

Celebrating a True Force of Nature



Aiko G. Suzuki

October 22, 1937–December 31, 2005

In Memoriam

Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre
Saturday, January 14, 2005

We welcome family, friends, and associates to this memorial service celebrating the extraordinary life and work of visual artist Aiko Suzuki.

This memorial is held in conjunction with Aiko's planned exhibition From the Garden: Stage IV, open for viewing and reflection in the Hosaki Room on Saturday January 14th & Sunday January 15th, from 2 to 5 p.m. The exhibition features Aiko's last series of works, inspired by her garden and created in August-September 2005. Aiko spent much energy on organising this exhibition and fully intended to be present for it. With thanks to many people who continually pulled these kinds of events together with Aiko, we are pleased that the exhibition could go ahead as she had planned.

All artworks are for sale with proceeds going to the newly-established Gendai Gallery Aiko Suzuki Memorial Fund.

Programme:

- 🌸 Welcome: Chiyoko Szlavnic (daughter, musician and composer)
- 🌸 Joy Kogawa (poet and author)
- 🌸 David Suzuki (brother, scientist)
- 🌸 Kerri Sakamoto (author) on Aiko the artist
- 🌸 Michaele Jordana (visual and performance artist)
- 🌸 Marianne Grippi & Eve Nayton (Aiko's hairdressers)
- 🌸 David Earle (choreographer)
- 🌸 Grace Channer (visual artist)
- 🌸 Severn & Sarika Cullis-Suzuki (nieces)
- 🌸 Reading: Gerry Shikatani (poet)
- 🌸 Marilyn Jung (Director, Gendai Gallery)
- 🌸 Performance: Paul Dutton (poet and soundsinger)
& Nobuo Kubota (visual artist and vocalist)
- 🌸 Visual Presentation:
prepared by Troy Suzuki (nephew, video documentary-maker)

Please join us for food & refreshments outside the Gendai Gallery!

Gendai Gallery Aiko Suzuki Memorial Fund

The newly established Gendai Gallery Aiko Suzuki Memorial Fund is an auxiliary program of the Gendai Gallery, which Aiko founded in 1994 at the JCCC. The Fund is dedicated to extend Aiko's vision for the gallery by encouraging and supporting the creation of new artworks, and by programming interdisciplinary collaboration by artists from diverse backgrounds in the visual and media arts, design, performing arts and literature. The Fund will be administered by Marilyn Jung. Donations to this Fund should be sent to: "Gendai Gallery Aiko Suzuki Memorial Fund", c/o Marilyn Jung, 500 Lansdowne Ave. Toronto, ON M6H 3Y3

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Chiyoko Szlavnic.

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