

LAST SWARM EVER

Some of the artist-run centres you are visiting tonight during SWARM will probably not make it through the next year. The reason: the Campbell government is slashing support for the arts, by taking away \$77 million dollars of gaming funds that were supposed to go to charities, and announcing 81% cuts to the budget of the BC Arts Council.

81% cuts. Think about that for a minute. Think about the families that are fed and suppliers who are paid out of that 81%. Think about the art you are seeing tonight, and imagine 81% less of it, permanently.

There is a chance that we can change the government's mind. If you support SWARM, and artist-run centres, please take some time to contact your MLA, and to write to Premier Campbell and Ministers Krueger and Coleman. A sample letter, which you can sign and send, is on the other side of this sheet. If you have time, write your own letter or e-mail and send it.

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