

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### *Archive City: Portraits of Lulu Island*

Lois Klassen, Cindy Mochizuki, Jaimie Robson

July 17 – August 31, 2008

**Opening Reception:** Thursday July 17, 7:00pm

*Participating artists will be in attendance. Everyone is welcome.*

Exhibition runs until August 31, 2008

Richmond Art Gallery will host a new project by Archive City, entitled *Portraits of Lulu Island*. Archive City, a fictional memory company is composed of three Vancouver based artists, Cindy Mochizuki, Lois Klassen, and Jaimie Robson. *Portraits of Lulu Island* is a memory archive comprised of stories, images, ephemera, tracings, and other research materials related to Lulu Island. The project will engage the Archive City members in research and collection of various facts and myths about Lulu Island, where the City of Richmond is situated.

Archive City is interested in exploring how memories of a place are preserved and archived. By mimicking bureaucratic procedures and presentation methods, such as creating official-looking documents and an office setting in the gallery, the group members seek to expose the processes involved in translating traces of memory into concrete documents preserved in an archival system.

The memory collection agency Archive City explores how cultural memory becomes materialized in collections and archives by creating archival boxes which contain the memories of Richmond residents they have interviewed in the form of dioramas. They invite the public to contribute facts/truths, fictions/speculations, and histories about the Richmond area by setting up a fictional office at Richmond Art Gallery where they will hold memory seminars and present materials accumulated during the memory collection process.

To book an appointment in advance contact Nan Capogna at RAG by phone at 247.8311, or at [ncapogna@richmond.ca](mailto:ncapogna@richmond.ca). Archive City Memory Seminar Dates: Every Thursday in July & August from 11am - 1pm and on Saturday, July 26 and Saturday August 23, from 11am - 1pm.

Archive City website at [www.archivecity.net](http://www.archivecity.net)

**Gallery hours** are 10:00am to 6:00pm from Monday to Friday and 10:00am to 5:00pm on Saturday & Sunday. For updated information on events and programming, visit the website at [www.richmondartgallery.org](http://www.richmondartgallery.org)

The RAG is operated by the Richmond Art Gallery Association and is the City of Richmond's Public Contemporary Art Gallery under the auspices of the Office of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services. The RAG receives generous and ongoing financial support from the City of Richmond, the BC Arts Council, the BC Gaming Commission and the Canada Council for the Arts.

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#### Biographical Information

Archive City group consists of three Vancouver based artists whose works have demonstrably reached out to the public via engaging art projects, often involving groups identified by age, gender, culture and other social markers of difference.

**Cindy Mochizuki** is a visual artist working in video, installation, audio, drawing, text and the web. Her practice includes curating and programming as well as collaboration with theatre performers and choreographers. Her works examine the interplay between memory and history, and its performance in public and private spaces.

**Lois Klassen** is a visual artist active in community art projects and collaborations. She has hosted and participated in international mail art projects, community interventions and exhibitions. Currently, she provides art residencies in schools and hosts Comforter Art-Action, a project that engages artists and the public in the making of blankets for displaced people.

**Jaimie Robson** is an interdisciplinary artist whose work focuses on developing new methodologies in community engaged art practices. Jaimie is part of a performance trio, Thrice Upon, and in 2005, she co-developed "Our Community Story," a living history project that involved youth and seniors in Vancouver's Hastings Sunrise neighbourhood.