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One year later – Stanley Cup riot boards from downtown windows go on display at MOV

(VANCOUVER, BC) – A year after the Stanley Cup Riots of June 15, 2011, the Museum of Vancouver will open *Reading the Riot Boards*, a small exhibition displaying 15 of the plywood panels used to board up broken windows in downtown.

Boards on display include selections from the windows of the Bay. The exhibition will run from June 15 to September 23, 2012.

For the opening of this small MOV Studio exhibition, the MOV invites the public to join in dialogue with Vancouver playwright Kevin Loring, City Councillor Andrea Reimer, and photographer Maurice Li in a multi-faceted examination of how the riots altered our collective conscience, spurred new civic conversations, and changed how Vancouverites see themselves and each other. That is, we invite you to pause, reflect, and share in a discussion that asks: “Is this Vancouver?”

The roundtable will include a visual street-view storytelling of events by Maurice Li, excerpts from “The Thin Veneer” a play written as Loring’s response to the riots, and policy insights from Councillor Reimer. A moderated Q&A and closer look at selected boards installed in the MOV Studio will follow.

The event is by donation (suggested \$5-10, none turned away for lack of funds) | MOV Members free. **RSVP online:** <http://riotreflections.eventbrite.com>

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The Museum of Vancouver is an independent non-profit organization which holds a mirror to the city and leads provocative conversations about its past, present, and future.

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About the Speakers:

Kevin Loring is the recipient of the 2009 Governor General’s Award in Drama. “The Thin Veneer”

is Loring's response to the 2011 Stanley Cup riot. This profoundly beautiful play investigates who we are as Vancouverites.

Andrea Reimer was elected to Vancouver City Council in 2008. Her appointments include Chair, Standing Committee on Planning and Environment; Greenest City Action Team; Vancouver Economic Development Commission. Andrea is a fourth generation British Columbian who lives right across from her father's family home at Trout Lake on Vancouver's east side.

Maurice Li is a Vancouver-based photographer and visual storyteller. Maurice's work is informed by his passion for commercial, documentary, and fine art work that focuses on the urban form, cultural narrative, and experiential travel.