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The Darling Foundry's annual fundraising event
Opening of two new exhibitions
Unveiling of this summer's Place Publique activities

Thursday June 6th, 2013, 6pm | Open to everyone from 8pm (Free entry)
Fonderie Darling, 745, Ottawa Street, Montreal



The **Darling Foundry**, a landmark for contemporary arts in Montreal founded and managed by the organization **Quartier Ephémère** and its director **Caroline Andrieux**, has been supporting for 11 years the creation, production and dissemination of contemporary artworks in the Griffintown neighbourhood.

Every year in June, the Darling Foundry **celebrates its birthday** and holds its annual fundraising event with the inauguration of two new exhibitions, a site-specific installation and the announcement of the summer activities programmed on its **Place Publique**, taking over Ottawa Street, closed to traffic for the summer.

Bringing together patrons and artists who believe wholeheartedly in the fundamental mission of the Darling Foundry, this year's fundraising event is on the theme of *Soirée Fer : Forger l'art actuel* and takes place on **Thursday June 6th**, in a double celebration: a cocktail party from 6pm, followed at 8pm by a **big party inside the Foundry spreading out onto Place Publique**, open to all, with performances and DJ sets by **Poirier, Mini and Bowly**.

See you on June 6th from 6pm for an immersive experience of contemporary art!



This festive event takes place in two stages:

part 1 | Thursday June 6th, 2013 | 6pm to 8pm | Benefit event and cocktail

A cast-iron alliance between patrons and artists

The generous patrons are greeted with a glass of bubbly to the festive sound of the **Drums from Trinidad-and-Tobago**; and irresistible appetizers, concocted by the **Darling Foundry's new restaurant, *Le Serpent***, designed by maestros **Hubert Marsolais** and **Claude Pelletier** from restaurant **Le Filet** and **Club Chasse et Pêche**. Inspired by the nickname given to the former industrial building, the restaurant will be opening soon in a space completely re-imagined by architects from **Atelier in situ**.

Guests can meet with the thirteen Montreal-based and international artists in residence at the Foundry who will be opening the doors to their studios ; get a preview of the **two new exhibitions** with the artists present, **Yam Lau** (Toronto, *A World is a Model of the World*. Curator: Alice Jim) and **Virginie Laganière** (Montreal, *Le Vaisseau / Solid Void*. Curator: Esther Bourdages); experience the music of **Magnitude 6**, performances by **Bettina Hoffman**, **Karen Kraven** and **Anne-Françoise Jacques**, as well as **Catherine Béliveau's** site-specific projections.

An **sale of artworks**, allowing collectors to acquire works by artists supported by The Darling Foundry: **David Armstrong Six**, **Geneviève Cadieux**, **Aude Moreau**, **Therese Mastroiacovo**, **Sayeh Sarfaraz**, and many others.

Patrons can contribute to the future of the Darling Foundry, either by purchasing a ***Fer forgé*** ticket (access to the benefit event and cocktail) or a ***Fer fusion*** ticket (access to the benefit event and cocktail for artists, students and cultural workers); or with a special ticket including a limited edition original artwork: either the ***Fer blanc*** ticket (bronze sculpture by **Patrick Coutu**, edition of 20), or the ***Fer rouge*** ticket (exclusive photograph by **Chih-Chien Wang**); or by **sponsoring a resident artist's studio**, as Dale and Nick Tadeschi have done with Karen Kraven and, for the second time, the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts with Mathieu Beauséjour (from January 2014). **Business Packages** (5 or 10 *Fer forgé* tickets) are also available.

Details and tickets at: <http://fonderiedarling.org/en/annual-fundraising/>

part 2 | Thursday 6 June 2013 | 8pm | Public opening (Free entry)

The celebrations continue on the **Place Publique** in front of **745, Ottawa Street**, with a dance party featuring **Poirier**, **Mini** and **Bowly**.

Also on the **Place Publique**, **BGL**, a Quebec city-based collective with sharp and extravagant humor, created in 1996 by **Jasmin Bilodeau**, **Sébastien Giguère** and **Nicolas Laverdiere**, present a new participative installation entitled ***Chicha Muffler***. A car, tipped over to one side, whose muffler has been turned into a water pipe, invites visitors to resurrect an old tradition, that of communion through smoke.

Visitors can also discover, inside the Darling Foundry, two new exhibitions by **Yam Lau** and **Virginie Laganière** and visit, on 3 floors, the studios of Montreal-based artists **Chih-Chien Wang**, **Roy**

Meuwissen, Nicolas Lachance, Sarah Greig, Karen Kraven, Julie Favreau, Jessica Eaton and Bettina Hoffmann, as well as those of international artists **Pamela Desjardins** (Argentina), **Jürg Stäuble** (Switzerland), **David Kelly and Patty Chang** (USA), and **Jean-Luc Verna** (France).

A great celebration before diving into the Darling summer programming which runs until September.

Fonderie Darling

The **Darling Foundry** is an avant-garde visual arts centre that caters to an audience eager to discover all the forms of contemporary art. Housed in an renovated metal foundry in Old Montreal, the Darling Foundry supports the creation, production, and promotion of emerging artists and their work, offering artist studios, international residencies, and in situ projects. The artistic direction is by **Caroline Andrieux**.

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