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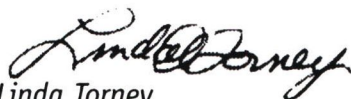
This past year has been an historic one in the life of our city. The labour, arts and social justice communities have worked, and continue to work together as never before. Tens of thousands participated in the Days of Action. New coalitions have been formed, many communities are coming together and working people continue to take their struggle to the picket line.

In 1986, the Labour Council of Metropolitan Toronto and York Region founded MAYWORKS. Over a decade later, we are proud to welcome you to our 12th annual FESTIVAL OF WORKING PEOPLE AND THE ARTS, the largest and longest running labour arts festival in North America.

MAYWORKS is our voice. It celebrates our victories, our struggles, our communities and one another. But first and foremost MAYWORKS remains a powerful voice for change and this year's theme 'Art Unites Communities' reaffirms that unified strength and vision.

Celebrate with us.

In solidarity,



Linda Torney

President

*Labour Council of Metropolitan Toronto & York Region  
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# Cabaret

Wednesday, April 30

## ***Womantalk, too!***

8:00 p.m.

Rivoli

332 Queen St West

**\$6.00**

This year we introduce **Womantalk, too!**

Young Women with Attitude featuring Shelagh Bannerji, Reena Mitchell-Katz, Emmy Pantin, Shauna richler-Lancit, Keisha Silvera and lots, lots more. Live music by Camille Douglas, Femenalz and Guelph band Corduroy Leda. Coordinated by Kelly O'Brien. Co-sponsored by CUPE 1281 and Women of STEEL.

Friday, May 2

## ***May Day, May Day Celebration***

7:30 p.m.

Cecil Street Community Centre,

58 Cecil Street,

**Suggested donation of \$5.00**

Mayworks Festival opens with live Cajun music by Swamperella, HERE Local 75 band & Giovanni Ruiz. Videos: *The Mike Harris Revolution* by Deanne Taylor and *Fighting For Our Union* by Glen Richards and Anne Healy (HERE) will be screened, the HERE union quilt, a union button exchange, food glorious food and more... Children welcome. Co-sponsored by HERE Local 75.



**Thursday, May 22**

## ***Womantalk***

**8:00 p.m.**

**Comfort Zone/Silver Dollar,**

**480 Spadina Ave.**

**\$8-10**

Back by popular demand, Womantalk features performances by local women artists as well as inspiration from our sisters in the union movement. This year's guests include Linda Torney (LCMT), Joan Grant Cummings (NAC), Sheila Gostick, Woman Ahrun Tings & Lady Luscious, Maryem Hassan & Mraya, Erin Moure, Monique Mojica. Hosted by Anita James (CAW Local 40) and Eileen Moore (CUPW). Co-sponsored by Women's Art Resource Centre.

**Saturday, May 31**

## ***Shut it down, Eh!***

**8:00 p.m.**

**Lee's Palace, 529 Bloor West**

**\$10.00**

Our closing gala and musical blowout features Punjabi by Nature, Grievous Angels, Rhea's Obsession and more. Co-hosted by Fred Hahn (CUPE 2191). Co-sponsored by CUPE 2191.

# Theatre

Saturday, May 3

## *Picking us off one by one*

2:00-5:00 p.m.

St. Stephens Community House

91 Bellevue Ave.

**FREE**

Using the popular theatre methods of Brazilian Augusto Boal, SPIT (Special Interest Troupe) present *Picking Us Off One by One*—a play about solidarity in a union setting.



David Hartman • AT WORK Exhibition at Mitzi's Café & Gallery

# Visual Arts

**May 3-31**

## ***At work***

**Mitzi's Café and Gallery,  
100 Sorauren Ave.**

Photographer David Hartman presents black and white documentary photographs of Canadians at work. From pulpmill workers in BC to fishers in Newfoundland, these images capture the energy and struggle of the workplace.

**May 3-31**

## ***Shelter***

**Mon. - Sat. 10:30 - 6:00**

**Sun. 12:00 - 5:00**

**Toronto Women's Bookstore,  
73 Harbord St.**

**FREE**

Hair cutter by trade, Mary Anne Benusis has created a body of work constructed of human hair on cardboard armatures. This work includes sheltering objects such as tents, condoms, shoes and hats. Co-sponsored by the Toronto Women's Bookstore.

# Visual Arts

April 19 - May 3

## ***Children and Work Exhibition***

**A-Space Gallery, Members' Wall**

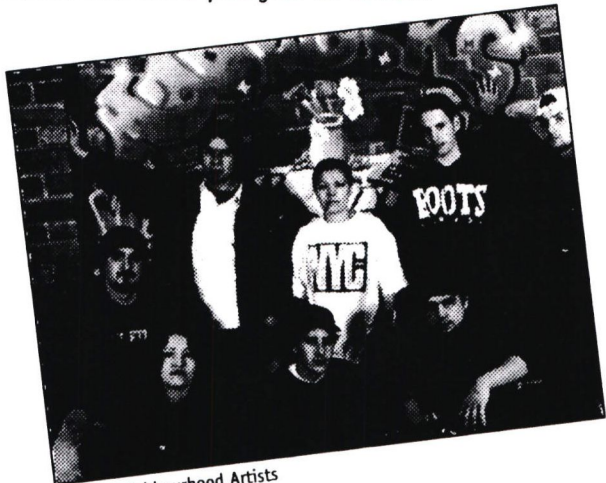
**401 Richmond St. West**

Grades 1 to 4 children from two Toronto schools (Dundas & Park) have participated in Mayworks this year. They have studied and created work on child labour, Chinese railroad workers, dancers celebrating the rugs they made and works in progress on paper-making. Mayworks is proud of the work and potential of our young people.

*Coordinated by Vera DeSommer*

## *The Poster Artists*

UNA, United Neighbourhood Artists started as a project of the Christie/Ossington Neighbourhood Centre. Involving neighbourhood youths from rival youth gangs that formerly graced the local walls with 'bad' graffiti, they now provide vibrant, colourful murals painted on public and private walls all over the community. This year's Mayworks poster features a piece they produced to reflect 'Art Unites Communities' and their work is featured in Pages Bookstore's Mayworks window on Queen Street (April 20 - May 11). Check out their work between Christie and Ossington subway stops, back alleys, schools and community centres. Call in at the Christie/Ossington Neighbourhood storefront on Bloor St. West and meet the folks who are uniting their community with art and other projects. If you want to hire UNA, call Mayworks and we'll put you in touch.



United Neighbourhood Artists



# Visual Arts

Monday, May 5-9

## *The Role of Grassroots Culture*

6:00 p.m.

CultureLink

791 St. Clair Ave. West

FREE

An exhibition featuring the work of contemporary African Canadian photographers whose work deals with issues of race. Works by Buseje Bailey, Michael Chambers, Stella Fakiyesi and David Zapparoli. Curated by Orla Garriques of CAN:BAIA. There will be a panel of Black trade unionists and artists discussing the role of grassroots culture in addressing issues of racism.

- The opening will take place Monday May 5, at 6 p.m. followed by the panel discussion at 7:30 p.m., moderated by Clem Marshall.



Shafiq

# Visual Arts

**Tuesday, May 6-26**

***Art on the Street:  
Youth Culture in the City of York***

**(Mayworks Links with Art Starts)**

**Eglinton Ave. West, between Marlee and Dufferin**

A group of nine youth between the ages of 14-17 got together with artists Karen Bell and Karen Eull to put together a show on storefront windows in their neighborhood as a way to talk about their issues. Sponsored by the Youth and Arts Collective of Art Starts Cultural Centre for Mayworks.

**Wednesday, May 7-31**

***The Uncounted Economy***

**Mon. - Sat. 10:00 - 8:00**

**Sun. 12:00 - 6:00**

**A Different Booklist,**

**746 Bathurst at Bloor**

**FREE**

This exhibit by Shlomit Segal (CUPE 3903) consists of linocut prints addressing issues of unpaid work, the environment and economics. Co-sponsored by A Different Booklist.

# Visual Arts

Thursday, May 15

## ***Construction Mural @ Oakwood and Holland Park Rap Session***

**(Mayworks links with Art Starts)**

**7:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

**Rawlinson Public School,  
231 Glenholme Ave, City of York**

**FREE**

Art Starts presents a mural about construction executed by 30 children ages 6-12, through the guidance of four artists: Belinda Ageda, Anne-Marie Estranda, Catherine Reed and Steven White. The Rap Session will be a discussion about the mural and an inaugural celebration. Mayworks artists will be on hand to make links and join in the discussion. Sponsored by the Youth and Arts Collective of Art Starts Cultural Centre for Mayworks.

# Visual Arts

Saturday, May 24

*'...for the Money'*

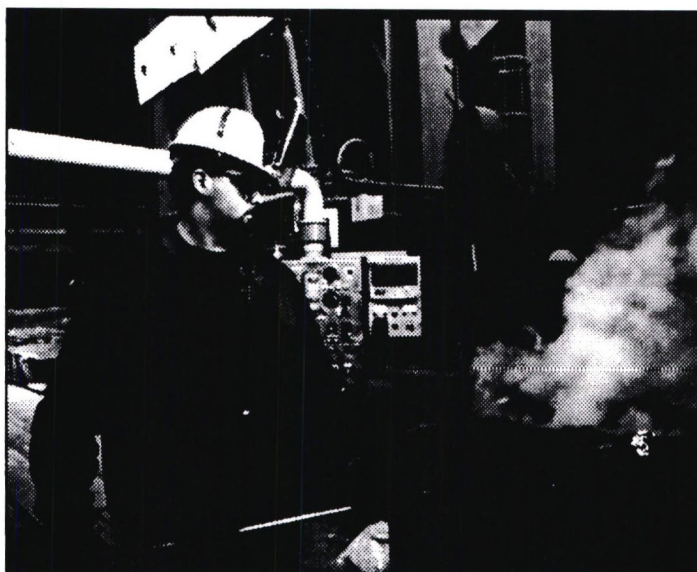
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May 24 - 31 and June 15 - 21

Metro Hall Rotunda, 55 John Street

FREE

An exhibition of 10 photographers including Vince Pietropaolo, Lisa Sakulensky, Peter MacCullum, Jim Miller and Deb Barndt. It depicts the lives of working people and their workplaces. The work ranges from documentary images to photo text and staged photography. Curated by Carole Condé.



Vincenzo Pietropaolo

# Video

Sunday, May 4

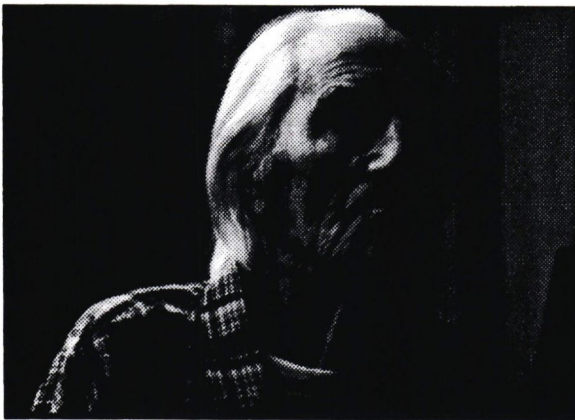
## *In Living Memory*

7:30 p.m.

Morris Winchevsky Centre,  
585 Cranbrooke Ave.

FREE

Filmmaker Amy Gottlieb's video, *In Living Memory*, is a tribute to her father Harry Gottlieb. A visual artist and activist, Gottlieb is best known for his silk screen prints about work produced in the 1930s and 1940s. The evening will be framed by songs, photographs and Harry Gottlieb's original print works. Musical performance by Yiddish folksinger David Wall of The Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band. Co-sponsored by The United Jewish People's Order.



Harry Gottlieb



Friday, May 9

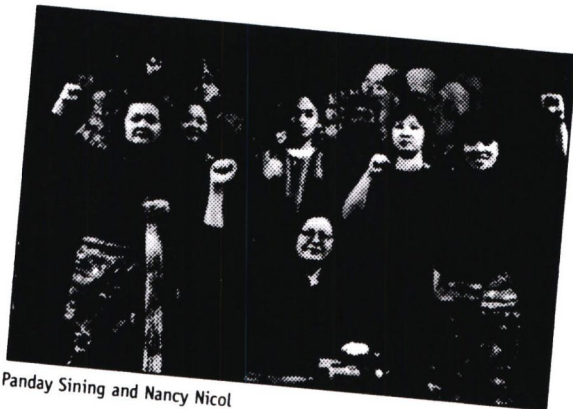
## *Migrante and Panday Sining*

7:30-10:00 p.m.

OISE auditorium, 252 Bloor St. West

**FREE**

World premiere of the video *Migrante*, directed by Nancy Nicol and a live performance by Panday Sining, the cultural arm of the Philippine Solidarity Group. Through songs by Panday Sining and interviews, this video explores human rights abuses suffered by migrant workers, imperialism, racism and the exploitation of third world labour. Co-sponsored by Philippine Solidarity Group, Progressive Filipinos Overseas United for a National Democracy and Katipunan Ng Manggagawang Kababaihan. *Migrante* has been made through the Artist in Residency Program at Trinity Square Video.



Panday Sining and Nancy Nicol

# Word

Thursday, May 8

## ***Words, Sound, and Fighting Spirits***

8:00 p.m.

360 Club,

326 Queen St. West

\$7-10 sliding scale

A night of resistance from activist poets backed up by a band led by Kevin Barrett. The evening features Robert Priest, Motion, Clifton Joseph, Arlene Mantle, Michael St. George, Peter McPhee and, from BC, Joey Keithley and Lee Maracle. Hosted by Lillian Allen.

Sunday, May 11

## ***Mother Works***

8:00 p.m.

The Idler Pub,

255 Davenport Road at Avenue Road

FREE

Co-sponsored by The Idler Pub Reading Series

Mothers Day readings by working mothers with Rhea Tregebov; Afua Cooper; Nacia Miller and Judith Katz. Host Ronna Bloom.

Wednesday, May 28

## *Does Poetry Work?*

8:00 p.m.

Imperial Public Library Pub,

54 Dundas St. East

**FREE**

Offices, mines, fast food joints, schools, construction sites—poets are working everywhere. This evening, hosted by singer songwriter Joseph Maviglia and poet Maureen Hynes, features wordsmiths Katherine Beeman from Montreal, Marlene Nourbese Philip, Phil Hall and Stuart Ross. We invite you to read your favourite poem about work. Co-sponsored by The Art Bar Poetry Series.



# Dance

May 22 - 25

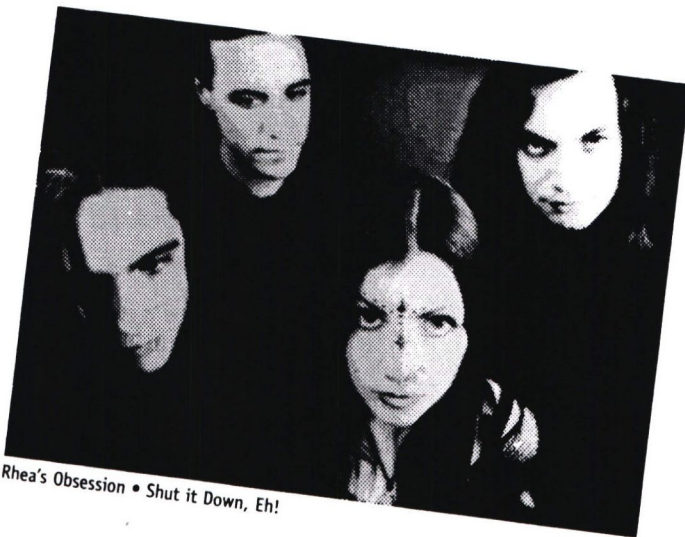
## *The Rite of Steam – Tom Brouillette*

8:00 p.m.; Sunday, May 25, 2:00 p.m.

Joseph Workman Auditorium,  
1001 Queen St. W.

\$7-10

A multi-media presentation featuring boilermaker Tom Brouillette and members of The International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Local 128, dancers and musicians. Coordinated by Johanna Householder.



# Workshops

Tuesday, May 27

## *Children & Work*

1:00 p.m.

Fran Endicott Centre, Ursula Franklin School,  
90 Croatia St.

**FREE**

Teachers and artists will work with primary and secondary classes from schools in the Metro Area. Together they will develop a cultural or art piece on the topic of work. On Tuesday, May 27, all classes participating in the workshops will present their work at the Fran Endicott Centre. Coordinated by Vera DeSommer.



Doula • Liz Floyd Photo



# Mayworks in the Workplace

Mayworks in the Workplace is our annual series of collaborative concerts and events between union locals and performers. Union members are encouraged to perform, followed by performers who bring their cultural work into the work places of Metro.

Co-ordinated by Melina Young.

## May 1

Mayworks meets  
the CBC Unity Train.

OPSEU

Myk Gordon

Support Armstrong Picket  
23 Bertrand Ave., Scarborough  
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

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Faith Nolan

Ministry of Attorney General  
720 Bay Street  
12:00 NOON

## May 6

CUPE Local 79

Laura Repo

Metro Hall Rotunda, 55 John St.

12:00 NOON

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Committee Room 6, 2nd Floor  
City Hall

12:00 NOON

## May 13

CUPE Local 1582

Chiyoko Szlavnic

Atrium, Metro Reference Library

789 Yonge Street

12:30 - 1:30 pm

HERE Local 75

HERE Local 75 Union Band  
6 Trinity Square

4:30 pm

CAW Local 40

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12:00 – 12:30 pm

## May 14

CAW Local 40

Nuno Cristo Duo

Bond Place Hotel, 65 Dundas St. E.  
11:45 – 12:30 pm

## May 21

OSSTF

Doula

60 Mobile Drive

12:00 – 2:00 pm

## May 23

CAW Local 40

Gail Maurice & others

CAW Local 40 Hall, 517 College St.  
7:00 pm

## May 27

OPSEU Local 503

Chiyoko Szlavnic/Rob Clutton  
Main Floor, MacDonald Block  
900 Bay Street at Wellesley

12:00 – 1:30 pm

# Mayworks in the Community

## **March 8**

International Women's Day  
Satori Shakor  
Ryerson Polytechnical University

## **April 10**

Wellesley Hospital Rally  
Arlene Mantle

## **April 25**

3rd Annual Toronto Community Walkathon  
March Against Male Violence  
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Nathan Phillips Square  
Rally at Noon

## **May 10**

High School Students March Against Male Violence  
Faith Nolan  
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## Co-sponsored Events

- Eleventh Annual Socialist May Day Celebration  
Saturday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.,  
\$15  
Cecil Community Centre, 58  
Cecil Street
- International Day of Working Class Solidarity  
Friday, May 2, 8:00 pm  
860 College St. (at Ossington)
- Fifth Annual MAY DAY Celebration  
Music, Dance & Buffet Dinner,  
\$12 Advance, \$15 Door  
Saturday May 10, 6:30 p.m.  
Ukrainian Cultural Centre, 85  
Christie St. (Christie subway)
- 71st Annual concert of the  
Toronto Jewish Folk Choir  
Sunday May 11, 2:30 p.m.,  
\$12-15  
Walter Hall,  
Edward Johnson Building  
University of Toronto
- In association with  
*Canadian Dimension* Magazine  
"Mother Jones Was NOT  
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Tuesday May 13, 7:30 p.m.,  
\$10 Advance,  
\$15 Door/sliding scale  
The Oasis Club, 294 College St.  
(at Robert)
- Hope In Hard Times  
Book Launch  
Wednesday, May 14, 8:00 p.m.  
360 Club, 326 Queen St. W.
- In Association with Fresh Arts  
Gospel Music Night  
Thursday May 29, 7:00 p.m.,  
\$5-7  
Parkdale Library Auditorium,  
1303 Queen St. W.
- Working in the Americas  
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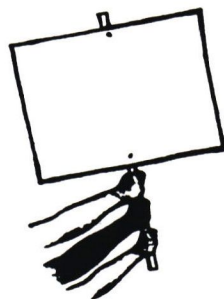
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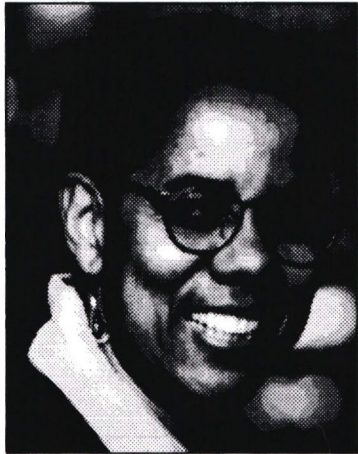


## Lillian Allen, Festival Coordinator

Lillian Allen is recognized as a major artistic figure on the Canadian culture scene. She is a writer and poet, and a birth mother of dub poetry. Often performing and lecturing internationally, Ms. Allen is the winner of two Juno awards for her recordings of poetry with music: *Revolutionary Tea Party* (1986) and *Conditions Critical* (1988). Her work includes a recording for children and young people: *Nothing But A Hero*, and three books specially geared to young audiences: *Why Me*, *Nothing But A Hero* and *If You See Truth*.

Her second collection of poetry, *Women Do This Every Day*, was published in 1993 to critical acclaim. Ms. Allen's poetry has appeared in several dozen publications internationally and in Canada and appears in curricula and textbooks from kindergarten through university. She is also a writer of plays and short fiction.

A creative artist, Ms. Allen co-produced and co-directed *Blak Wi Blakk...* a film on rastafarian, reggae, dub poet, Mutabaruka which premiered at the 1993 Toronto International Film Festival. Her fourth major recording project of poetry with music, *We Shall Take Our Freedom & Dance* is slated for a U.S. and Canadian release.



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# Mayworks at a Glance

## April

10-12 • Mayworks at OPSEU, "Artists in the Diasporic Landscape", Exhibit by African-Canadian artists at OPSEU Convention

11 • The Writing Class, CAW Hall, 527 College Street

16 • Flippin' In, George Brown College

### 19 -May 3

• Children & Work Exhibition, A-Space Gallery, Members' Wall, 401 Richmond St. West

23 • West of Centre, Another Story, 164 Danforth Ave.

30 • Womantalk, too! Cabaret featuring Young Women with Attitude, Rivoli, 332 Queen St. West

## May

2 • May Day, May Day Celebration, **Festival Opening Night**, Cecil Community Centre, 58 Cecil St.

3 • Picking Us Off One By One, St. Stephen's Community House, 91 Bellevue Ave.

3-31 • Shelter, Toronto Women's Bookstore, 73 Harbord St.

4-30 • At Work, Mitzi's Café & Gallery, 100 Sorauren Ave.

4 • In Living Memory, Morris Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave.

5-9 • The Role of Grassroots Culture, Panel discussion May 5, Exhibit, African Canadian photographers, CultureLink, 791 St. Clair Ave. West

6-26 • Mayworks Links with Art Starts, Art on the Street, Eglinton Ave. W. between Marlee and Dufferin

8-31 • Uncounted Economy, A Different Booklist, 746 Bathurst St.

8 • Words, Sound & Fighting Spirits, 360 Club, 326 Queen St West

9 • Migrante & Panday Sining, OISE Auditorium, 252 Bloor St W.

11 • MotherWorks, The Idler Pub, 255 Davenport Road

15 • Mayworks Links with Art Starts, Rawlinson Public School, 231 Glenholme Ave.

22 • Womantalk, Cabaret, Comfort Zone/Silver Dollar, 480 Spadina Ave.

### 24-31 & June 15-21

• ...for the Money, 10 Photographers, Working Life, Metro Hall (Rotunda), 55 John St.

22-25 • The Rite of Steam, Joseph Workman Auditorium, 1001 Queen St. West

27 • Children & Work, Workshop, Fran Endicott Centre, Ursula Franklin School, 90 Croatia St.

28 • Does Poetry Work? Art Bar Poetry Series, Imperial Public Library Pub, 54 Dundas St. East

31 • Shut It Down, Eh! **Closing gala**, Lee's Palace, 529 Bloor St. West