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Pioneer Filmmaker John Waters

to deliver public address at *My City's Still Breathing* Symposium

WINNIPEG – August 18, 2010 – John Waters will be travelling north to Winnipeg this November to talk about his life, career and the city that helped shape him.

Waters, a filmmaker whose movies have gone from art-houses, to the big screen, to Broadway, will be in Winnipeg to give a talk on November 4. The event will help kick off *My City's Still Breathing*, a symposium exploring the arts, artists and the city. Local, national and international experts will gather in Winnipeg to deliberate and debate the relationship of art and design to city-making, and the relationship between artists and their cities. The symposium, which runs November 4-7, is planned as a part of the Winnipeg Cultural Capital of Canada 2010 program.

A life-long Baltimorean, Waters' movies are all set in Baltimore, Maryland, where he still lives. "John Waters is an artist whose work is so influenced by his city," says Executive Director Carol Phillips. "And in turn the city he lives in has been influenced by his work. He is a perfect example of the symbiotic and essential relationship between culture and city-living."

The evening will also feature a performance by John K. Samson, poet, publisher and front-man for The Weakerthans, who lent his lyrics from the song *Left and Leaving* to the title of the symposium. Tickets for the November 4th event will be available in September. Registration for the conference is open now. Information can be found at www.artsforall.ca.

The Cultural Capitals program is a federally funded program through Canadian Heritage. This symposium was proposed as part of the winning application made by the Winnipeg Arts Council on behalf of the City of Winnipeg.

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