

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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**Grand Ballroom FUSE**  
**8pm – 1am, Friday, July 19, 2013**

**VANCOUVER, BC – Classic opulence with street-wise edge**

The Vancouver Art Gallery's enormously popular *FUSE* will light up the night on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Inspired by the exhibition *Grand Hotel: Redesigning Modern Life*, and presented association with the Arrival Agency, the makers behind the events of the Waldorf Hotel, this summer edition *Grand Ballroom FUSE*, will be a multi-room party with performers, installations, projections, DJs, music and food carts.

The evening plays with contemporary ideas of luxury and excess – a grand party for a Grand Hotel! Classic opulence collides with street-wise edge throughout the galleries and on the Robson Plaza. Additionally, free performances and some special treats on Robson Street in honour of Viva Vancouver's new summertime plaza: Corduroy Road.

Grand Ballroom FUSE includes:

- Contemporary dance artists, **House of La Douche**, **Waacouture** and choreographer **Jojo Zolina**—in the Gallery and on Robson Street in conjunction with VIVA
- **DJs Cherchez La Femme** and friends, on Robson Street in conjunction with VIVA
- 2 FUSE Lounges: one indoor and one outdoor. Join friends and fellow FUSE-goers on the outdoor Robson Plaza by the patio bar, and indoor with **Paul Wong's ambient Art Bar**: signature projections and DJs
- Psychedelic, experimental sounds by Vancouver-based band **Von Bingen** in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor rooftop pavilion
- Ambient art rock music from Victoria's **Freak Heat Waves** in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor rooftop pavilion
- Spectacular projections in the rotunda by **H Four**, and an unforgettable performance by opera singer **Jessica Lalonde**, with synthesizer by Juno-Award winning composer **Chris Gestrin**
- A roving, interactive dance collaborative by **Kinesis Dance** on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors
- **And many, many more** artists and performers!

In addition to performances, FUSE-goers can see the recently opened exhibitions:

*Grand Hotel: Redesigning Modern Life*

*Persuasive Visions: 17<sup>th</sup> Century Dutch & Flemish Masterworks and Contemporary Reflections*

*Martin Honert*

*Portraits in Time*

*James Hart: The Dance Screen*

*In Dialogue with Carr: Gareth Moore – Allochthonous Window*

Since its launch in July 2005, thousands of visitors have gathered at the Gallery for this eclectic adult event. On Friday evenings three times annually, art, live performance, music, DJs, Gallery tours and unexpected surprises have made *FUSE* Vancouver's favourite see-and-be-seen event. Admission: \$20 for adults and free for Gallery Members.

For more information about FUSE, please see our website:  
[http://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca/events\\_and\\_programs/fuse.html](http://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca/events_and_programs/fuse.html)

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