

# MATWORKS

A FESTIVAL OF WORKING PEOPLE  
AND THE ARTS

APRIL 29 – MAY 6, 1989

## EVENTS CALENDAR



# **MAYWORKS FESTIVAL**

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## Congratulations to Mayworks!

*In this fourth Mayworks, we again salute the creativity of workers and the social role of progressive artists. It's a week-long celebration, built around May Day, which we share with our supporters in Canada's arts community.*

*From union tradition we know that hearts starve as well as bodies. In this age of mass media, a bad image can hurt workers as much as a bad arbitration. So workers need art as a positive expression of our issues and our successes.*

*As we face free trade, privatization and de-regulation, we need to join forces with our arts allies. Mayworks '89 is a time for unionists to stop, look and listen.*

*And for us all to enjoy.*



*Linda Torney,  
President, Labour Council  
of Metropolitan Toronto  
and York Region.*

Mayworks is a project of The Labour Council of Metro Toronto and York Region.

Mayworks Festival office is located at the OPSEU Building  
1901 Yonge St., 8th Floor, Toronto, M4S 2Z5  
For information call 487-6406

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Canadian Labour Congress: Ontario Region

Canadian Auto Workers (CAW)

Ontario Public Service Employees Union: Headquarters  
Local 512

United Steelworkers of America: National Office  
Local 4025  
Toronto Area Council

Communications and Electrical Workers of Canada: Ontario Region  
Local 25  
Local 26  
Local 27  
Local 50  
Local 4

Office and Professional Employees International Union: Local 343

Greater Toronto Textile Joint Board - ACTWU

International Ladies Garment Workers Union/Toronto Joint Board

Canadian Union of Public Employees: Local 79  
Local 1230  
Local 1281

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Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto - Cultural Affairs Division

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**Friday, April 21**

*Opening*

**THE ARTIST AND THE WORKPLACE**

Charlie Stimac, Art Gallery of Northumberland

Victoria Hall, 55 King St. W.

Cobourg, Ontario, Reception 7:30 pm

continues to May 21 (416) 372-0333

This exhibition will display a series of preparatory sketches and finished panels commissioned by the Cobourg and District Labour Council under the auspices of the Ontario Arts Council's Artist and the Workplace programme.

**PHOTOGRAPHY AT WORK**

Cobourg Public Library

18 Chapel St., Cobourg, Ontario



Photographs by Gordon Matthews

Member of CWC Local 534

Class Work, by Carole Condé and Karl Beveridge in collaboration with Communications and Electrical Workers of Canada continues to May 21

**Wednesday April 26**

*Toronto Board of Education presents*

**The TENTH ANNIVERSARY RACE RELATIONS REVUE:**

**A Tribute to Anti-Racism**

Presentations and Performances from Toronto Schools

Trinity-St. Paul's Centre

7 pm performance 8:30 Reception

Call 591-8339 for free tickets

**Saturday, April 29**

*Ontario Popular Theatre Alliance*

**MUSIC WORKSHOP with Allan Merovitz**

10:30 am \$10.00

Meeting of Popular Theatre Workers 2:00 p.m.

Ralph Thornton Centre

765 Queen St. E.

**HONOUR THE EARTH**

Paintings and Prints by Simon Paul Dene

Partisan Gallery

1140 Queen St. W.

Opening Reception 2 pm

Continues to May 28



*In Concert: Esther Bejarano*

**YIDDISH SONGS OF THE GHETTOS  
AND CONCENTRATION CAMPS**

Winchevsky Centre

585 Cranbrooke Ave.

7:30 pm \$8.00 592-8695

Sponsored by Development Education Centre  
and the United Jewish People's Order

**VIDEOWORKS PREMIERE**

Mayworks presents the premiere of videos created by Glen Richards, Don Bouzek, Voltaire de Leon and others under the auspices of the Ontario Arts Council's Artist and the Workplace programme.

Innis College Auditorium, U of T

2 Sussex Ave. at St. George

8 pm \$5.00

**Re:Connecting**

30 min. colour video

By Don Bouzek & Voltaire de Leon (Ground Zero Productions)

in residence with the Communication and Electrical workers of  
Canada

A sometimes humorous, sometimes serious look at what one CWC staffer called "the first major Canadian strike of the information age".



## **De-Industrial Strength Soap**

30 min. colour video

By Glen Richards and members of the Labour Council of Metro Toronto and York Region.

“As the World Turns” its back on workers, our “soap” follows the lives of working people as they come to grips with plant closures, plant re-locations and non-union service jobs.

## **Sunday April 30**

### **MAYDAY PARADE**

Trinity-Bellwoods Park

Dundas and Shaw

Rally at 12 noon

March starts at 2 pm

to Steelworkers Hall, 25 Cecil St.

Labour Fair & Refreshments, 3 pm



*In Concert: Esther Bejarano and Faith Nolan*

### **SONGS OF RESISTANCE**

Trinity-St. Paul's Centre

427 Bloor St. W, 7:30 p.m.

\$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door

Esther Bejarano, from West Germany, is a survivor of the Holocaust and of the “Women’s Orchestra” at Aushwitz. She has devoted her life to singing and carrying the message of the Holocaust and making the connections with today’s struggle against oppression and racism.

Faith Nolan is a Toronto based folk-blues singer, guitarist and songwriter. Her songs represent her commitment to Canadian Black history and heritage, anti-racist struggles, feminism, solidarity and workers’ issues.

**Monday, May 1**

**IN THE WORKS**

A series of playreadings organized by Ground Zero Productions. Play scripts of interest to Labour audiences will be presented during the week for discussion in a variety of contexts.

**Developing Freedom** by Jim Betts

presented by World Literacy of Canada and Young People's Theatre  
Metro Labour Education Centre

954 King St. W., 5 pm

A Play with music about literacy in Canada.

**THE WORKING IMAGE: Art Work by Union members**

presented by the Labour Council of Metro Toronto and York Region  
Harbourfront Community Gallery, May 1-7

235 Queens Quay W,

Opening Reception at 8 pm

A-Space, 183 Bathurst St., May 9-28

Funding Assistance by the Canadian Auto Workers and A-Space  
Gallery Community Arts Committee

*Announcing the launch of a pilot project:*

**ART RENTAL PROGRAMME AT THE OFL**

Ontario Federation of Labour Office

15 Gervais Drive, 2nd floor

The Ontario Federation of Labour will be renting a selection of artists' works to hang in their offices for the next year.





**Tuesday, May 2**

*Latin American Working Group presents*  
**CANTATA CENTROAMERICANA**  
On tour from Costa Rica  
Trinity-St. Paul's Centre  
427 Bloor St. W.  
8 pm \$10.00/\$5.00

A musical play which covers a broad sweep of Central American history from the lives of the original inhabitants through to the current quest for justice, peace and development in the region. A bilingual evening of songs, puppets, poetry and drama. Co-sponsored by Mayworks, LAWG, Centro de Habla Hispana and OPSEU Locals 512 and 543 with support from CUSO and Oxfam.

Congratulations to the Centre for Spanish Speaking People,  
Felicitaciones al Centro Para Gente de Habla Hispana, on the  
opening of their new building at 1004 Bathurst St.

**PARKDALE WORKS**

Photographs by David Smiley  
Gladstone Hotel  
1214 Queen St. W., (at Gladstone)  
Exhibition hangs from April 29 to May 7  
Opening Reception May 2, 4 - 7 pm

Photographs and interviews with workers in Parkdale are used to foster the understanding that health and safety is not simply the problem of "the other guy somewhere else"; health and safety is a Parkdale concern.



**Wednesday, May 3**

**MUSIC IN THE WORKPLACE**

Ruth Budd Quintet

The quintet, composed of members of the American Federation of Musicians, from the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, brings classical music to workplaces to play for other unionized workers.

Metro Reference Library, 2 pm

789 Yonge St., north of Bloor

**Charlie Stimac on the Labour Project**

Art Gallery of Northumberland

55 King St. W., Cobourg, Ont. 12 Noon

The artist will discuss the motivation for the creation of his panels and the "Artist and the Workplace" programme which funded the project.

**IN THE WORKS: Ground Zero's Play Reading Series**

**Standing with the Children**, by Mansell Robinson

Presented by Ground Zero Productions

Woodsworth Housing Co-op

133 Wilton St.

5:30 pm & 8:30 pm

A new play about J.S. Woodsworth, a founder of the co-operative movement and the CCF party, will be read in the housing co-op that bears his name. Discussion to follow the reading.

**DRY LIPS OUGHTA MOVE TO KAPUSKASING**

By Tomson Highway

Theatre Passe Muraille

16 Ryerson Ave.

Special Mayworks Evening, 8 pm \$8.00

"**DRY LIPS**" tells the story of the anarchy brought about in the male community when the women of Wasaychigan Hill Reserve decide to start their own hockey team.

**Thursday, May 4**

**MUSIC IN THE WORKPLACE**

Ruth Budd Quintet

The Federal Bldg.

4900 Yonge St.

11:30 am



**WORKERS OWN: A Video about Worker Co-operatives**

Worker Owner Development Foundation Office

The Carrot Common

348 Danforth Ave., Suite 212

5:30 pm Screening and Reception

461-7371

Colourful and candid, this video-verité promotes and discusses workplaces which are truly democratically run. Discussion to follow screening.

Sponsors of video: W.O.D.F. and Oxfam Canada

**POWER IN THE UNION**

Unveiling of murals by Bob Kell

OPSEU Meeting Room

56 Wellesley St. W, #300

Reception at 5:30 pm

Murals created by Bob Kell with OPSEU members under the auspices of the Ontario Arts Council's Artist and the Workplace Programme

**WOMANTALK** hosted by Nancy Riche, CLC Executive Vice President.

Featuring union women reading

their own poetry and fiction

in the ILGWU & ACTWU Hall

33 Cecil St.

8 pm \$6.00

Includes: Libby Scheier, Maja Bannerman and Afua Cooper, Courtesy of the League of Canadian Poets; Mary Rowles, OPSEU; Martha McLaughlin, OPEIU; Darlene Christie, CAW; Susan Meurer and others.

**Friday, May 5**

**MUSIC IN THE WORKPLACE**

Ruth Budd Quintet  
Queen's Park  
11 am

**GLOBAL LEARNING FESTIVAL**

Toronto Board of Education  
155 College St.  
Artwork and plays by students on  
Environmental Issues  
All day from 9 am

**IN THE WORKS: Ground Zero's Play Reading Series**

**Carrying the Calf** by Shirley Barrie  
presented by Straight Stitching Productions  
for the Coalition of Visible Minority Women  
579A St. Clair Ave. W., 2nd Floor  
9:30 am

A play set in a women's self-defense class, in which women from different backgrounds learn to co-operate.

**Post Script**, by Rehearsals in Progress & CUPW (Peterborough)  
created under the auspices of the Ontario Arts Council's Artist and  
the Workplace Programme  
ILGWU & ACTWU Hall  
33 Cecil St. 8 pm

A play about normal working life at Canada Post, and what happens during a strike.

*World Festival of Youth presents*

**CONCERT and DANCE**

featuring New Generation, members of NOSCA, Mystique, Thando and  
Zama, M.C.: Tisa Farrell  
United Ukrainian Canadian Hall  
300 Bathurst St.  
8:30 pm \$8.00/\$5.00

**Saturday, May 6**

*Ground Zero Presents*

**IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF MY HEART**

Location TBA

This play about housing issues continues its tour of Metro with a performance for the Supportive Housing Coalition.

**MAYWORKS WRAP-UP PARTY**

Dance to the music of **Lorraine Segato and the Big Jump Band**

The Music Gallery Great Hall

1087 Queen St. W., at Dovercourt

9 pm \$10.00





## **Special Events to watch for:**

**Wednesday, May 10, 1989**

### **The "Art & Working Life" Program in Australia**

Kathé Muir, Trade Union Arts Officer, South Australia, will discuss the involvement of unions in the arts and some of the projects which have been completed under this program which served as a model for the Ontario Arts Council "Artist and the Workplace" program.

A Space, The Orient Building, 183 Bathurst St., 2nd floor  
7:30 pm Admission free

**May 26 - 28, 1989**

### **If My Mother Could See Me Now!/Inay, Kung Alam Mo Lang!**

A play about Filipino Domestic Workers  
Sponsored by Carlos Bulosan Cultural Workshop, CAMDI,  
Philippine-Canadian Women's Association;  
separate performances in Pilipino and English  
St. Michael's Theatre, 121 St. Joseph St.  
Call 567-4037 for information, \$10.00 admission

**June 9 - 17, 1989**

### **Canadian Popular Theatre Alliance**

5th Biennial National Festival  
"Bread and Butter/Du Pain sur la Planche"  
Box 1295, Guelph, N1H 6N6 (519) 837-2265

A festival of theatre performances, workshops and cabaret that grows out of community needs and social issues, theatre that seeks to affect social change. Featuring groups from Zimbabwe, Baffin Island, Newfoundland, Victoria, Montreal, Peterborough and Toronto.

## **FOR THE FESTIVAL**

**Festival Co-ordinator:** Rhonda Payne

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