



1mile² Launch Event

Wednesday, March 30, 7:30pm
Guelph Youth Music Centre
75 Cardigan Street, Guelph

Lecture by Mary Mattingly
Multimedia performance *Actionable!* by Bob Wiseman
Free Admission

On Wednesday, March 30, 2011 Musagetes will launch **1mile²**, an innovative eight-month project presenting local and international artists who will explore how we live, work and act together. The projects will take place within a one square mile area encompassing Guelph's downtown core.

1mile² brings together international, Canadian and Guelph artists with local ecologists, architects, activists, community leaders, students and residents. Working collaboratively, the artists will explore the limits of our built and natural environments. They will engage Guelph's many communities through art installations, conversations, workshops and public interventions about our city, its urban development, cultural legacy, and sustainable future.

Toronto artist Adrian Blackwell, in collaboration with a community building crew, will erect *St. George's Dragon*, an interactive architectural space that will present and explore new models for public space. New York artist Mary Mattingly will facilitate participatory workshops exploring alternative economies and mobile architectures. Parisian collective, atelier d'architecture autogérée (aaa), will explore Guelph's in-between spaces and reimagine uses for these leftover or forgotten public spaces. Local artist Dawn Matheson will undertake a collaborative video project with two Guelph residents living with mental health and addiction issues to produce documentaries exploring shared pathways to happiness and joy.

1mile² is of and about Guelph, it couldn't happen anywhere else.

This innovative and ambitious project will be launched in Guelph on March 30, 2011 at 7:30pm at the Guelph Youth Music Centre. The event will feature a lecture by New York artist Mary Mattingly and a multimedia performance *Actionable!* by Bob Wiseman, programmed by Kazoo! Reception and refreshments will follow.

Musagetes seeks to transform contemporary life by working with artists, cultural mediators, public intellectuals and other partners to develop new approaches to building community and culture. The foundation, based in Guelph but with an international vision, has ongoing projects in Sudbury, Rijeka (Croatia) and Lecce (Italy). 1mile² is our most ambitious project to date and we are proud that it will happen in our own backyard.

For more information, contact Nora Webb at 1mile2@musagetes.ca, call 519.836.7300, or visit musagetes.ca.



1mile² Concurrent Programs

Improviser-in-Residence, ICASP
Jane Bunnett

Artists-in-Residence, MSAC
Ehryn Torrell & Annelore Schneider

Call for Submissions, Ed Video & FOMM
Hidden Histories: Secret Places

In conjunction with **1mile²**, Musagetes has collaborated with three Guelph organizations – the Improvisation, Community, and Social Practice (ICASP) project, the Macdonald Stewart Art Centre and Ed Video – to present a series of innovative and engaging artistic projects.

Jane Bunnett, internationally renowned musician and bandleader, is the Improviser-in-Residence for 2011. Over the course of this year, she will engage the Guelph community through a series of public talks and performances, unannounced improvisations and innovative workshops. The program, developed through a partnership between ICASP and the Guelph Jazz Festival, will promote improvisation and dynamic exchange across cultural, communal, and musical lines and lead to the creation of original artistic work.

Ehryn Torrell, a Canadian painter, and **Annelore Schneider**, a Swiss multimedia artist are the Artists-in-Residence at the Macdonald Stewart Art Centre. Their collaborative project will explore ideas of home, intimacy and vulnerability through communal teas, public discussions and creative exchanges throughout their residency from February to April 2011. These community interactions will provide the basis for their culminating project, *Song for Others*.

Experienced and beginner video artists are encouraged to submit proposals for short documentaries (less than 5 minutes) that explore a place hidden from the public eye, exposing what lies beneath the city's streets, hidden in nature or unnoticed in plain sight within Guelph's 1mile². **Hidden Histories: Secret Places** is a video commissioning project developed by Ed Video, Musagetes and the Festival of Moving Media. Send a one-paragraph pitch describing the secret place you want to explore, confirm you have access to it and what will be revealed to scott@edvideo.org by May 31. Successful applicants will be notified by June 15 and will receive production support from Ed Video (\$150 credit hours for equipment rental, 50 hours editing suite time, two free Ed Video workshops) as well as a \$500 artist fee. The resulting videos must be completed by September 1 and will be presented at a special screening as part of the FOMM in November.

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