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Taking Liberties

Kim Bruce, Elizabeth Clark, Cecilia Gossen, Isabelle Hunt-Johnson, Celia Meade and Louise Williamson

This group of Calgary artists came together to create a body of multidisciplinary work that deconstructs and re-interprets the Statue of Liberty. Each artist presents a unique account of the personae and iconic meaning of Lady Liberty, ranging from humorous to serious social critique. The wide range of interpretations is echoed by use of a wide range of media including encaustics, experimental printmaking techniques, photocopy collage and embroidery.

The Statue of Liberty, symbol of hope and new beginnings, has inspired artists to create art based on this Pop icon. Taking Liberties reveals a sometimes serious, sometimes witty, contemporary interpretation of this well-known landmark. We are six Calgary artists deconstructing and reconstructing Lady Liberty by creating a wardrobe of personae to clothe and animate her. We have her appearing as a blueprint; poking fun at Marcel Duchamp; wearing body armour; getting dressed for a night on the town; undergoing cosmetic surgery; committing all seven deadly sins; and exhausted, asleep at her job.

Six artists are contributing to this project. The exhibition will consist of multidisciplinary 2 and 3 dimensional works, varying in scale from small to large, most wall mounted and some free standing. Installation is straight forward, with no extraordinary physical or material requirements.



Exhibition date: May 25 - June 17, 2006

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