

MOUNTAIN

“Approach the mountain freely and openly.
What is going on in your mind as you stand still?”

Swami Sivandanda Radha, *Hatha Yoga: The Hidden Language: symbols, secrets and metaphor*, from the chapter: *Tadasana: The Mountain*, (p62).

First, climb a small mountain near you, then bring that adventure with you to draw with Michael Drebert.

**What: Drawing workshop with artist Michael Drebert,
Michael Drebert @ The Drawing Salon @ Malaspina**

When: Monday October 24, 6 – 9 pm

Where: Malaspina Printmakers, Granville Island, Vancouver

Materials: Charcoal, pencil and ink on paper, materials are provided

FREE, donations for materials may be accepted

12 places: call Malaspina to register: tel# 604 688 1724

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Michael Drebert is currently an artist in residence at Malaspina Printmakers where he is working on a new print series. These in-progress works, take associations to, memories of and the symbols of 'mountain' along with the Hatha yoga position of Tadasana as starting points.

Drebert describes his work as “a research into the radical potential for performative gestures to be an agent for cultural investigation, and a catalyst for meaningful dialogue” adding that, “the answer to a situation is to *begin*.” He further describes the process in his work; “travel – be it 10 km’s or 10,000 km’s, through multiple visits or just one, the rapport with the land and its community of peoples is essential to the conceptualizing of my work and my research towards understanding the place gesture holds within art.”

Using an economy of means, black ink on white paper, his seemingly simple graphic or text-based ‘signs or posters’, placed in public or private spaces, are studies into everyday actions and objects often containing quiet gestures towards positive change.

Michael Drebert graduated with a BFA from Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design in 2006, and an MFA from the University of Victoria in 2010; Michael Drebert’s work has been included in the exhibitions: *Everything Everyday* (2011), Vancouver Art Gallery; *Make it Strange* (2010), Malaspina Printmakers; STARHOUSE (2010), CSA Europe; *Sentimental Journey* (2009), Contemporary Art Gallery; *Available Light* (2008), a performative poster project, Artspeak; New Forms festival, VIVO Media Arts Centre (2008) as well as exhibitions at Western Bridge, Western Front, Helen Pitt Gallery, The Ministry of Casual Living and Blanket Contemporary Art Inc. among others. Michael Drebert lives and works on Vancouver Island in Songhees Territory.