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REEL Learning with MacEwan University and Metro Cinema

 Edmonton – MacEwan University and Metro Cinema have teamed up to create REEL Learning - opportunities to watch interesting movies and then dig deeper into related current events and research with industry experts and faculty members.

The first of four REEL Learning events will start on Monday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. and feature the department of Fine Art and Design, with Waste Land, a film nominated for Best Documentary Oscar in 2011.

Waste Land is an uplifting documentary highlighting the transformative power of art and the beauty of the human spirit. Contemporary artist Vik Muniz takes you on an emotional journey from Jardim Gramacho, the world’s largest landfill on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro, to the heights of international art stardom. Muniz collaborates with the brilliant catadores, (people who make a living by picking recyclable materials) telling their stories while quoting Machiavelli.

Following the film, MacEwan University associate professor Leslie Sharpe (MFA, University of California San Diego), will lead an informal discussion around some of the film’s themes that resonate in contemporary art practice (collaboration, consumption and waste, marginalized communities) and provide a short background talk about Muniz.

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University inspires its students with a powerful combination of academic excellence and personal learning experiences. Offering more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training, the university provides a transformative education in a creative, collaborative and supportive learning environment where creativity and innovation thrive. Located in Edmonton, Alberta Canada, MacEwan University offers a unique student experience that opens up diverse pathways for achievement and growth.

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