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## LUMINATO'S 2010 VISUAL ARTS AND FASHION PROGRAMMING TRANSFORMS TORONTO

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**TORONTO (March 15, 2010) – Luminato, Toronto Festival of Arts and Creativity**, presents its 2010 visual arts and fashion program featuring commissioned installations. Imaginative and ambitious works will transform Toronto's public spaces with pieces that challenge notions of urban space and artistic expression. Luminato 2010 takes place **June 11-20, 2010**.

Renowned Canadian artists Janet Cardiff and George Bures Miller will bring their salvaged Chinese junk boat **Ship O' Fools** to Trinity Bellwoods Park. An amalgamation of Eastern design and Western allegory, **Ship O' Fools** offers Luminato's festival-goers an interactive encounter with Cardiff and Bures Miller's distinctive and experimental art. Miami-based art collective FriendsWithYou and their family of colourful characters visit Toronto for the first time with the **Wish Come True Festival**, an installation commissioned by Luminato that will be situated at Queen's Park. **Solar Breath (Northern Caryatids) | Light Air**, curated by acclaimed film director Atom Egoyan, is a tribute to late Luminato co-founder David Pecaut. This video installation combines the work of two Canadian visual artists, esteemed Michael Snow and emerging artist Mani Mazinani. Luminato will also showcase the art of clothing design, as fashion innovator **Mark Fast** takes his iconic knit-wear to new heights with an architectural blend of art, fashion, and beauty.

"Once again our visual arts program will take over the city: a ship-wrecked Chinese junk boat in Trinity Bellwoods Park; huge, colourful, inflatable characters nestled amongst the trees in Queen's Park; and a stunning rose sculpture and dress woven into the arches of Toronto's Brookfield Place," says Luminato's Artistic Director Chris Lorway. "Each art and fashion installation offers an engaging, non-traditional, and thought-provoking art experience."

"We're thrilled to present significant art installations and commissions this summer, including a powerful and evocative tribute to honour David Pecaut by Michael Snow and Mani Mazinani," says Luminato's CEO Janice Price. "We are grateful to Atom Egoyan for his sensitive for his sensitive curation of this work juxtaposing a creation by Michael Snow with a new creation by rising talent Mani Mazinani."

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### **Ship O' Fools**

Award-winning Canadian artists Janet Cardiff and George Bures Miller will bring their most recent installation, **Ship O' Fools**, to Trinity Bellwoods Park. **Ship O' Fools** is a salvaged 9-metre-long Chinese junk boat transformed into an interactive installation of sound and light. In a reflection of Luminato's East/West curatorial threads, the title **Ship O' Fools** refers to a long-standing allegory and powerful theme within western literature and art. Festival-goers can board the ship one at a time to reflect on the interpretation of a pilotless vessel and view the artwork's intricate details and sounds. Cardiff and Bures Miller have represented Canada at the Venice Biennale, have work showcased in the permanent collection at the National Gallery of Canada, and are known internationally for their imaginative, experimental sound installations. **Ship O' Fools** is commissioned by Luminato and supported by the Hal Jackman Foundation.

**Friday, June 11 – Sunday, June 20 at Trinity Bellwoods Park**

**FREE**

### ***Wish Come True Festival***

Luminato welcomes FriendsWithYou's *Wish Come True* characters and their colourful totems, bounce houses, and inflatable friends. Queen's Park will become home to the ***Wish Come True Festival*** where festival-goers will encounter a world of colourful lounge areas, spinning creatures, and 12-metre high inflatable characters towering amongst the trees. Led by the Rainbow King, a host of characters fan out across the park spreading their message of happiness and fun in this artistic spectacle for all ages commissioned by Luminato. Created by Miami-based design collective FriendsWithYou, the ***Wish Come True Festival*** transforms a part of the city into an artistic experience. Presented by Porter Airlines.

**Wednesday, June 16 – Sunday, June 20 at Queen's Park  
FREE**

### ***Mark Fast***

One of the world's hottest up-and-coming fashion designers, Canadian-born Mark Fast transcends the boundary between art, fashion, and beauty with an installation commissioned for Luminato in partnership with Lancôme. Fast will create a new kind of knitted sculpture, one which spirals out from a platform and through the architecture of the Allen Lambert Galleria in Brookfield Place. This blend of fashion, interpreting the rose, and sculptural installation literally elevates Fast's famous knit-wear. Fast has built his international reputation by using his own stitching techniques on blends of Lycra with wool, angora, or viscose to create hand-formed garments for women. Festival-goers can experience this extraordinary undertaking by one of the fashion world's boldest innovators. Mark Fast is presented by Lancôme.

**Friday, June 11 – Sunday, June 20 at the Adam Lambert Galleria, Brookfield Place  
FREE**

### ***Solar Breath (Northern Caryatids) | Light Air***

Renowned film director Atom Egoyan curates a tribute to late Luminato co-founder David Pecaut with ***Solar Breath (Northern Caryatids) | Light Air***. This installation is inspired by the letters that Pecaut wrote to Egoyan before his death in December, 2009. The tribute combines the works of Michael Snow and Mani Mazinani in one visual arts event. Snow, whose more than fifty-year career has encompassed experimental filmmaking, sculpture, painting, music, and photography, is one of Canada's most celebrated Master artists. Mani Mazinani is a recent graduate of the University of Toronto, where he studied under Egoyan. He is an emerging artist, composer, and musician. The tribute juxtaposes Snow's 2002 film *Solar Breath (Northern Caryatids)* with *Light Air*, a work created in response by Mazinani. ***Solar Breath (Northern Caryatids) | Light Air*** is commissioned by Luminato.

**Friday, June 11 – Sunday, June 20 at Brookfield Place  
FREE**

### **ABOUT LUMINATO**

For 10 extraordinary days in June, Toronto's stages, streets, and public spaces are illuminated with arts and creativity. Luminato is an annual multi-disciplinary celebration of theatre, literature, music, food, dance, celebrations, visual arts, fashion, film, and magic.

For more information, visit [luminato.com](http://luminato.com). Tickets will be available at 10:00 AM, April 15 through all Ticketmaster outlets (call 416-872-1111 or visit [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca)).

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