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## Mayworks Presents Program of Diverse Award Winning Artists Across the GTA

TORONTO: Award winning visual artist, musical artists, and spoken word artists join up-and coming artists at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayworks Festival of Working People and the Arts. The festival presents nine days of diverse art across the GTA from April 25- May 3<sup>rd</sup> with all venues being wheelchair accessible. Full program and artist bios available at the new Mayworks website: [www.mayworks.ca](http://www.mayworks.ca). Festival highlights include:

- An exhibit and talk with internationally acclaimed visual artist **Favianna Rodriguez**. Named on of UTNE Magazines 50 visionaries for 2008, Ms. Rodriguez's exhibit "Transformation/Agitation" will open at the Toronto Free Gallery Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. This exhibition centers on the national grassroots movements that helped shift the United States toward a new future.
- **Oy di velt vet vern yinger, Oh the world will grow younger** by **Jumblies Theatre** is the story of Toronto's secular Jewish Left, featuring a multi-age community cast. This is an interactive and participatory performance where the audience is also a participant. Saturday May 2 and Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, multiple performances at Davenport Perth Neighborhood Centre
- An evening of music spoken word, dance and more with **LAL, Vox Sambou**, spoken word performer **La Loba, MataDanze, Shameless** plus from New York City critically acclaimed **Climbing PoeTree** who all join together for **In the Red: Revolutions for Our Hearts**, Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Blue Moon Pub.
- **Pride and Solidarity** is a jam-packed evening that will trace the histories and current of queer political movements in Canada and the United States, and the engagement of workers, artists and unions fighting for social justice. Featuring a performance by **christina starr** and two films and a talk by award winning film maker **Nancy Nicol** who will speak with activist **Fred Hahn**. Tuesday, April 28, Buddies in Bad Times Theatre.
- **Picture Our Future** is a photography exhibit by newcomer youth artists who reflect on their journeys of creating their future in Canada. As new immigrants, these youth are faced with the challenges of learning English, adapting to Canadian culture, and exploring their true identities. Speak Out for Youth Action (SOYA) Sunday May 3 – Sunday May 31, Free Opening Reception and Performances: Sunday May 3, 5:30-7:30 pm Cecil Street Community Centre, 58 Cecil Street

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