

APRIL 27 - MAY 31 2008

MAYWORKS



FESTIVAL LABOUR & THE ARTS

"ART IS NOT A MIRROR HELD UP TO REALITY
BUT A HAMMER WITH WHICH TO SHAPE IT"

- BERTOLT BRECHT

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A JOINT PRESENTATION BY THE MAYWORKS FESTIVALS
IN WINNIPEG, EDMONTON, AND TORONTO

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ALL MONTH LONG AUDIO RESISTANCE! BLACK MASK RADIO EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 5:00 TO 6:00 P.M. - CKUW 95.9 FM.

For more information contact the Worker's Organizing Resource Centre, 280 Smith Street (Mezzanine level), phone 947-2220.

www.mayworks.org

MAYWORKS 2008 FESTIVAL

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 27

WORKHORSE: SPOKEN WORD SHOWCASE

A joint presentation of the MayWorks Festivals in Winnipeg, Toronto and Edmonton featuring the best young poets from each city.

Boonaa Mohammed, Truth Is, Pip Skid, Emcee E and are four young award-winning poets who've got something to say. They will be performing original poems commissioned for the tour. Produced with the support of the Canada Council for the Arts. Proudly co-sponsored in Winnipeg by the UWSA and CKUW.

University of Winnipeg Bulman Centre 7:00 p.m. | TICKETS: \$5

APRIL 28

DAY OF MOURNING

April 28 is dedicated to those workers who have been injured, killed or had their health compromised by work related illness. Events begin at 9:00 a.m. as city workers and their unions gather at City Hall. Mike Davidson, President of CUPE 500 is among those scheduled to speak. Workers of Tomorrow Leaders Walk at Noon from the Union Centre to Legislature. Manitoba Federation of Labour candlelight service at 6:00 p.m.

Manitoba Federation of Labour candlelight service.

Room 2B, Union Centre, 275 Broadway Ave

6:00 p.m. | FREE

MAY 1

MAY DAY MARCH

The neo-liberal agenda has put social, economic, human and political rights on the auction block. Join with union, student, community and other activists in the annual Winnipeg Labour Council march to mark International Working Class Day and raise the demand: **The World is Not For Sale! - People Not Profits!**

Assemble at City Hall | 6:00 p.m. | FREE

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

MAY 3

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**

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA GRADUATION POW-WOW

University of Manitoba Investors Group Athletic Centre

PIPE CEREMONY **11:00 a.m.** | GRAND ENTRY **1:00 p.m.** AND **7:00 p.m.**

FEAST **5:00 p.m. - MPR (2ND FLOOR) University Centre** | OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

For more information call the **Aboriginal Student Centre** at **474-8850**

MAY 6

RENEGADES: CANADIANS IN THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR BY MICHAEL PETROU

This book by Michael Petrou, a historian and foreign correspondent at Maclean's magazine, tells the story of the almost 1,700 Canadians who defied Canadian law and volunteered to fight fascism in Spain between 1936 and 1939. Many of the volunteers were from Manitoba, including more than 150 from Winnipeg.

Renegades is published by University of British Columbia Press, in association with the Canadian War Museum

McNally Robinson Grant Park

7:00 p.m. | FREE

MAY 8 - MAY 11

RADICAL ART EXHIBIT

Featuring works by many local artists at various venues including the AZone at 91 Albert St and the Platform Gallery Lobby in Artspace at 100 Arthur St.

Various Venues Guided tour details to be announced | **FREE**

MAY 8

CANADIAN ANARCHIST HISTORY

Presentations by Paul Burrows and Travis Tomchuk on Canadian anarchist history. Discussion to follow.

Mondragon, 91 Albert St 6:00 p.m.

FREE

MAY RIGHTS!

A 2008 Mayworks Labour and Arts Festival Literary Event. Poetry of mythology and revolution by Ron Romanowski, author of *Sweet Talking* and *The Great Buffalo Republic*. Songs from the Civil Rights Movement by Liliana Romanowski.

McNally Robinson Grant Park, Travel Alcove

7:00 p.m. | FREE

For more information contact **Ron** at **667-6802**

CELEBRATING THE MAY DAYS OF '68

Presentations by members of the New Socialists, Winnipeg Group, and the I.W.W. Winnipeg Branch with feature film to follow.

Rudolf Rucker Cultural Centre, 91 Albert St

8:00 p.m. | DONATIONS FOR THE VENUE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

MAY 9

ANTI-OLYMPICS 2010

Presentation by the B.C. Anti-Poverty Committee on the 2010 Olympics with a screening of the documentary 'Five Ring Circus'.

Mondragon, 91 Albert St

6:00 p.m. | FREE

ROCK FOR RIGHTS!

Ian La Rue & the Condor, the 1919 Insurrectionary Orchestra, and guests under one roof for a night of sing alongs and rock songs. Organized by the Winnipeg IWW and the Spirited Anarchy Festival.

Rudolf Rucker Cultural Center, 3rd fl. 91 Albert St..

DOORS 9:00 p.m. Show at 10:00 p.m. | \$5 SUGGESTED DONATION

MAY 10

SPIRITED ANARCHY FESTIVAL BOOK FAIR

Featuring many booksellers, publishers and distributors, there will also be various radical workshops, speakers and readings. Music by the Flaming Trolleys Marching Band.

Old Market Square 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. | FREE

MOSTLY MANDOLINS

The Winnipeg Mandolin Orchestra of the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians presents *Mostly Mandolins* with special guests the D Rangers.

Ukrainian Labour Temple, 591 Pritchard

8:00 p.m. | TICKETS: \$10 For more information contact **Carmen** at **334-7591**

OPEN HOUSE AND FUNDRAISER

Special events and entertainment on all 4 levels with many radical groups co-operating to support the building's upgrades.

A-Zone Building, 91 Albert St | 8:00 p.m. | ADMISSION BY DONATION

INTERNATIONAL SONGS FOR THE PEOPLE

An evening of music and theatre depicting people's struggle for social justice

Gas Station Theatre | 7:30 p.m. | TICKETS: \$10

For more information or to order tickets email: wglabourchoir@mts.net or phone **Loa Henry** at **774-8573**

MAY 11

SISTERS IN SPIRIT WINNIPEG CHAPTER ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY MARCH

In solidarity with the Aboriginal Community who have lost loved ones to violence and racism. Beginning at the St. Regis Hotel on Smith St. proceeding to the Forks for speeches and entertainment.

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | FREE

MAY 12

MAYWORKS FILM NIGHT SCENES FROM THE CLASS STRUGGLE: TWO FILMS BY KEN LOACH

Raining Stones 7:00 p.m. (1993) (90 min)

One of the movie's characters observes: "When you're a worker it rains stones seven days a week." This sets the scene for Ken Loach to explore one man's struggle with his poverty in the wider context of the problems created by the "new" British economy.

Riff Raff 9:00 p.m. (1991) (96 min)

Riff Raff is a gritty and realistic portrayal of workers dealing with the consequences of the Thatcherite revolution. It follows a group of construction workers as they convert an old hospital into luxury flats (the triumph of neo-liberalism?) depicting their struggle against low pay and dangerous working conditions with no union to fight for them. Their resistance mounts and finally they find a way to strike back.

The Park Theatre, 698 Osborne St

ADMISSION \$7 or \$10 FOR BOTH FILMS For information call **478-7275**

MAY 12 TO 18

FRESH AIR ART GALLERY

A weeklong event of open air art displays including banners prepared for the progressive movements in Winnipeg and memorabilia from our worker's history. Animators and written guides provided. Show travels to a new location daily. Guest performances are organized at various locations from **12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

May 12 Central Park; Cumberland @ Kennedy | May 13 Coronation Park; Tache @ St.Mary's | May 14 Bonny Castle Park; Main @ Assiniboine | May 15 Old Market Square; King @ Bannatyne with a special guest performance by musician Mike Desautles

May 16 Revolution Park; 387 Selkirk Ave | May 17 Memorial Park; Memorial @ Broadway | May 18 St. John's Park; Main @ St. John's

FREE | For more information contact **Anna** at **233-7116**

MAY 13

FALSEWORK

On June 17, 1958, Vancouver's Second Narrows Bridge collapsed while under construction and eighteen ironworkers plunged to their deaths. Critically acclaimed poet Gary Geddes' collection of poems and photographs, *Falsework*, marks the 50th anniversary of the disaster through portraits of the many lives affected by the disaster. After the reading and presentation by Geddes there will be a book signing by the author.

The Park Theatre, 698 Osborne St.

7:00 p.m. | TICKETS: \$10

STUDENTS WITH ID: **FREE**

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

MAY 14

BATTLESHIP POTEMKIN

Featuring a live, newly composed score by Garth Hardy.

Sergei Eisenstein's classic film portrayal of the 1905 Potemkin Uprising shown on the big screen with a new soundtrack!

Potemkin is a film that captures the revolutionary spirit, gives the already committed cause for celebration, and the unconverted a reason to take to the streets. It roars against the senseless injustices imposed on workers and peasants by Russia's decadent czarist regime. In keeping with Eisenstein's wish that the score be constantly rewritten in order to retain its relevance to each new generation, Winnipeg sound artist Garth Hardy will provide an improvised, live musical accompaniment.

The Park Theatre, 698 Osborne St

7:00 p.m. | TICKETS: \$7 | FOR INFORMATION CALL 478-7275

MAY 15

CUBA SI

Manitoba-Cuba Solidarity Committee fundraiser for the Che Guevara Volunteer Work Brigade, Summer 2008. The evening will include presentations; cultural performances including an Aboriginal drum group and Latin American singers; bead making; poetry; and discussion.

Mondragon Cafe and Bookstore, 91 Albert Street

7:00 p.m.

ADMISSION BY CONTRIBUTION

For more information contact **Diane Zack** at **783-9380**

MAY 18

EXPLOITATION IS BAD BUSINESS

Presentation and Sharing Circle about the impact of mining practices on the world's Aboriginal People's, including the current situation in Canada and abroad and a discussion on what is being done in response.

Kateri Church Basement, Ellice Ave. @ Home St.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Everyone welcome

MAY 19

COLONIZATION AND THE LEFT

Grassroots Women Manitoba are hosting a workshop about challenges faced by Aboriginal workers. Facilitator: Leslie Spillet.

Kani Kanichihk, 455 McDermot Ave

7:00 p.m.

MAY 19 TO MAY 22

THE PRICE OF SUGAR FILM SCREENING

When a priest arrives in the Dominican Republic and ventures into the plantations, he discovers thousands of dispossessed Haitians working the cane fields under backbreaking and inhumane conditions. Lacking both Haitian and Dominican citizenship, the labourers are legally invisible, and are frequently denied even the most basic human rights.

Cinemateque, 100 Arthur St. (Artspace Building)

7:00 pm | TICKETS: \$7 GENERAL / \$6 STUDENTS/SENIORS / \$5 CINEMATHEQUE MEMBERS

MAY 21

ZUKEN FOUNDATION CITIZEN AWARD EVENING

Presentation of the annual Citizen Award.

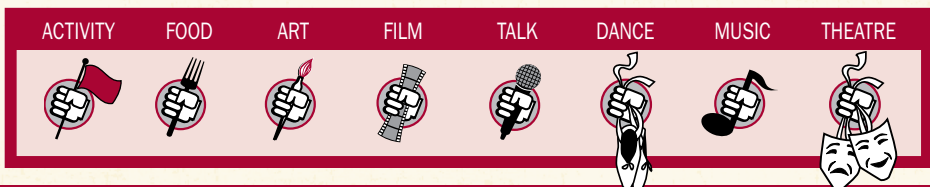
Guest speaker: *Whose Law and What Order?* by Elizabeth Comack, Professor of Sociology, University of Manitoba and Research Associate, CCPA-Manitoba

Co-sponsored by the Joe Zuken Memorial Foundation and Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives-Manitoba

Union Centre, 275 Broadway Ave

7:00 p.m.

ICON LEGEND



MAY 22, 23, 24, 25

'S.M.I.L.E. WHILE YOU D.I.E.' OR 'EVE RAE MANN'S PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS'

S.M.I.L.E. while you D.I.E. chronicles the life of Eve Rae Mann, a telephone customer service representative. The relentless dehumanization of the profit-seeking corporate world brings Eve to the brink of madness in this absurdly surreal dark-comedy, providing insights into the human consequence of being a cog in the corporate machine.

Produced by Theatre Serendipity, Written and Performed by Rachelle Fordyce.

Ragpickers Annex, 216 McDermot Ave.

May 22, 23, 24 SHOW: 8:00 p.m., May 25 SHOW: 3:00 p.m.

TICKETS: \$10 TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE AT MONDRAGON OR AT THE DOOR.

For more information contact **Rachelle** at **474-1569**.

MAY 23

SONG, SATIRE & SOLIDARITY

With her wicked wit and piano stylings, Adi Sara Kreindler evokes Tom Lehrer, only prettier. Join her as she skewers Alberta Oil, bourgeois hypocrisy, postmodern love, and unusual dietary options. Plus: haunting ballads and sultry jazz! Co-produced by the Winnipeg Folk Festival. Sara's profits will go to Local Investment Toward Employment (LITE).

The Folk Exchange, 211 Bannatyne Ave.

8 p.m. | TICKETS: \$10 ADVANCE; \$12 AT THE DOOR

For tickets and information call **231-1377**

MAY 24 TO 25

"MIKE'S BLOODY SATURDAY"

WALKING TOUR

Join the award-winning composer of the musical "Strike!", Danny Schur, as he shares details about the life of Mike Sokolowski, the Ukrainian immigrant killed during the culmination of the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike - Bloody Saturday. The walking tour begins at Winnipeg's City Hall courtyard and makes its way to the site of the former Manitoba Hotel and into "Hell's Alley." Duration: 2 hours.

City Hall 1:00 PM (Rain or Shine)

TICKETS ARE FREE, RESERVATION IS MANDATORY

(Only 40 tickets available)

Ticket Reservations @ **227-1167** or e-mail dannyschur@hotmail.com

MAY 24

LABOUR SONGS & MAY DAYS

An illustrated talk by Myron Shatulsky with the *Winnipeg Labour Choir* (Loa Henry, Director) and the *What's Left* folk singing group.

Ukrainian Labour Temple, 591 Pritchard Avenue

1:00 p.m. | TICKETS: \$10

For more information contact **Brent Stearns** at **488-1008**.

MAY 25

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR MIKE SOKOLOWSKI AND STEVE SKEZERBANOVICZ

A short ceremony at the grave site of Mike Sokolowski to honour these fallen martyrs of "Bloody Saturday" in the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike. This event is organized by MayWorks

Brookside Cemetery, 3001 Notre Dame Avenue

1:00 p.m. | Everyone welcome

NATHAN ROGERS IN CONCERT

Some say he was born into it, some that he was born with it, while others claim he has earned it. With one foot planted firmly in folk music's traditional roots and the other reaching into its dynamic future, Nathan Rogers isn't entirely sure what 'it' is; singer, songwriter, guitarist, throat-chanter, percussionist, revivalist, or innovator. Whatever it may be, "Nathan has the ability to turn the folk world on its ears."

West End Cultural Centre, 583 Ellice Ave

8:00 p.m. | TICKETS: \$15 IN ADVANCE / \$18 AT THE DOORS

MAY 30

THE TRIPLE TRUTH

Theatre Projects Manitoba and Native Earth Performing Arts present *The Triple Truth*, created and performed by the acclaimed Turtle Gals Performance Ensemble. In *The Triple Truth*, the history of Aboriginal people at work unfolds over 60 minutes through story, song and movement.

Circle of Life Thunderbird House

8:00 p.m. For more information and reservations call **989-2400**

MAY 31

WINNIPEG LABOUR COUNCIL MAYWORKS PICNIC

Children attending the picnic will receive hot dogs, balloons, entertainment, inflatable rides and an entry in a free bike raffle! The picnic is open to all members of Winnipeg Labour Council affiliated unions, their families and the children of Rossbrook House, Andrews Street Family Centre and the Winnipeg Boys and Girls Club.

Freight House Park at Ross and Isabel

12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m.

For more information call the Winnipeg Labour Council at **942-0522** or email info@winnipeglabour.ca.

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

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Canadian Auto Workers

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Ironworkers Union Local #728
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