

Winnipeg: An Urban Myth?

A multi-media lecture/performance/rant on our city by
Bruce Duggan

Thursday March 2nd, 2006:7pm - 9pm
Carol Shields Auditorium, Millennium Library,
251 Donald, at Graham Avenue

An Invitation from Bruce Duggan:

"A city is more than asphalt and buildings; it is also more than people. When I say the words 'New York', or 'Paris', or 'Las Vegas', an image floats up in your mind for each one. Where does that image come from? How is it created? When I say 'Winnipeg', another image floats up in your mind. Spend an evening exploring how that image got created and what (if any) relationship it has to the city around you".

Complementing the current CBC Radio Winnipeg 'Urban Myths' series, <http://www.cbc.ca/manitoba/features/urbanmyths/> and looking forward to the upcoming Mayor's City Summit <http://www.winnipegcitysummit.ca/>, Bruce will consider the questions: What is a city? What is **this** city? How do we make it better? His response will focus on a sensing of 'the operative myths', as far as Winnipeg is concerned... the myths that all those concerned with city-making cannot afford to ignore, if they wish their initiatives to meet with success. An earlier version of the presentation was delivered at the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Architecture "Mid City" symposium. Bruce will provide an update that encompasses the policy issues now challenging the city-building agenda.

Bruce Duggan has been many things, including the Managing Director of *Plug In Institute of Contemporary Art*, the founding President of the *Manitoba Cultural Coalition*, the BOKE poet, and the filmmaker who created "*Smoked Lizard Lips*". He has provided commentary on a broad variety of topics, including urban development, in the *Winnipeg Free Press*, *Border Crossings*, and *Tart Magazine*, and on CBC radio. He is currently an Associate Professor of Management at Providence College.

The presentation is sponsored by the **Manitoba Professional Planners Institute**, with the support of the **Department of City Planning, University of Manitoba**. Net proceeds will be directed to help fund travel scholarships to support students hoping to participate in the World Planners Congress and World Urban Forum, in Vancouver in June 2006. The theme of these conferences is 'Sustainable Urbanization: From Ideas to Action'.

Admission: Students \$5; MPPI Members \$10; Others \$15. Tickets available at the door.

Seating may be limited – to reserve a place, email: ianwright@mts.net