



International Festival of Performance Art
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International Artists Arrive in Toronto for the 7a*11d Festival

Artists start arriving in Toronto October 10th in anticipation of the 7a*11d Performance Art Festival. Japanese artist anti-cool and Quebec artist Claudia Bernal, along with members of the 7a*11d collective, are available for interviews in the weeks leading up to the festival.

The 6th 7a*11d Festival of Performance Art brings to Toronto over 20 established and emerging contemporary performance artists from across Canada as well as Japan, Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines, Poland, Bulgaria, Finland, Germany, the UK and the US.

Performance and installation artist, **anti-cool** (Tomoko Takahashi) was born in Kanagawa, Japan. Her works explore ways of conquering the boundaries and rules with which people surround themselves. Through communication with those present, she tries to find solutions in order to break through people's self-imposed limits. She has exhibited in more than ten countries in the last six years. Recent group shows include Visions in the Nunnery, London, UK; Cultural Studies Wien at Museum Quarter 21, and Platform Kunst for Japan-EU year, Vienna, Austria. **anti-cool** is available for interviews starting October 10th.

Claudia Bernal has developed a personal approach focused on the fragmentation of urban space and its impact on society and culture. The concepts of movement, migration, space, identity, are recurrent in her artworks. She has presented both collective and solo exhibitions in Canada, Québec, Colombia, Cuba, Argentina, Mexico and Germany. Claudia Bernal lives and works in Montréal. **Claudia Bernal** is available for interviews starting October 17th.

Members of the 7a*11d collective (**Gale Allen, Shannon Cochrane, Paul Couillard, Jim Drobnick, Louise Liliefeldt, Johanna Householder** and **Tanya Mars**), many having just completed successful performances at Toronto's Nuit Blanche, are available for interviews now.

Artists arriving on October 18th include **Dariusz Fodczuk** (Poland), **Leena Kela** (Finland), **Les Fermieres Obsédées** (QC), **Oraf Orafsson** (Canada), and **Raquel de Loyola** (Philippines).

A PDF of the 2006 Festival catalogue is available at www.7a-11d.ca

All events PWYC. Suggested donation for evening programs & Opening Night Party is \$5.

7a*11d main festival venue: Xspace (303 Augusta Ave. in Kensington Market)
Plus day events + programming at Toronto Free Gallery, OCAD & Trinity Bellwoods Park.

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