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**Event** *For Everyone A Fountain*  
**Artists** *Robert Youds*  
**Place** *Open Space, 510 Fort Street, 2nd Floor*  
**Opening Reception** *Friday, November 17, 2017 at 7:30 pm*  
**Artist Talk** *Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 2:00 pm*  
**Exhibition Dates** *Friday, November 10, 2017 to Saturday, December 16, 2017*  
**Admission** *Admission is free, but donations are welcome*

## For Everyone A Fountain

Victoria- On November 10, Open Space presents *For Everyone A Fountain*, a new work by Victoria-based artist Robert Youds. Architectural in its initial demeanor, Youds' latest work offers an experiential, immersive adventure at the intersection of painting, sculpture, light, sound, time, and algorithm.

"I want to be here in this room that holds the hidden and the visible simultaneously," said Youds, "As I worked on it, the future and the past pushed inside, needing each other, yet space was going to be short. Ineffable and fleeting, *For Everyone a Fountain* is the best room you'll ever know."

*For Everyone A Fountain* is created out of industrial material and standardized office equipment—honey-comb aluminum, boxes, lamps, galvanized steel sawhorses, electrical cords, and power bars. Bright colours are strewn throughout the installation, lit by mesmerizing and ever-changing coloured light from forty ordinary desk lamps. The light patterns correspond to a computer's attempt at reading and deciphering landscape photography. With this exhibition, Youds creates a metaphorical room where inanimate objects reinterpret stored images as if through their own terms.

"The fountain of colour," added Youds, "is a lifetime of colour. We often associate memory or experiences we have to colour."

*For Everyone A Fountain* is the fifth installation in an ongoing series by Youds. A previous iteration of the series, *For Everyone A Sunset*, was shown at the Vancouver Art Gallery's Offsite in 2015. Youds explores the division between objects and image associations of objects, with the title referring to architect Moshe Safdie's utopian urban planning book, *For Everyone a Garden*.

Meet Robert Youds at the opening reception, which will be held on Friday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. This will be followed by an artist talk on Saturday, November 18 at 2:00 p.m.

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