



## The Opening Night Screening of the Documentary Film - The Human Scale 7:00 PM, Saturday, December 7, Roxy Theatre, Saskatoon Free Tickets Available on Eventbrite

### Press Release

Great Places is pleased to present the opening night screening of the documentary film *'The Human Scale'* on Saturday, December 7th, 2013 at 7pm at the Roxy Theatre. This film explores the ideas and work of Danish architect, Jan Gehl, and the making and shaping of cities for people.

*"The Human Scale* questions our assumptions about modernity, exploring what happens when we put people into the center of our equations.

For 40 years the Danish architect Jan Gehl has systematically studied human behavior in cities. His starting point was an interest in people, more than buildings – in what he called Life Between Buildings. What made it exist? When was it destroyed? How could it be brought back? This led to studies of how human beings use the streets, how they walk, see, rest, meet, interact etc. Jan Gehl also uses statistics, but the questions he asks are different. For instance: How many people pass this street throughout a 24 hour period? How many percent of those are pedestrians? How many are driving cars or bikes? How much of the street space are the various groups allowed to use? Is this street performing well for all its users?

Around the world cities like Melbourne, Dhaka, New York, Chongqing and Christchurch are now also being inspired by Gehl's work and by the developments in Copenhagen." (*The Human Scale*, Mongrel Media 2012)

The film screening begins at 7:00 PM. This will be followed by a panel and audience discussion organized by the University of Saskatchewan Planning Students Association and a wine and cheese reception.

The free tickets for the first 100 people can be booked on Eventbrite at: <http://tinyurl.com/ksc85m5>

Great Places is a discussion forum that focuses on current issues related to the built environment in Saskatoon as shaped by architecture, urban planning, public art and landscape design. The group brings together visionary design professionals, government officials and citizens to discuss projects, initiatives, and precedents, locally and from abroad.

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