



The Spacing Road Show – Celebrating Saskatoon’s Top Public Spaces 7:00 PM, Monday June 20, Rемаi Arts Centre on River Landing (Backstage Stage)

Press Release

Great Places is pleased to announce that at 7:00 PM on Monday June 20 the Spacing Road Show cross-Canada tour will be stopping in Saskatoon. Join Matthew Blackett, Spacing magazine’s publisher, creative director and co-founder, to celebrate the release of the first national issue featuring Canada’s 100 best public spaces in large cities. Matt will be joined by local urbanists Jyhling Lee, Mairin Loewen and Ryan Walker for a discussion panel on the top five Saskatoon public spaces featured in the national issue. After the discussion there will be a reception upstairs in the VIP Lounge.

Spacing uncovers the joys, obstacles and politics of urban landscapes by cutting through the cynicism that often pervades discussion about urban issues. The magazine pushes readers to think critically about how they can shape the public spaces that surround their everyday lives. Spacing has been a forum for discussing topics like public transit, urban design, public art, community planning, and sustainable development.

Spacing was Canadian Small Magazine of the Year in 2007, 2008 and 2009. Matthew Blackett was co-recipient of the Jane Jacobs Award in 2010 and served on Toronto’s Roundtable on a Clean and Beautiful City, a citizen advisory committee to the Mayor.

Councilor Mairin Loewen (Ward 7) serves on the City’s Planning and Operations Committee.

Jyhling Lee is an architect, public artist, and designer who is currently based in Saskatoon and Toronto.

Ryan Walker is an urban planning professor and chairs the Regional and Urban Planning Program at the University of Saskatchewan.

Admission is \$5 (gets you a copy of the magazine). The Spacing Road Show is sponsored by BMO SmartSteps for Homeowners and the Canada Council for the Arts.

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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