jay Brazeau*.

Call Ticketmaster at 780-3333 for tickets and showtimes or visit www.strikemusical.com

Ticket Prices \$15.00, \$33.75, \$45.45 (all taxes and fees included)

MAY 27TH – 29TH

SUGAR AND SPLICE: A FEMINIST FILM FESTIVAL

The Cinematheque, 100 Arthur Street

The second annual Sugar & Splice feminist film festival will feature feminist films, a short film competition, a free women's beginner filmmaking workshop, and a gala and awards ceremony on closing night.

The mission of the festival is "to work from a feminist perspective to challenge the androcentric film industry at all levels, to explore mainstream ideologies around gender through a visual medium, and to facilitate open discussion and debate."

For more information contact *Joey Jacob* at 295-7264 or go to www.sugarspice.com

MAY 28TH

WINNIPEG LABOUR COUNCIL MAYWORKS PICNIC

NOON – 4:00 P.M.

Vimy Ridge Park, Portage and Broadway

The annual WLC Picnic will be an afternoon of family fun, with food and entertainment and lots of children's activities. Come out and have a good time! Contact *Winnipeg Labour Council* at 942-0522.

MAY 30 – JUNE 2

LETTERS FROM KARELIA (76 mins.) (2004) by Kelly Saxberg
7:00 P.M. NIGHTLY

The Cinematheque, 100 Arthur Street

This remarkable film is based on the untold story of nearly 1,000 idealistic young Canadians who disappeared in the Stalinist Soviet Union of the 1930's; at least 600 of them who ended up in a mass grave. Many Finns left their home to build a Communist inspired worker's paradise in Karelia in North Russia. (CFI) This story revolves around Aate Pitkanen, a young Canadian of Finnish heritage who left Thunder Bay in 1931 to settle in Karelia. He was caught in 1942 and executed but before he died he wrote a series of letters to his relatives in Canada. Sixty years later, these letters were found by *Jukka Lehesvirta*, a journalist in Helsinki. The letters were sent to Canada where Aate Pitkanen's relatives including his 90 year old sister were astonished to learn the details of Aate's death and that he had a son, *Alfred Pitkanen*. **Regular Admission**

MAY 31ST

REARGUARD PRODUCTIONS presents: P A P A H I J O
(HUGO TORRES-CERECEDA/ILYA TORRES-GARNER)

LIFE AND SONGS OF VICTOR JARA

DOORS OPEN: 7:00 P.M. SHOW STARTS: 7:30 P.M.

Gas Station Theatre, 445 River Avenue

Victor Jara was a Chilean folksinger/songwriter who dedicated his art to the Chilean/Latin American people. His music was part of the struggle, hopes and dreams of the people. He was part of that great political/musical movement of the 60's and early 70's, that managed to elect *Salvador Allende* as President of Chile. *Victor Jara's* songs, talk about the daily life of workers, peasants, women as well as their aspirations and desire for a better future. He was well known in Chile and Latin America because of his songs had a commitment for change.

In one of his songs he said: "I don't sing for love of singing / or to show off my voice / but for the statements made by my honest guitar / for its heart is a bird / and like the dove it goes flying / tenderly as holy water / blessing the brave and the dying / so my song has found a purpose / as *Violeta Parra* will say".

He was assassinated by the military regime in September of 1973 when *Augusto Pinochet Ugarte* ended democracy in Chile.

A BENEFIT FOR THE VICTOR JARA FOUNDATION IN CHILE

First Part: A documentary film about *Victor Jara's* life and music

Intermission

Second Part: *PapaHijo* sings *Victor Jara's* songs

Tickets available at: Gas Station Theatre, McNally Robinson Booksellers, Workers Organizing Resource Centre (280 Smith Street), Winnipeg Folk Festival Music Store (103-211 Bannatyne Avenue) and *Into the Music* (8-245 McDermott Avenue).

Tickets: \$10.00

ALL MONTH

STAY TUNED TO CKUW 95.9 FM FOR AUDIO RESISTANCE

MayWorks Radio Wednesdays from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., rebroadcast Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Listen for special coverage of MayWorks events.

Tickets for all events available at the Worker's Organizing Resource Centre, 280 Smith Street (Mezzanine level). Contact 947-2220.



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The Event That Shocked the Nation

STRIKE!

The Musical That Strikes a Chord

Information and tickets for all events available at WORKERS' ORGANIZING RESOURCE CENTRE at 280 Smith Street (Mezzanine Level). Contact 947-2220.

MAYWORKS IS A FESTIVAL HELD THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF MAY TO HONOUR AND PROMOTE THE MANY POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS OF UNIONS AND WORKING PEOPLE IN GENERAL. INSPIRED BY EVENTS SURROUNDING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1919 WINNIPEG GENERAL STRIKE, MAYWORKS FOCUSES ON THE ART PRODUCED BOTH BY ARTISTS, WITH THEIR DEPICTION OF WORKING CLASS LIFE AND BY WORKERS WITH THEIR OWN INTERPRETATION OF THEIR LIVES AND STRUGGLES.