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An Evening of Deaf and Disabled Performance and Film Works Hosted by YWCA

Peterborough, ON – September 9, 2011 – YWCA Peterborough, Victoria & Haliburton invites members of the public to attend an evening of Deaf and disabled performance and film works taking place at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, September 14th, 2011.

This free event, curated by Jes Sachse, Curator for Arts Week Peterborough and YWCA Community Development Intern and Disability Strategist, will be held in the YWCA parking lot located at 216 Simcoe Street, Peterborough. The performance will be wheelchair accessible, closed captioned, and include speech-to-text technologies and ASL interpretation.

Featuring:

CP SALON: It's about Love. It's about Cerebral Palsy. It's about a Man with a Disability.

What is performance? What is disability? What is embodiment? Singer/storyteller **Kazumi Tsuruoka** is joined by pianist **Tania Gill**: through rhythm and blues they tell the love story of a man with cerebral palsy. Produced and directed by **Fides Krucker**.

Kazumi Tsuruoka is a charismatic performer and speaker who was a disability-rights' activist during the 1970's and toured the Toronto school system speaking about disability through the prism of his own experience with Cerebral Palsy. In 1999 he became a core member of the Toronto Theatre Alliance's DIS THIS! Artists Group and has since trained in movement, voice and theatre performance.

Kazumi co-created with Fides Krucker and performed in the inaugural CP Salon in Toronto, February 2004. The show has toured 3 times – to Regina and Vancouver (2006), to Whitehorse (2008) and to three Toronto campuses (2009).

Four films in LSQ by media artist, **Chantal Deguire**

Dégénération, Rien n'est impossible, Métamorphose and Alors on danse. (Starring: Chloë Caissie, Tiphaine Girault, Jonathan Poulin-Desbiens, Hodan Youssef, Kim Pelletier, Roxanne Charron)

Chantal Deguire is a media artist and filmmaker currently based in Toronto, Ontario. A graduate of Gallaudet University, Chantal is the passionate Deaf francophone artist entrepreneur behind Outer Creations, which will soon be releasing Chantal's latest, feature-length work – the first feature-length film in Canada to be entirely in ASL/LSQ.

For more information about this event, or to set up an interview with the artists, please contact Jes Sachse at 705-933-0005 or jes.sachse@gmail.com

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