

GIANTS LEAP / À PAS DE GÉANTS



A Documentary Film about Contemporary Real Estate Development in Vancouver
Written, directed and produced by Florence Debeugny & Lynsey Hamilton
Canada, 2007, 57 minutes

SHOWING ON FRIDAY MARCH 14, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.

Grandview Calvary Baptist Church – www.gbcchurch.ca
1803 East First Avenue (one block east of Commercial Drive)

Followed by a Discussion about Present Development in Vancouver

[Synopsis on Other Side]

SYNOPSIS OF GIANTS LEAP / À PAS DE GÉANTS

Fast development overlooks the social and economic long-term and destroys heritage and culture. In Vancouver, city planners did not expect Yaletown's development to attract families; what other consequences have they not anticipated?

The development pressures in Vancouver on old structures and heritage are erasing the physical evidence of the past, replacing it with questionable construction choices. The city is becoming one accessible only for the rich and the quality of architecture has been identified as second or third rate.

Giants Leap / À pas de géants documents the physical and architectural changes of Vancouver's Downtown South neighbourhood from early 2005 until mid 2007. The residents of Vancouver's Downtown South are being driven from their homes by developers pursuing profit. Linda has lived in the same house in Downtown South for 45 years. In 2005, real estate agents started to pressure her to sell her home, but she preferred to keep her home. Sam, another neighbourhood character, is a retired forestry worker who bicycles every day through the neighbourhood that he knows so well. He believes that residents and developers should together find a balance to live respectfully of each other. Michelle, Linda's neighbour, has been leasing her 100 year old house for four years. Her home has been sold to a developer and is now charted for demolition.

Giants Leap / À pas de géants is a diverse portrait of a changing neighbourhood and the changing values of a society, raising questions of progress, heritage preservation, housing and culture.

Film Will Be Shown in English

Filmmakers Will Attend

A Voluntary Donation Goes to Costs and Filmmakers

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