



Tapping into Human Potential and Dignity

Press Release  
September 20, 2006

The Autism Acceptance Project is pleased to present *The Joy of Autism: Redefining Ability and Quality of Life*, an art exhibition and series of lectures that will take place in Toronto during the month of October.

*Redefining Ability and Quality of Life: the Lecture Series* will feature autistic people, researchers, and authors. Tickets for are available online at <http://ticketweb.ca/>

**AI Green Theatre, Miles Nadel JCC, 750 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, ON, M5S 2J2**

- October 10, 2006, 7.00 p.m. – *Redefining Autistic Abilities through Science and Society*
- October 11, 2006, 7.00 p.m. – *Art, Sensing, and Quality of Life for Autistic People*
- October 12, 2006, 7.00 p.m. – *Empowering Parents: Peace, Education, and Opportunity for Autistic People*
- October 16, 2006, 9.00 p.m. – *Jim Sinclair (title TBA)*

**Lonsdale Gallery, 410 Spadina Road, Toronto, ON, M5P 2W2 (free admission)**

- October 14, 2006, 7.00 p.m. – *“Binden wieder was die Mode streng geteilt”*: *Repairing the Intergenerational Disconnects in our Response to Autism*
- October 15, 2006, 1.00 p.m. – *Getting Ready for Transitions*, Nancy Searle of Bloorview MacMillan’s Play and Learn
- October 28, 2006, 7.00 p.m. – *Concert*, autistic musician Michael Moon

*Redefining Ability and Quality of Life: The Gallery Exhibition* will feature autistic artists from the US and Canada. Admission is free.

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- Featured autistic artists include: Jonathan Lerman and Larry Bissonnette, from the US; Michael Moon, from Toronto; and students from the MikiBaum Centre in Toronto

The Autism Acceptance Project does not raise money for cures, instead advocating for acceptance of autistic people in society. The organization will conduct programs and exhibitions to nurture self-esteem and ability, as well as presenting dialogues and exhibitions to understand autism further and debate the humanitarian issues surrounding it.

Without the over-riding moral obligation to treat every human being with value, respect, and dignity, we cannot establish acceptance, tolerance, and support within society.

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