

Chatter and Whirr Festival Gets Folks Talking in Kelowna!



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Bridging the world of art, music, and nightlife, the Alternator's *Chatter and Whirr Unleashed* brought together experimental video, performance, and interactive art with a mature contemporary touch.

Over three hundred people participated in events scheduled in Kelowna over the weekend of February 6 & 7 2009 during this first annual province-wide festival of artist-run culture.

On Friday night exhibiting artists at the Alternator gave a talk about their work while mingling with guests, while on Saturday afternoon over 40 artists representing organizations throughout BC engaged in a discussion about the struggles and successes of artist-run culture.

The *Music and Media Arts Festival* on Saturday night brought out the largest and most diverse crowd with doctors, dancers, students, artists, Monday to Friday working folk, boutique owners, financial advisers, hair stylists, etc... starving for hip things to do.

"I am in my 30s and finding shows aimed at my interests with art, dancing, & great music is very hard to come by..." - Jenn Goulet

Organizers drew directly from the local community incorporating drumming, poi, and stave spinning, and local interactive media artists. The evening was held together with lighter-fare DJ music provided by **JGirl & Manousos, Lola, & JPod** (The Beat Chef) - all of which were very well received.

"So much FUN! Great rhythm and HOT atmosphere from all around. Very nice art. 3 floors of space & a perfect night up to 3am. The music was VERY well done... It moved everyone!!!" - Aris Moraitis

People truly appreciated the venue, the art, and the large team involved in the production. Many thanks going out to the over thirty volunteers who came together to make this festival a success.

The Alternator invites the public to join us for our next big event the Wearable Art Gala on Saturday March 14 -- an artistic exploration of all types of body adornment.

Wearable Art Gala tickets: www.ticketmaster.ca or by phone at 250-860-1470.

WAG AFTER-PARTY TICKETS: Free with WAG theatre ticket or \$11 advance at Hemp City, the Alternator, Bella, Leo's Video, Cream, and LiquidBeat.com. On sale Feb. 14, 2009.

The Alternator is Kelowna's only artist-run centre - producing innovative exhibitions and special events year-round, while supporting the careers of emerging and mid-career contemporary artists.

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