# matralab launch

February 15- March 5, 2009

The research space associated with the Canada Research Chair in Inter-X Art Practice and Theory Sandeep Bhagwati

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## WEEK ONE FEB. 15-21

All events in the matrabox EV 4 – 502

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home/Body	Performance by <b>Devora Neumark</b> in collaboration with <b>Reena Almoneda Chang</b> , <b>Emilie Monnet</b> and <b>Meena Murugesan</b>					
Feb. 15, 16 and 17 at 5:30 p.m.	Performance/research project exploring, through					
(in english)	dance and storytelling, the possibilities for feeling at					
RSVP required: fireside@progression.net	home in a world where so many people are displaced.					
UniSecs	by <b>Lise Comtois</b> (poet) and <b>Michal Seta</b> (composer/improviser)					
Feb. 18, drop-in from 7 to 8 p.m.	Experimental explorations of slam, folk/pop,					
(en français)						
jam session	Delapierre (video artist)					
Feb. 18, drop-in from 8 to 9 p.m	The three media alchemists will collaborate on an					
(in english)	interactive audio-visual discharge. The audience is encouraged to participate, move, play and surprise the					
	matralab out of the cosmos!					
Le Souffleur II	by Sophie Castonguay (artist) and Mathieu Marcoux (programmer/sound designer)					
Feb. 19 at 7 p.m.	Improvisational performance with four guest artists.					
(en français)						
The D-Opera	by Ralph Denzer					
Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. Feb 21 at 7 p.m. (in English)	Musical theatre sketches about Charles Darwin, by Ralph Denzer and The Interdisciplinary Ensemble.					
lust Ho	by Florian Götz					
Just Us						
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Feb. 21 at 3:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.	Florian Götz and the Just Us performance group prove that drama is living, not dead!					

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### WEEK 2 MARCH I – 5

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60x60: The Canadian Mix

60 compositions, 60 seconds (or less) in duration, are sequenced together to create a one-hour performance. Stylistically, aesthetically, technically diverse, the works are a testament to vibrancy of contemporary Canadian composition.

Mar. I, drop-in from 2 - 5 p.m. Mar. 2, drop-in from 2 – 4 p.m.

Eldad Tsabary and Navid Navab invite the audience to control the acoustic spatialization of the work within the matrabox.

Racines Éphémères à Vienne Nouvel Ensemble Moderne, Lorraine Vaillancourt

On Nov 15, 2008 the Nouvel Ensemble Moderne performed the world premiere of Sandeep Bhagwati's evening-length work Ephémères at the Wien Modern Festival in a very particular space, with roving musicians.

Mar. 3 at 7 p.m. **Duration: 90 min** 

From the documentary video material, Carrie Tannant stages a re-creation of this event on 3 screens and in surround audio.

Bozzini String Quartet

A truly intimate chamber concert featuring seminal string quartets by Ludwig van Beethoven, John Cage and Sandeep Bhagwati in an unorthodox setting: Nadia Francavilla, Clemens

Mar. 4 at 7 p.m. **Duration: 70 min** 

Merkel, Isabelle Stephanie Bozzini will perform from within the audience.

Event in the Hexagram Black Box, EV OS3-845

Sandeep Bhagwati (interactive music), Chris wald-forest Ziegler (interactive light installation) and Han Soo Cho (dance) create a movement-directed, immersive dance performance.

Workshop: Mar. 4 at I p.m.

**Performances:** Mar. 5 at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. **Duration: 70 min each** followed by a talkback session

The performances of wald-forest on March 5 are programmed in close cooperation with and have received substantial financial support from Concordia University's CISSC Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Society and Culture (director: Maurice Charland).

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#### LOCATIONS

matrabox is situated on the fourth floor of Concordia Universiy's EV Building, on 1515 St.Catherine Ouest. Take the elevators near the Mackay entrance of that building to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor, then, coming out from the elevator nook, turn right. Continue straight past a stairwell and a counter until you see a round concrete pillar. Turn right just before it, the matrabox is the first door on the left.

For the Hexagram Black Box please take the freight elevator down to the S3 floor. When you step out of that and turn left, the space is right ahead.

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