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GROUPE MOLIOR PRESENTS

Silverfish Stream at the maison de la culture Frontenac

Groupe Molior presents **Silverfish Stream**, an interactive sound and robotic installation by **Constanza Silva**. **Silverfish Stream**, at the Maison de la Culture Frontenac, knits together formal simplicity with the technical complexity of a network of self-propelled spheres.

Constanza Silva's fascination with spheres stems partly from her interest in transposing digital information about the world into a practical, temporal (analog) experience in the world. Spheres are extremely sensitive shapes: when well-made, the most subtle variation in the internal distribution of weight, the application of external pressure or an uneven surface starts them rolling. Once in motion, any surface imperfection in the sphere or the floor influences their movement. This sensitivity to internal and external variations and forces renders the relational, interconnected and imperfect nature of the spheres particularly visible. In *Silverfish Stream*, the artist explores the interdependencies, relationships and imperfections, unfolding them until the audience is included and involved.

Despite its simple geometric shape, the sphere is a very complex form to work with. The design and construction of self-propelled spheres that communicate through movement poses many challenges, both mechanical and computational. The interconnected nature of *Silverfish Stream*, which involves the spectators as concrete, interrelated subjects, disrupts and challenges their perception of the environment. Audience members are immersed in an environment of shifting sounds and spheres; the environment responds to spectators using a logic that excludes them. The situation stimulates reflection on human narcissism while eliciting a most human response.



GENERAL INFORMATION

• **Work:** *Silverfish Stream*

• **Hours:**

Tuesday to Thursday: 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday to Sunday: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

- **Artist:** Constanza Silva
- **Exhibit:** January 20 to February 20, 2005
- **Vernissage:** 5 p.m., January 20th
- **Where:**
Maison de la culture Frontenac
2550 Ontario Street East
Metro Frontenac
- Monday: closed
- **Information:**
Maison de la culture Frontenac
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