



EXCHANGE 2006

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A PERFORMANCE OF FREE TRADE

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LOOKING FOR VENUES TO HOST AN EXCHANGE EVENT

Exchange 2006 is a cross-border art performance combining surveillance technology, a full-size transport truck, and all my personal belongings. The project launches in Vancouver, Canada on May 1, 2006. In this sustained performance, my belongings are inventoried, ID tagged and freely traded with individuals encountered during a six month road-trip circumnavigating Canada, the United States and Mexico. Using cultural resistance, this art project unsettles relationships between international politics, technological surveillance, and identity construction.

“Exchange Events” are fully contained, coordinated and collaborative events with galleries and other institutions/venues along the trip route. The performance takes place directly out of a full size 18-wheel transport truck. The event is intended to be like an “opening / swapmeet”. I am looking for venues that can provide space to park the transport truck, local event announcements, and some assistance during the event. I am available to speak about the project and related issues if desired.

The objectives of Exchange 2006 are three-fold:

- Political: To engage in and offer artistic resistance to international economic agreements such as the North American Free Trade Agreement.
- Technological: To critique and resist Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology both for its implementation as a response to fears of terrorism and national security as well as its potential widespread use in identity authentication.
- Personal Identity: To disrupt the political/economic correlation between collected data and personal identity by dispersing and exchanging personal belongings as data/identity elements.

I extend this invitation and request your participation and assistance in this project. Please contact me if you are interested in hosting an event. Thank you – see you on the road!

Sincerely,

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EXCHANGE Route Cities and Dates (some flexibility)

NB. Route and dates are only scheduled until Mid-August (Miami) at this time. The Mexican and West US coast portions of the trip will be scheduled in March, 2006.

Vancouver, BC	May 1	Fredricton, NB	June 17
Kamloops, BC	May 2	Moncton, NB	June 18
Edmonton, AB	May 5	Halifax, NS	June 19
Calgary, AB	May 8	St. John, NB	June 2
Medicine Hat, AB	May 10	Portsmouth, NH	June 28
Swift Current, SK	May 11	Boston, MA	June 29
Saskatoon, SK	May 12	Providence, RI	July 3
Regina, SK	May 15	New Haven, CT	July 4
Brandon, MN	May 17	New York, NY	July 5
Winnipeg	May 18	Philadelphia,	July 8
Minneapolis, MN	May 23	Baltimore, MD	July 10
Madison, WI	May 25	Washington DC	July 12
Chicago, IL	May 29	Wilmington, NC	July 18
Cleveland, OH	June 1	Charleston, SC	July 19
Buffalo, NY	June 2	Augusta, GA	July 21
Toronto, ON	June 4	Savannah, GA	July 24
Ottawa, ON	June 6	Jacksonville, FL	July 26
Montreal, QC	June 9	Daytona Beach, FL	July 28
Quebec City, QC	June 13	Orlando, FL	July 30
Edmondston, NB	June 16	Miami, FL	August 5

