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## THE GLOCAL PROJECT your world in motion at the Surrey Art Gallery

Lead artists:

Sylvia Grace Borda  
M. Simon Levin  
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Working in partnership with contributors locally, nationally, and internationally, this digital artwork will offer audiences new perspective on how they might see the world around us, starting with the city of Surrey, Canada's fastest growing metropolis.



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## Local goes global with new digital art project...

The GLOCAL project will use digital cameras and motion-capture technology, to reflect the speed, size, density and diversity that positions Surrey in local and global (Glocal) consciousness. Surrey in motion will then be connected to other communities in motion, around the world.

All the content produced as part of the GLOCAL project will form a large relational artwork; an interactive database of 'moving' images. The project begins in Surrey, with a series of outreach initiatives to youth and community interest groups, as well as online communities through its website. The invitation for involvement will be repeated internationally through community workshops held in various locations. When realized, audiences will be able to compare, contrast and examine the world from all points of the globe.

So how can YOU become part of GLOCAL and express what's cool where you live? The GLOCAL team of artists have now established residence both online and at the Surrey Art Gallery TechLab. Currently they are producing low-tech toolkits – guides with instructions, open source software and ideas, intended to guide participants on how to contribute to the project.

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## ABOUT THE ARTIST TEAM:

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**Sylvia Grace Borda** is an artist, curator and media producer interested in social histories, photography, cinema and online art. She is an Associate Researcher at Emily Carr and a Lecturer in Media Arts at Krems University, Austria. Her most recent artwork, EkNewTown.com, was awarded a Millennium Commission Award in the UK. This project is a digital representation of Scotland's First New Town. In 2007 she described her community-based initiative to Scottish Parliament. She is well known in BC for her successful media work entitled "Every Bus Stop in Surrey, BC" and has also exhibited both nationally and internationally.

**M. Simon Levin** has been creating site-based systems that explore the aesthetics of engagement using a variety of designed forms and tools for the past 20 years. His teaching and inter-disciplinary art practice has led him to create and collaborate on numerous art projects within Canada, USA, Mexico, Australia and the United Arab Emirates.

**Jer Thorp** is a software artist and designer. His work, which explores the boundaries between science and art, has been exhibited internationally. He is a regular speaker at Flash conferences across North America and is currently an instructor in Langara College's Electronic Media Design program.