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*Powell Street Festival Society presents*

# Spatial Poetics VII

**OPENING Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 with performances at 7:30pm at Hunt and Gather, and at 8:00pm at Nouvelle Nouvelle**

Hunt & Gather, 225 Carrall Street

Nouvelle Nouvelle, 209 Abbott Street

Various poster-boards around Gastown

More information: 604 683 8240 or [www.powellstreetfestival.com](http://www.powellstreetfestival.com)

*Featuring premieres of collaborative pieces by*

**VANESSA KWAN & DIYAN ACHJADI: *So long we miss you forever***

**MADOKA HARA & LEE HUTZULAK: *Shizuku***

**NATALIE PURSCHWITZ & KIMBERLEY COOPER: *Street Surgery***

Powell Street Festival Society presents the seventh annual *Spatial Poetics*, an interdisciplinary event which celebrates collaboration, experimentation and innovation by a diverse line-up of artists. The end result will be a collection of new works exploring community, identity, boundaries, and the nature of performance by emerging and established Asian Canadian artists, building on the successes of previous *Spatial Poetics* events. Contributing greatly to the 2008 Festival theme of SENSU, this edition of *Spatial Poetics* will allow artists to present design-influenced works in a critically engaging, anything-goes environment. On opening day, **Saturday, July 12**, the event will be presented as a walking tour during which the audience can view each installation and poster piece in one wander. Performances take place at Hunt and Gather at 7:30pm and at 8:00pm at Nouvelle Nouvelle. Check the PSF website for full details of locations, and walking tour map!

*Spatial Poetics VII* combines works by partnered artists, **Vanessa Kwan & Diyan Achjadi, Madoka Hara & Lee Hutzulak**, and **Natalie Purschwitz & Kimberley Cooper**. These three groups will present an eclectic mixture of print-based works, textile art, dance, music and installation art in various sites throughout Vancouver's Gastown and Downtown Eastside.

*So long we miss you forever* is a poster project by Vancouver artists Diyan Achjadi and Vanessa Kwan. Focused in the Downtown Eastside/ Chinatown area, the work imagines a fond farewell from the old signs in the neighbourhood; in the wake of rapid development in the area, they are old friends bidding adieu. \*\* Natalie Purschwitz and Kimberley Cooper will create *Street Surgery*, a lighthearted attempt to investigate the theme of construction in Vancouver. \*\* Inspired by the long lasting Vancouver drizzles, *Shizuku* is an installation by Madoka Hara and music performance with Lee Hutzulak. The project is a reflection of interest in repetitions.

This is a pre-festival event for the **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Powell Street Festival**, held in Oppenheimer Park and the Firehall Arts Centre on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008. More information at [www.powellstreetfestival.com](http://www.powellstreetfestival.com).

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