

Dear Friend,

I am sending this invitation in the hope that you will consider becoming a \$250 Tent Patron of *The Encampment*, which will have its New York City premiere from October 5 - 7, 2007, as part of **openhousenewyork** (www.ohny.org), North America's largest public weekend of design, architecture and history.

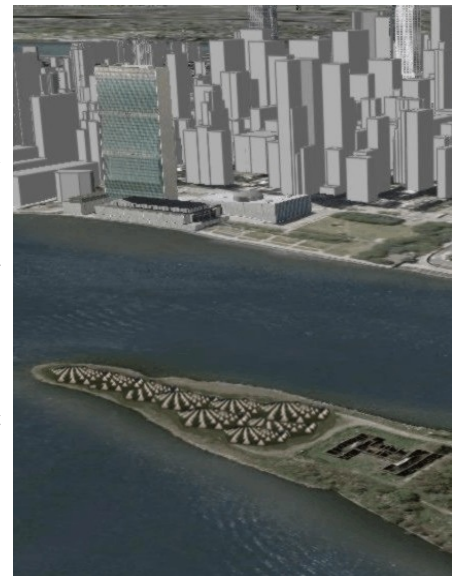


The Encampment is a work of large-scale public participatory art that I first created for the City of Toronto's Nuit Blanche 06 under the name of 'Confinement of the Intellect.' It proposes the metaphor of an archaeological dig, where the search for artifacts is replaced by the search for a collective memory. In New York City, *The Encampment* will be installed on the Southpoint of Roosevelt Island located in the East River, next to the abandoned Small Pox Hospital and in full view of the United Nations .

From 7pm to 7am each night, New Yorkers will be able to view the luminous symmetries of the 100 tents from both sides of the East River and from 7pm to 1am each night they will be able to visit the actual site to experience the complete installation (number borrowed from the hospital's original design to accommodate 100 patients).

Since the creation and completion of *The Encampment* requires the participation of the public, we are inviting the residents and patients of Roosevelt Island, as well as multi-disciplinary artists and students and a group from the Coler-Goldwater Specialty Hospital to join in the creative process. In September everyone will collaborate with the creative team (myself, choreographer Jenny McCowan and composer John McDowell) to research the stories, people, culture, architecture and confinement histories of Roosevelt Island. Each creative collaborator will learn skills and create their installation for one of the tents, take part in choreographed social ceremonies, partake in a musical landscape or join the production crew that puts it all together.

By becoming a \$250 Tent Patron, your financial support goes directly to ensuring that this process of inviting and having the means to collaborate with public participants is successful. *The Encampment* proposes an exciting model of sociability, arts education and creative exchange between people; young and old, the disabled and the confined. All life-styles are welcome to participate and experience this process of creative collaboration. Your support today will make it a success!



For a contribution of \$250, your name, family or organization will be visibly attached to a tent and listed in the official souvenir program and website. In return you will receive a *curio* of an image of *The Encampment* on tent canvas, along with a photo of the creative collaborator and their tent. And of course, if you come to see *The Encampment*, you will be cordially invited to join us for some opening night cheer and meet everyone!

Please visit www.TheEncampment.net and click **Become a Tent Patron** where you will be directed to the *Tent Patron Page* and at the bottom you will see our secure **PayPal**. Please feel free to call me at 646.259.1504 (New York) / 416.831.9675 (Toronto) or email info@thomsokoloski.com with any questions you may have.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you,

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