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MAYWORKS



FESTIVAL LABOUR & THE ARTS

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BUT A HAMMER WITH WHICH TO SHAPE IT"**

- BERTOLT BRECHT

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MAY 2007 FESTIVAL

WORKERS CELEBRATING LABOUR & THE ARTS

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.

APRIL 28

DAY OF MOURNING

One worker out of 15 is injured at work. One worker out of 32 is injured severely enough to miss at least one day of work. Three occupational fatalities occur every working day.

It was statistics like these that inspired the Labour Movement to designate April 28 as Day of Mourning for workers who have been killed, injured or had their health compromised by work-related illness. Every year, Manitobans gather at Day of Mourning ceremonies throughout the province to honour and remember those workers who have died from workplace injury or disease.

Join the Manitoba Federation of Labour and the Winnipeg Labour Choir for a service to remember our fallen sisters and brothers.

Room 2C Union Centre, 275 Broadway
SERVICE: **10:30 a.m.**

MAY 1

LABOUR FAIR

May 1 is International Working Class Day and the Manitoba Federation of Labour wants you to celebrate at the Labour Fair! Coffee and donuts will be served in the main lobby of the Union Centre between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. During the noon hour, there will be hot dogs, drinks and entertainment. Come get educated about the Manitoba Federation of Union Retirees, MayWorks projects, and Manitoba's labour history. Organized by the Manitoba Federation of Labour.

For more information call **947-1400**.

MAY DAY MARCH — ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE!

For the second year, the May Day March will rally to "Make Poverty History". May 1 will mark the start of a campaign to make a "living wage" a reality in Winnipeg.

The march will begin at City Hall and end at the University of Winnipeg's Bulman Centre with speakers and entertainment.

Assemble at City Hall
6 p.m.

For more information contact **Glenn Michalchuk** at **589-7840**.

MAY 3

THE GREAT BUFFALO REPUBLIC

The new book of poetry by Ron Romanowski, reading and signing. Published by Augustine Hand Press. Hosted by 95.9 CKUW FM's Nurit Drory. Music by Ted Hicks.

Prairie Ink Restaurant and Bakery in McNally Robinson
Booksellers, 1120 Grant Ave.

READING **8 p.m.** | MUSIC **7:30 p.m.** | ADMISSION: **FREE**

For more information contact **Liliana** at **667-6802**.

MAY 4

UNITED MAY DAY BANQUET

Dinner will be followed by a cultural program and dance. Cash bar.

Kum Koon Garden, 257 King St.
DOORS: **6:30 p.m.** | TICKETS: **\$25**

For reservations and tickets contact **Ken** at **479-8089**.

MAY 6

SPRING DANCE CONCERT

A delightful display of Ukrainian Culture including the AUUC School of Folk Dance, the Yunist Dancers and the Festival Choir. Welcome spring and enjoy the music! Organized by the AUUC.

Ukrainian Labour Temple, 591 Pritchard Ave.

DOORS: **2:00 p.m.** | TICKETS: **\$10**, members **\$8**, 12 & under **FREE**

For more information contact **582-9269**.

MAY 8

CUPW ART SHOW: ARTIST AS WORKER, WORKER AS ARTIST

Official opening of this year's display of Artist as Worker, Worker as Artist. Organized by the Canadian Union of Postal Workers.

Workers Organizing Resource Centre, 280 Smith St.
7 p.m.

ADMISSION: **FREE**

For more information contact **John Friesen** at **792-7915**.

MAY 12

MOUSELAND

The Tommy Douglas political allegory *Mouseland* has inspired Loa Henry and the Winnipeg Labour Choir to bring to life this relevant story that challenges traditional thinking about electoral choices.

Gas Station Theatre, 445 River Ave.

DOORS: **7 p.m.** | SHOW: **7:30 p.m.** | TICKETS: **\$10**

For more information and tickets contact **Loa Henry**
at **774-8573** or **wpglabourchoir@mts.net**.

MOSTLY MANDOLINS

The Winnipeg Mandolin Orchestra of the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians presents *Mostly Mandolins* with special guests Desert Caravan and Praetorius Early Music Ensemble.

Ukrainian Labour Temple, 591 Pritchard Ave.

DOORS: **8 p.m.** | TICKETS: **\$10**

For more information contact **Carmen** at **334-7591**.

MAY 14

OUT ON THE STREET PREMIERE

The union members of IATSE Local 63 struggle for the stagehand jobs at the MTS Centre. Winnipeg's new sports and entertainment facility—jobs they were told were theirs after having worked at the Winnipeg Arena for fifty years.

This is the premiere of filmmaker Aaron Floresco's documentary, a film that follows the members of IATSE 63 and their fight through the courts, conciliation, informational pickets, and boycotts to secure stagehand work at the MTS Centre—and chronicles one of Winnipeg's most contentious workers' rights stories in recent history. The film also examines the decline of unions in Canada's private sector employment pool, as an increasing amount of jobs are contracted out through temp agencies.

Cinematheque, 100 Arthur St.

7 p.m.

ADMISSION: ADULTS **\$6**, Seniors & Students **\$5**, Members **\$4.50**

MAY 15

STRIKE! - THE CBC RADIO CONCERT SPECIAL

On May 15, 1919, nearly 30,000 Winnipeg workers walked out of work in what would later go down in history as one of Canada's most influential strikes. Join composer/playwright Danny Schur and a host of Winnipeg's finest singers for a CBC Radio Concert Special featuring music from his award-winning musical *Strike!* commemorating the 88th Anniversary of the Winnipeg General Strike.

Burton Cummings Theatre, 364 Smith St.

8 p.m.

TICKETS: **\$20** @ Ticketmaster 780-3333 or ticketmaster.ca

For more information visit **strikemusical.com** or call **227-1167**.

MAY 16

THE APOSTLE OF ANARCHY

Presented by Spirited Anarchy Productions, *The Apostle of Anarchy* is a celebration of the centenary of Emma Goldman's first visit to Winnipeg. Celebrated Winnipeg actress/playwright Sharon Bajer will be embodying the fiercely political Goldman—an influential feminist, an iconic anarchist and a revolutionary fighter for women's and workers' rights.

Presentations by Paul Burrows and Patrick McGuire and music by the 1919 Insurrectionary Orchestra and The Magnificent Sevens.

Mondragon Bookstore and Coffeehouse, 91 Albert Street

8 p.m.

TICKETS: **\$5** @ Mondragon, or call **452-0594**.

MAY 17

ENCORE PRESENTATION OF OUT ON THE STREET

This is a special second screening of Aaron Floresco's documentary *Out on the Street*.

Lockhart Hall Room 1L13, University of Winnipeg

7 p.m.

ADMISSION: **\$6**

MAY 18

...NOT A MIRROR, BUT A HAMMER...

In 1996-97, a new art culture sprang up that rejected the tradition of critiquing and pricing art. Swiss artist M. Vanci Stirnemann is hailed as the father of the Artist Trading Card (ATC) movement. Stirnemann, inspired by hockey trading cards, created and showcased 1200 similarly-sized cards in his gallery in Zurich, Switzerland. He told people who wanted one of his cards to come back and bring one of their own in trade—and a movement was born.

On display until June 15, *...not a mirror, but a hammer...* is touring exhibition of artist trading cards from around the world exploring the theme of artist as worker/worker as artist. Co-sponsored by the Parksville MayWorks Festival and the Semai Gallery.

Semai Gallery - Basement Corridor, 264 McDermot Ave.

RECEPTION: **8 p.m.**

For more information visit **www.takashiiwasaki.info/semagallery**.

MAY 19

WINNIPEG: A CALL FOR A RADICAL VISION

A forum for radical vision focusing on directed social and economic change in Winnipeg. We are people who believe that much of the current social, political and economic structures are actually destructive to human survival and survival of the ecosystem. We would like to build a new society in a much more humane and sharing way.

Bulman Centre, University of Winnipeg

Noon to 4 p.m.

ROCK FOR RIGHTS

Co-sponsored by the Industrial Workers of the World, Jo Snyder and Ian La Rue join forces to bring the Exchange District to its knees: "I'll sing 'til I'm blue in the face for workers' rights, or until the ruling class joins the rest of us in the mud!" - Ian La Rue

Royal Albert Arms, 48 Albert St.

10 p.m.

TICKETS: **\$6**

For more information contact **Ian La Rue** at **775-7911**.

MAY 24

AELITA: QUEEN OF MARS SCREENING W/LIVE SCORE

A melancholic civil engineer, a bumbling police detective, a seductive Martian queen and a proletarian revolution on the red planet – Yakov Protazanov's 1924 silent film classic features a constructivist vision of Mars that is truly out of this world. Featuring a new sci-fi soundtrack composed and performed live by Winnipeg musicians Borisa Sabljic, Kristjanna Oleson, and Garth Hardy.

Cinematheque, 100 Arthur Street

7 p.m.

ADMISSION: ADULTS **\$6**, Seniors & Students **\$5**,
Members **\$4.50**

JOHNNY YOUR RED ROOTS ARE SHOWING

Johnny Your Red Roots are Showing is produced by Children of the Fur Trade, a Metis story-telling/musical performance group. The show will pay homage to the progressive activism of the late Johnny Cash to explore his influence on us as native people and activists. The stories will center on our lives, the music coming from the mostly well-known repertoire of Johnny Cash and June Carter. An evening of lively folk-country-gospel, step dance and yarns as if you were in our family circle, the way Johnny would have loved it. Featuring performances by "Auntie," Bill Prescott, Dave Tymoshchuk, Mike Desautels, members of Pasque Fleur, and video work by Anna Carr.

Micah House, 1039 Main St.

7 p.m.

TICKETS: **\$7** available at the door.

For reservations call **233-7116**.

MAY 25

PARTY FOR YOUR RIGHT TO STRIKE

Come out for an evening of radical hip hop with the Break Bread Crew. Featuring Peanuts & Corn artists backed by The Hummers! Organized by Peanuts & Corn Records and the Winnipeg branch of the Industrial Workers of the World.

The Royal Albert Arms, 48 Albert St.

10 p.m.

TICKETS: **\$10**

MAY 26

WINNIPEG LABOUR COUNCIL PICNIC

The annual WLC picnic will be an afternoon of family fun, with food, entertainment and lots of children's activities.

Freight House Park, Corner of Isabel and Ross

Noon to 4 p.m.

ADMISSION: **FREE**

For more information contact
Winnipeg Labour Council at **942-0522**.

CUBA SI!

FUNDRAISER FOR CHÉ GUEVARA VOLUNTEER WORK BRIGADE AUGUST 2007

Come out for a great Cuban evening! Learn about the current situation in Cuba, upcoming projects like the 15th annual Che Guevara Volunteer Work Brigade this summer, and the 18th Pastors for Peace Caravan, which challenges the U.S. blockade. Enjoy great food, poetry, dance performance and music—with a live Latin band. Hear the latest news about the Cuban Five, incarcerated in U.S. prisons. Cuban crafts, T-shirts and buttons for sale. All proceeds from evening go to financially support youth going on the Brigade. Organized by Manitoba-Cuba Solidarity Committee.

Winnipeg Chilean Association Hall, 892 Burrows Ave.

DOORS: **7 p.m.** | SHOW: **8 p.m.** | ADMISSION: **\$10** (includes meal)

For more information call **Diane** at **783-9380** or **Bob** at **582-0641**.

MAY 27

WINNIPEG GENERAL STRIKE BUS TOUR

Visit the historic sites of the event that shocked the nation. This year the tour visits the grave of Mike Sokolowski one of the two strikers killed on "Bloody Saturday." Organized by the MayWorks Committee.

Bus departs from the Union Centre, 275 Broadway at Smith

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information or to reserve a space contact the **Workers Organizing Resource Centre** at **947-2220**.

WORKING CLASS GUITARS

Working class guitarists speaking their words and experiences. Songs from the heart made with working hands. Featuring Iliya Torres-Garner, Justin Lacroix and Matt Colpitts.

Nassau Square Park

6 p.m.

ADMISSION: **FREE** Bring a lawn chair and yourself!

MAY 31

AN EVENING OF MUSIC WITH HUGO TORRES-CERECEDA & ILLYA TORRES-GARNER

An evening of English and Spanish song—old sounds and new—shared with comrades and friends in support of the next CD.

Winnipeg Press Club (Lower level Ramada Marlborough Hotel), 331 Smith St.

DOORS: **7 pm** | SHOW: **8 pm** | TICKETS: **\$10**

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT: **WORKERS ORGANIZING RESOURCE CENTER** (280 Smith Street),
McNally Robinson Booksellers, Winnipeg Press Club (331 Smith Street) and
Into the Music (B-245 McDermot Avenue).

ALL MONTH LONG

AUDIO RESISTANCE

Stay tuned to CKUW 95.9FM for audio resistance! *Black Mask Radio* every Wednesday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Rebroadcast Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Tune in 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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MayWorks 2007 is dedicated to the memory of Rick McNair.

Rick was known for his many accomplishments in the world of theatre and the performing arts. He also played an important role in the first years of the MayWorks Festival. He personified the MayWorks theme: "Celebrating Labour and the Arts". Rick was dedicated to progressive politics and the belief that artistic expression should be used to give form to those politics. As part of MayWorks 2005, he produced the play *King Leopold's Soliloquy*, based on Mark Twain's 1905 pamphlet condemning Belgium colonialism in the Congo. In 2006, he joined the MayWorks Board to contribute to the process of bringing the Festival to a new and wider audience. His energy, talent and enthusiasm will be deeply missed.

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