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8 MOMENTS

Improvisation in cyberspace

Montreal, March 23, 2006 — For its 8th year, OBORO presents *Moments*, an improvisation in cyberspace between two cities featuring Lee Pui Ming in Toronto, pianist extraordinaire, on line with quick fingered sound king DJ Mana and visual wizard VJ Pillow in Montreal on Saturday, May 13, 2006 at 2pm. After the show, there will be a book launch of *Moments*, a publication of the last eight years of the Festival Accès Asie program of improvising in cyberspace.

After living in three different cities across Canada, curator **Janet Lumb**, initiated this project in 1999 to share her national sense of belonging. Janet Lumb, curator : "*In its 8th year, Moments pushes the boundaries to meet the challenges of creation in cyberspace. This improvisation across two cities on two stages continues to boggle the minds of artists and public alike. With current advances in streaming video and audio on the World Wide Web, the possibilities are infinite.*"

Lee Pui Ming is a creating and performing artist. As a performer, she has toured Canada, Europe and Asia with appearances in numerous festivals like the Distillery Jazz Festival, the **Montréal International Jazz Festival**, the Guelph Jazz Festival, and Wie es ihr Geffalt (Zurich and Berlin). Lee Pui Ming has five recordings to date; the latest *who's playing* (2002) is an improvisation album. Her composition credits include commissions from The Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, Vancouver New Music and The Yoko Ono Project. In 2005 Lee received the **K. M. Hunter Artist Award** for music.

DJ Mana is an undisputed turntable and scratch virtuoso. He began his DJ career in 1993, quickly turning to hip-hop and collaborating with Under Pressure, KoolOut.com, Mr. Lif and Swollen Members, among others. Winner of **Montréal's DMC scratch contest in 2003 and 2004**, he was in residency at the Blue Dog and founded a Djing school (**Soul Mechanics DJ School**).

VJ Pillow, a.k.a Thien Vu Dang, is a master of images. His collaborations with Ned Bouhalassa, Yasuko Tadokoro, Christelle Franca and other great artists have been an inspiration for him. His works have been featured in major activities in Montreal and internationally such as **Elektra, FFM, Lille 2004, and Festival International des Arts de Taipei**. VJ Pillow is also coordinator and artistic director for the PanCandian digital creation contest ASI for the Festival Accès Asie.

At OBORO, May 13 at 2pm
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Free entrance

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