

MEDIA RELEASE

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THE 4th INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ANIMATED OBJECTS
January 23 – February 1, 2009

A celebration of puppetry, masks and all things animated.

Featuring

CHRYSTENE ELLS

The 4th biennial International Festival of Animated Objects will present Manitoba **filmmaker and animator Chrystene Ells** in a series of workshops and lectures based around her fascinating film-in-progress **Sisu – The Death of Tom Sukanen**.

WORKSHOP: Storyboarding and Visual Storytelling

SAT JAN 24 1:00 PM

Art Gallery of Calgary, 117 – 8 Ave SW

Recommended for Ages 14+, \$10 or by donation,

LECTURE: The Tom Sukanen Story and the Kalevala

THU JAN 22 7:00 PM – with Torbjörn Alström

Scandinavian Centre, 739 – 20 Ave NW (403-284-2610)

\$10 or by donation, All ages, 120 min

LECTURE: Digital Dingoes and Hybrid Artists

TUE JAN 27 7:00 PM

CSIF Sofa Cinema

Bldg J2, 2711 Battleford Ave / Caen Ave SW, Currie Barracks (403-205-4747)

\$10 or by donation, All ages, 60 min

LECTURE: The Ghost of Tom Sukanen

WED JAN 28 NOON

Triangle Gallery, 800 Macleod Trail SE

\$10 or by donation, All ages, 45 min

Chrystene's appearance at the Festival is sponsored by the Finlandia Society of Calgary.

Tickets for all events are available at the Vertigo Box Office. Tickets are available by phone at 403-221-3708, online at www.vertigotheatre.com or in person at the Vertigo Box Office at the base of the Calgary Tower. Festival Passes and Gift Certificates are also available.

More information about Chrystene Ells is at www.chrystene.com

Full information on all Festival events is at www.animatedobjects.ca

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