



## For immediate release

### **30 International and national artists take over Kitchener's downtown from September 18<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> 2004.**

The Contemporary Art Forum takes cutting edge art out of the galleries and brings it to street level, demystifying contemporary art for the people, and capturing the public's imagination. Artists are on hand to animate their innovative works: sculpture, installation, performance, video, and all forms of artistic intervention into the urban landscape.

The artists chosen for this year's exhibition explore the desire for safe and risk-free life styles, global-political issues, individual and spiritual peace, world peace and conflict resolution, utopian and escapist ideals, security and preventative measures, and all that would grant us *peace of mind*.

On September 18<sup>th</sup> Kitchener will welcome 29 artists from Cuba, Serbia, Germany, China, the United Kingdom and across Canada. The 22 contemporary art projects, many of them interactive, are presented in and around Kitchener City Hall. This nine day forum includes video screenings, on-going performances, two panel discussions with highly regarded artists and curators, artist talks and guided tours.

Welcome to *Peace of Mind* at the Kitchener City Hall!

**Media Reception with Sponsors and Friends of CAFKA** - Saturday, September 18 / 04 – 6:30 pm

**Opening reception for the Public** – Saturday, September 18 / 04 – 7:30 pm  
at the Kitchener City Hall, Second Floor Rotunda

**Keynote:** Thursday, September 23 / 04 – 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers, Kitchener City Hall  
presented by The Honorable Sarmite D. Bulte, P.C., M.P., Parkdale-High Park with an introductory note from The Honorable Karen Redman, P.C., M.P.

### **Round tables in the Council Chambers:**

#### **Peace of Mind – Art and Memory**

Wednesday, September 22 / 04 – 7:00 pm

Speakers: Michele Karch-Ackerman, Ian Lazarus, Tina Poplawski, Arthur Renwick  
Moderated by Virginia Eichhorn

#### **Peace of Mind – Art and Activism**

Friday, September 24 / 04 – 7:00 pm

Speakers: Jan Allan, Ron Benner, Jamelie Hassan, Allan MacKay  
Moderated by Kym Pruesse

### **Projects by:**

Pavel Acosta & Yuneikys Villalonga *Cuba*  
Daniel Barrow *Winnipeg*  
Adrian Blackwell *Toronto*  
Diane Borsato *Toronto*  
David Bouchard *Montreal*  
Susan Coolen *Montreal*  
Janis Demkiw, Corwyn Lund and Duncan McDonald *Toronto*  
Lalie Douglas *Montreal*  
Nisha Duggal *Great Britain*  
David Floren *Vancouver*

Adonis Flores Betancourt *Cuba*  
Helga Griffiths *Germany*  
Zivko Grozdanic *Serbia*  
Catherine Kozyra *Thunder Bay*  
edmund law *Toronto*  
Gareth Lichty *Acton*  
Rowena Luk and Jessica Michielsen *Kitchener*  
Marianela Orozco Rodriguez *Cuba*  
Ping Qiu *Germany / China*  
Tamiaie Squibb, Tristan Doherty and Jason Yeh *Kitchener*  
Michael Stecky and Rodney Latourelle *Toronto / Winnipeg*  
Robert Waldeck and Tabitha Ferguson *Kitchener*

Performances are on-going. Do not miss the performance of Daniel Barrow on Tuesday Sept. 21, 7pm at ZeroTo One Gallery & Studios on 107 King St. W. 2floor! This performance could not take place at City Hall due to its sexually explicit nature.

Please contact Ernest Daetwyler, Artistic Coordinator, or Iga Janik, Public Relations Coordinator, at 519-744-5123 for further information or visit our website [www.contemporaryartforum.ca](http://www.contemporaryartforum.ca)

