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EMILY CARR UNIVERSITY OF ART + DESIGN ANNOUNCES 2010 HONORARY DOCTORATE AND EMILY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Vancouver, BC | Emily Carr University of Art and Design will honour renowned photographer Fred Herzog and internationally acclaimed installation artist Jessica Stockholder at the 2010 convocation to be held May 1, at the Chan Centre. Each will receive an Honorary Doctorate of Letters.

The 2010 Emily Award, acknowledging outstanding achievements by an alumni, will be granted to animator Jeff Chiba Stearns.

“Emily Carr University of Art and Design is delighted to recognize these exceptional members of our community, who have contributed to arts and culture through their creative endeavours,” said Jake Kerr, Chancellor. “The Honorary Doctorate is the highest degree that Emily Carr offers and is conferred upon those individuals who have demonstrated a profound and longstanding commitment to the arts.”

Past honorary degree recipients include: Ian Wallace, Buffy St. Marie, Wanda Koop, Michael Audain, Douglas Coupland, Atom Egoyan, Arthur C. Erickson, Gordon Smith, Wendy Tilby, Susan A. Point, Bob Rennie, Stan Douglas and Sarah McLachlan.

About the recipients:

Since 1952, **Fred Herzog** has been photographing the streets and people of Vancouver, with a unique and consistent sensibility. Like Atget in Paris, he has worked virtually unknown for most of those years, only coming into full recognition in his 80's with a major retrospective at the VAG and exhibitions in New York and Paris. Individually, the photographs are artistically compelling, but perhaps equally important, the tens of thousands of images present an invaluable record of Vancouver and its history.

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Jessica Stockholder is Director of Graduate Studies in Sculpture at Yale University. Her work has been exhibited internationally, including Dia Center for the Arts and Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, the 47th Venice Biennial in 1997, and PS1 in Brooklyn (2006), and currently at the Denver Museum of Art. Jessica was born in Seattle and brought up in Vancouver. She currently lives and works in New Haven, Connecticut. She attended the University of British Columbia, University of Victoria (BFA 1982) and Yale University, where she earned an MFA (1985), after which she moved to New York City. Since the 1980's Jessica has established a practice that explores the merging of mediums, using everyday items and liberally applied paint to create distinctive sculpture-painting hybrids.

Jeff Chiba Stearns graduated from Emily Carr with a Bachelor of Media Arts majoring in Film Animation in 2001. He also holds a Bachelor of Education with a major in Secondary Fine Arts Education from UBC (2003). His 2007 animated short film, *Yellow Sticky Notes*, won the prestigious Prix du Public at the Clermont-Ferrand Short Film Festival, the only North American film to win an award at the internationally renowned festival. The film went on to win Best Animated Short Film at the Calgary International Film Festival. The film has screened in over 70 International Film Festivals and won 10 awards. After the film's international premiere at the 2008 Tribeca Film Festival, *Yellow Sticky Notes* became one of the first films acquired by YouTube's Screening Room and to date, has received over 1.2 million hits. Jeff's next film, *One Big Hapa Family*, scheduled for release in Spring 2010, is an animated feature length documentary that explores the lives of children of all ages from interracial marriages and how they perceive their mixed-race identities at a young age.
Yellow Sticky Notes Film: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7leSqVboADw>

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