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**Vancouver, Canada – Superstars of Contemporary art will begin to descend on Metro Vancouver as part of the 3rd Vancouver Biennale exhibition.**

The 3rd Vancouver Biennale exhibition, Open Borders/Crossroads Vancouver, begins March 2014 and promises an unprecedented 18-month public program of Contemporary art, new media, music and film. Highlights include major outdoor installations by global superstars Ai Weiwei, Vik Muniz, Jonathan Borofski, Lawrence Paul Yuxweluptun and Andy Goldsworthy, and a large-scale building mural by Os Gemeos with world premiere animation by Graphics e-Motion.

The Biennale is expanding its program to include a new International Pavilion, which will host a national Brazilian group exhibition, a new CineFest LIVE documentary film program with retrospectives, urban projections and live presentations by master filmmakers, and a commissioned orchestral work by Canada's Juno Award winning composer Vivian Fung.

Also new is the Biennale International Residency Program, which will bring some of the most exciting emerging artists from around the world to Vancouver to create social interventions and to engage with local artists through a series of public talks and open house events. Residency coordinators include Ken Lum, and the winner of the 2013 Leonore Annenberg Prize, Khaled Hourani.

The Biennale BIG IDEAS Education program will continue to expand, using art featured in the exhibition as a basis for multi-disciplinary, multi-grade curriculum. This award-winning program has now inspired 5,800 students in 72 schools across 9 school districts in their learning and growth into mindful, globally conscious young adults.

Announcements regarding specific installations, events and openings will be made throughout the next 18-months.

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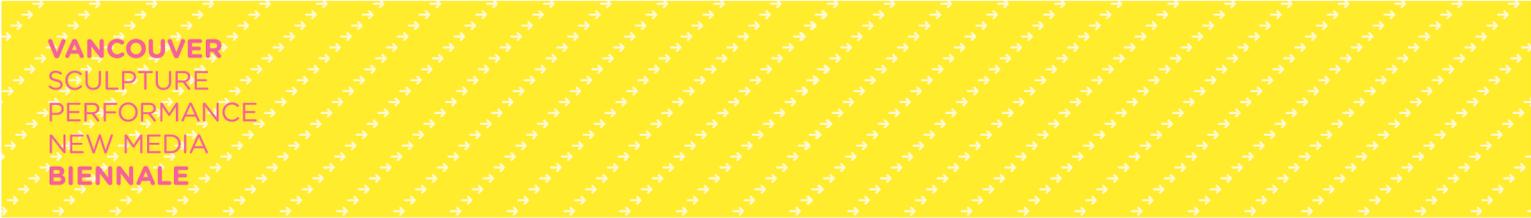
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### **About the Vancouver Biennale**

The Vancouver Biennale is a non-profit charitable organization that celebrates art in public space. Each exhibition transforms the urban landscape into an Open Air Museum, creating globally inspired cultural experiences where people live, work, play and transit. The Biennale features internationally renowned and emerging Contemporary artists that represent a diversity of cultural perspectives and artistic disciplines including sculpture, new media, performance works and film. The objective is to use great art as a catalyst to transformative learning and social action.

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