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Multi-media artist Stan Douglas (82) and singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan are the 2009 Honorary Doctorate Degree recipients. The 2009 Emily Award is shared by 2006 graduates Matt Booth, Jonah Gray and Sacha Hurley for Pyramid Power Magazine. The Honorary Degrees and Emily Awards will be presented at the Graduation Ceremony on May 2.

EMILY CARR NEWS

Gordon Smith

Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean presented Gordon Smith (46) with the Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts at Rideau Hall in Ottawa on March 25. He previously received the Audain Prize for Lifetime Achievement in recognition of his 60+ years as a Visual Artist, and the Order of Canada in 1996. Gordon is represented by the Equinox Gallery and is featured in collections that include the National Gallery, the Museum of Modern Art in New York and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.



Geoffrey Farmer

Geoffrey Farmer (92) was awarded a 2008 Victor Martyn Lynch-Staunton Award from the Canada Council for the Arts in December. Geoffrey has exhibited extensively nationally and internationally, and earlier this year, he exhibited at National Gallery of Canada in the group exhibition *Caught in the Act: The Viewer as Performer*. Seven \$15,000 annual awards are given in recognition of outstanding mid-career artists in the disciplines of dance, integrated arts, media arts, music, theatre, visual arts and writing and publishing.



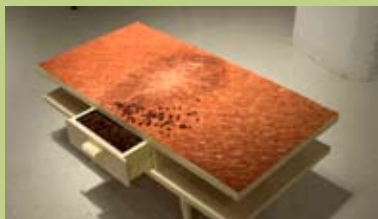
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on the cover



Webfood
from *Food Wars* Exhibition

Pierre Leichner (07) had his first solo exhibition, *Food Wars*, at the Maple Ridge Art Gallery in January. Pierre is currently working on his Masters at Concordia where some of his work from the series, *Pairings* were exhibited. *Pairings* features furniture covered with photographs of skin which are paired with food that viewers are invited to taste. Pierre's current project is titled *Root Laboratory*.



Coffee Table
from *Pairings* Exhibition

Liz Magor Wins Audain Prize

Photographer, sculptor and Emily Carr Associate Professor Liz Magor (72) is the 2009 recipient of the \$30,000 Audain Prize for Lifetime Achievement, which will be awarded May 11 at the Vancouver Art Gallery (VAG). Liz (pictured right) has exhibited extensively including the Venice Biennale and the National Gallery of Canada, and previously received the Governor General's Award for Visual Arts. At the same ceremony, the \$12,000 2009 VIVA Awards will be presented to photographer and multi-media artist Mark Soo (99) and READ Bookstore's Kathy Slade, for her video and sculpture work. Both Mark and Kathy are featured in the VAG's *How Soon is Now* exhibition.



Online Donations

Emily Carr's website will soon feature a "Donate Now" button to make giving easier. We offer a monthly donation option and some matching funds are still available to maximize your gift. In the meantime, call 604.630.4553 if you wish to support Emily Carr students by making a donation.

Emily Carr's New Look!

To accompany Emily Carr's new university status and name change, we have revamped our identity! Created by in-house designer, Cari Bird, the new identity celebrates Emily Carr's vision, energy and innovation. Read more about the new identity on the Emily Carr website.



Dina Tracy

University Transition

To ensure a smooth transition from institute to university, **Monique Fouquet** has agreed to continue her post as Vice-President Academic and Provost until July 1, 2011. The organizational restructuring has also produced the following appointments:

David MacWilliam, Dean of the Faculty of Visual Art + Material Practice
Susan Stewart, Interim Dean of the Faculty of Culture + Community
Bonne Zabolotney, Interim Dean of the Faculty of Design + Dynamic Media

New Continuing Faculty Announced

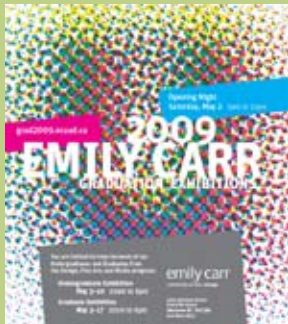
Yunhee Min, Assistant Professor, Painting
Kyla Mallett, Assistant Professor, Visual + Media Arts/Foundation
Lucie Chan, Assistant Professor, Visual + Media Arts/Foundation

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Charles H. Scott Gallery
Alejandro Cesarco:
Now and Then
 March 18 – April 24, 2009

what's on
at emily carr



Emily Carr Graduate + Undergraduate Exhibitions

Vancouver's most anticipated annual exhibitions are back! Featuring the work of 300+ graduating students at our Granville Island campus, with the Master's Program graduates exhibiting in the Charles H. Scott Gallery. These exhibitions highlight students' creativity and innovation in visual arts, media arts and design.

Graduate Exhibition

May 3 – May 18, 2009
10am – 6pm Daily

Undergraduate Exhibition

May 3 – May 10, 2009
10am – 6pm Daily

Emily Carr at BC Scene

April 21 – May 3, 2009

A strong showing of Emily Carr alumni, faculty and Board members will be featured at BC Scene, a multidisciplinary arts festival presented by the National Arts Centre in Ottawa that will showcase 600 artists from British Columbia. BC Scene will present the province's most exciting artists in music, dance, visual and media arts, literature, and the culinary arts, and will be the largest-ever gathering of BC artists outside the province.

Continuing Studies Summer 2009

The Continuing Studies summer calendar is now available for download from the Emily Carr website, with registration beginning April 16, 2009.



ALUMNI RELATIONS

Volunteers Needed to Help 2009 Grads

Grad Committee Label Production Volunteer:

Are you an expert typist? Is editing second nature to you? Can you volunteer one to three days the week of April 27 to print, edit and mount this year's Grad Show labels?

Support Volunteer:

Do you remember setting up for your Grad Show? How little sleep you had? How the simplest things became monumental problems? Do you have two to three hours in which you could help grads during the set up of the Grad Show by offering support or helping them install their work?

If you are interested in either volunteer opportunity, please contact alumni@ecuad.ca with the following information:

- Your name/grad year/program of study
- Your area of expertise and experience
- The dates/times you are available

New York photographer and 1996 graduate Leeta Harding (far right) is one of many alumni making a difference at Emily Carr by sharing her knowledge and experience with students.



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in the spotlight

Leo Chao

Leo Chao's (08) design for a medical assistive garment received an International Forum (iF) Design competition Concept Award for Beagle, a scarf-hoodie, which assists children with autism in coping with sensory disorders. iF is a prestigious international design competition which challenges up-and-coming designers from around the globe to compete.



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Canadians Abroad

If you are a Canadian traveling or living abroad, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada recommend that you register with them so that they can contact and assist you in the event of an emergency such as a natural disaster or civil unrest, or to inform you of a family emergency at home. Visit their website to learn more about the Registration of Canadians Abroad database.

Alumni in Asia Pacific

The Ministry of Small Business, Trade and Economic Development have developed an online newsletter, BC Alumni Ambassadors Newsletter, which is targeted specifically for alumni living in the Asia Pacific.

Alumni Mini-Reunion

Thank you to Lilli Wong (95) for organizing a mini-reunion at Vancouver's Jupiter Café on March 28 for almost 20 alumni who graduated in the mid-90s. Her motivation to organize the reunion was a direct result of last November's Black & White Bash: "After the dance, I was disappointed that I didn't get to see many alumni from my year, so I planned [the reunion] so we could catch up." Contact the Alumni Relations Office if you want to plan a reunion in your city.



From left: Mark Neufeld and Jerry Chang, 1994



Lilli Wong and Dan Jackson

Alumni Community Web Page

The Alumni Community web page, an alternative to other social networking sites, will be launching soon so that alumni will be able to keep current with other alumni through the use of weblinks. Alumni are invited to provide their name, grad year, program and a link to their individual blogs or professional website. If you wish to participate, please send your weblink to the Alumni Relations Office.

Please note: Emily Carr reserves the right to include or remove weblinks without notice from the Alumni Community page at our discretion.

Hot! Hot! HOT!

Don't forget to check out the Alumni HOT Page on our website! The Hot Page is a place where we feature the most current announcements, openings, events, competitions, calls for submissions etc. All items featured on the page have an expiry date so be sure to check back—often.

Get Your Work Seen

Alumni Society members are invited to submit exhibition proposals for the Queen Elizabeth Theatre Mezzanine Gallery.

All graduates are invited to submit their work for ongoing slide shows at Festival Cinemas or as cover art for *escene* which is published quarterly. View the Alumni website for more information and submission guidelines.

submissions

The Vancouver Short Film Festival

Deadline: August 8, 2009

The first-ever Vancouver Short Film Festival (formerly the Vancouver Student Film Festival) is calling for entries for their October 2009 festival. The Festival will have a student/graduate night, and a professional artist night, each dedicated to short film, video and new media artists from BC.



ARTS 2009 – Annual Juried Art Exhibition

Deadline: 4pm on May 15, 2009

The Arts Council of Surrey, in collaboration with Surrey Art Gallery, invites artists working in a variety of materials to enter its annual juried art exhibition. ARTS 2009 will take place at the Surrey Art Gallery from June 26 to August 30, and welcomes entries from artists residing in Surrey, White Rock, Langley, Delta and Richmond.



Alumni Society Sets Goals

“The Emily Carr Alumni Society inspires, promotes and engages our diverse graduates and students as innovative leaders in our creative community.”

Members of the Alumni Society have been developing policies and procedures following a one-day strategic planning session led by Barney Ellis-Perry, Director of Alumni Services, UBC Alumni Affairs. The intensive planning session included setting priorities, establishing immediate and intermediate goals, defining a model for the Society, defining the Society's vision, and plans to move the Society's infrastructure forward. Alumni Society Board members have now broken into smaller working groups to advance the Board's mission and goals. RSVP to the Alumni Relations Office if you wish to attend the next meeting on Wednesday, May 20 at 6:30pm in Emily Carr's boardroom.

Emily Carr Alumni Society Membership Benefits

The Emily Carr Alumni Society is a volunteer-run organization creating opportunities and benefits for its members. As an Alumni Society member you will receive a personalized membership card – your passport to all services, benefits, and discounts – and you will help fund Alumni Society initiatives. Join now!

Correction

In the December 2008 *escene*, it was printed in error that Aparna Kapur and Kunal Sen of Team DAK graduated in 2007. Aparna and Kunal actually graduated in 2008.

Keeping in Touch

Have you moved? Do you have news to share? Keep us current so you can receive *Visions* newsletter and *escene* by forwarding your new address, email address, phone number—or your news—to alumni@ecuad.ca or call 604 630 4553.

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