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If Women Ruled The World: Judy Chicago In Thread

September 15, 2009 CALGARY, ALBERTA --- Join The Art Gallery of Calgary on Friday, September 25, 2009 from 7pm to 10pm for the public opening of our Fall 2009 Exhibitions: *If Women Ruled The World: Judy Chicago In Thread* and *She Will Always Be Younger Than Us*.

If Women Ruled the World: Judy Chicago in Thread surveys some of Judy Chicago's most important contributions in textiles. Best known for her famous artwork *The Dinner Party* which exhibited in Calgary in 1982, Judy Chicago returns with an exhibition that examines the development of her artistic vision over 30 years and the evolving ways that feminism has informed her artwork. Dating from 1971 to present, *If Women Ruled the World: Judy Chicago in Thread* highlights important works from the *Birth Project*, the *Holocaust Project* and *Resolutions: A Stitch in Time*, revealing the tenacity of her practice and the thoughtful development of her political and aesthetic strategies.

She Will Always Be Younger Than Us brings together five artists who demonstrate the multiplicity and diversity of twenty first century feminism through sculpture, video, performance, and fibre art. Orly Cogan, Wednesday Lupyciw, Cat Mazza, Gillian Strong and Ginger Brooks Takahashi, influenced by Judy Chicago and her contemporaries, provide insightful tributes to the contemporary feminist voice.

The Art Gallery of Calgary is thrilled to announce that Judy Chicago's Artist Talk, on September 29th from 7-9pm, in conjunction with the exhibition *If Women Ruled the World: Judy Chicago in Thread*, is a sold-out event. Marc Mayer, the Director of the National Gallery of Canada, will be joining Judy Chicago in conversation about her art practice that has spanned over 30 years. The positive response to this sold-out event exemplifies the important dialogue expected between these two prominent art-world figures.

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