

Expanding the Light

Gareth Lichty invokes Saule with Site-Specific Sculpture

Gareth Lichty has hand-woven 2 kilometers of transparent plastic tubing into a shallow basket-like sculpture. *Saule* will hang under a skylight, above a church altar, to capture and disperse the light. *Saule* will appear as a 15-foot-diameter draping architectural element that complements and softens the angles of the room. The transparent tubing of Lichty's hand woven sculpture will refract the light into the space.

"Saule" references the Baltic goddess who wove sunbeams. Both light and weaving are common to different peoples and religions all over the world and throughout the ages. Light is sacred and spiritual. Hand-woven crafts have been around for thousands of years.

Gareth Lichty works with excessive amounts of hand made or manufactured units to create large scale organic sculptural installations that deal with the internal and external architecture of the space.

Saule can be viewed **November 25, 2007 - January 27, 2008**. The exhibition is in St. Philip the Apostle Anglican Church at 201 Caribou Rd, Toronto. (2 blocks south of Lawrence Ave. & 1/2 block east of Bathurst.) Admission is free of charge. A special exhibition opening will take place during the 10:00am service on Sunday, November 25, which will be followed by a reception.

Saule was commissioned as part of The Caribou Project, a bold interfaith initiative to stimulate dialogue about contemporary creativity, modern-day spirituality, and social justice. Using a bequest, the tiny congregation of St. Philip the Apostle Anglican Church has commissioned professional artists and performance groups to create six new artworks and performances. Artists represent different spiritual backgrounds, and work in a variety of media, from dance to photography, and sculpture to textiles.

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