







It's About Time

new work by Polyphony

Reception: Thursday, May 26, 5-8 pm **Hours:** May 27, 12–5 pm

May 28, 29, 12-5 pm

Location: 17 Noble St., Toronto (1 block from Dufferin and Queen)



Gay Gooderham, Diana Hamer, Christy Hayhoe, Jennifer Mason, Rena Okada, Karin Shaddick, Angela Tamari, and guest artist, Monica Chen.



We dedicate this show to our dear friend, Ellen Matthews, who used her "wild and precious life" so well.

The Summer Day

Who made the world?

Who made the swan, and the black bear?

Who made the grasshopper?

This grasshopper, I mean—

the one who has flung herself out of the grass,

the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,

who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down-

who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.

Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.

Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.

I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down

into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,

how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,

which is what I have been doing all day.

Tell me, what else should I have done?

Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?

Tell me, what is it you plan to do

with your one wild and precious life?

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