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Canada’s foremost film festival devoted to issues of mental health and recovery offers an exciting new forum on gaming and the human mind.

GAME CHANGE: A RENDEZVOUS WITH MADNESS FORUM

The **human brain** has always loved a game. But it has never responded quite the way it has to **games** in the **digital** era. Games now captivate and engage our minds like never before, and this has generated questions concerning the **impact** of these distractions on the way we think, interpret and relate to the world around us. Some say gaming is a potent **addiction**, while others insist it is a potentially **revolutionary** way of providing order and inspiration to the disordered mind. The RENDEZVOUS WITH MADNESS film festival presents GAME/CHANGE, a forum on the **impact and implications of gaming on mental health** and our processing of the world around us. Co-presented with some of the most innovative experts in the field of gaming and mental health, GAME/CHANGE will **transform** the way you **think** about the **games** people **play**.

And *why* they play them.

Moderator **Sarah Saucier** (Founder/CEO of Every1Games Professional Services Inc.) leads **Al Donato** (journalist, ex-carny, and community organizer), **Kaitlin Tremblay** (writer, editor, and game maker) and **Marishka Zachariah** (game developer, teacher, 2D & 3D artist & animator, open-source hardware hacker and performance artist) in this scintillating, inspiring and info-packed forum.

WHEN: Saturday, November 12, 10 AM – 4 PM **WHERE:** Workman Theatre, 651 Dufferin Street **PRICES:** \$25 admission (full day) \$15 admission for students, arts workers, under employed (full day)

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RENDEZVOUS WITH MADNESS returns with its boldest, most eclectic and provocative programming yet. Canada’s original festival devoted to movies about mental health and recovery will venture onto the new frontier of public awareness toward the mysteries of the human mind - offering audiences an opportunity to watch films inspired by recovery and engage in dialogue with filmmakers, professionals and people with lived experience. Literally, the mind reels. -30-