

Drummondville,
Thursday, June 27, 2024

Playing-Body

A solo exhibition by artist Michelle Furlong

It is with great pleasure that DRAC—Art actuel Drummondville presents from July 6 to August 25, 2024, the solo exhibition ***Playing-Body*** by artist **Michelle Furlong**.

Composed of installative paintings and large-scale works, *Playing-Body* is a playful and fascinating exhibition that invites us to rethink the notion of “play” and the ritualized behaviours that surround it.

Furlong works make direct visual references to sport, using motifs such as goal nets, lines that echo the markings on the ground of playing fields, as well as the use of large-format numbers found on bibs, illuminated scoreboards, and football fields. She also incorporates sports accessories, such as balls, boules, baseball bats, and uniform fabrics to create her works. The artist depicts various motifs and visual repetitions, thus referencing game boards, field lines, goals, and many more. Her works emphasize the performativity of the body during the act of playing, showing feet, hands, and even fingers frozen in action.

With this new series of works, Furlong seeks to create spaces dedicated to the play of movement and transformation. Through a playful aspect, her multidisciplinary installations encourage us to question the rules of the game and discover the possibilities hidden within their actions, in order to experience a form of poetic emancipation. *Playing-Body* invites us to immerse ourselves in a world of liminal zones, where the performativity of play and the symbols and gestures that constitute it transcends the physical realm.

We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate the launch of this summer exhibition in style!

An opening reception to mark the beginning of the exhibition

DRAC is delighted to invite you to a special opening for this brand-new exhibition, which will take place on **Saturday, July 6 at 1 p.m.** The artist will be present to discuss with the public. **An official speech will take place at 2 p.m.**

The event is free and open to all. We look forward to welcoming you to celebrate the launch of this summer exhibition!

Creative workshops in the cultural containers of the Ville de Drummondville

For the third summer running, DRAC is stepping out of the Maison des arts Desjardins Drummondville to present creative workshops in the Ville de Drummondville's cultural containers—located in Parc des Voltigeurs.

DRAC mediators will present a playing card drawing workshop freely inspired by the artistic practice of Michelle Furlong. This workshop will allow you to compose your own memory game cards and take up the challenge of creating identical compositions from one card to the next or an association game cards to find two thematic motifs to bring together.

Workshops are free and open to all. Come and take advantage of this enchanting site to create inspiring works of art!

Schedule

Fridays: June 28, July 5, July 26, August 16 & August 23, 2024.
Twice daily: 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Activities are available by registration only. Registrations are made directly on the Ville de Drummondville [website](#) two weeks before the creative workshop.

Please note that the workshops will be held in French.

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Opening hours

Tuesday, Wednesday: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, Friday: 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The access to the exhibitions is always free.

DRAC is wheelchair accessible.

A precious support

DRAC warmly thanks its partners for their support : the Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec, the Ville de Drummondville, and the Maison des arts Desjardins Drummondville.



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Biography

Michelle Furlong

Michelle Furlong holds an MFA from Concordia University (2018), a Post-Baccalaureate from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (2008), and a BFA from Concordia University (2006). She has presented her work in numerous solo and collaborative exhibitions, including at Le Centre Clark (Montreal), Parisian Laundry (Montreal), Tap Art Space (Toronto), FOFA Gallery at Concordia University (Montreal), McBride Contemporary (Montreal), and Galerie D'Este (Montreal). Recently, she completed a residency at ArtKlub in New Orleans, Louisiana (2020).

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