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***Vancouver, Canada - The Vancouver Biennale brings a warm and welcoming light to the city with We, by Jaume Plensa, widely recognized as one of the most important and influential artists of the 21st Century. This magical outdoor sculpture, created especially for Vancouver, reflects the beauty and diversity of our multicultural city, now illuminated at night just in time for us to shine for a global audience.***

The Vancouver Biennale is warming up the wet and chilly nights of the city with "We" by Jaume Plensa, a work of art that celebrates the linguistic diversity and multiculturalism of Vancouver by putting multiple alphabets together to create a larger-than-life sculpture in human form. Sitting proud and peaceful, the 16-foot tall figure is made up of characters from eight alphabets, Latin, Greek, Russian Cyrillic, Hebrew, Hindi, Japanese, Arabic and Chinese. The sculpture, large enough for people to gather inside and incredibly illuminated at night, draws us in to enjoy the embrace of an intimate enclave within the urban city. The sculpture is located at Sunset Beach along English Bay, one of the most scenic locations in Vancouver.

"We" fully exemplifies the Vancouver Biennale's commitment to diversity, engagement, accessibility and education.

**ABOUT THE ARTIST**

Jaume Plensa, who works both in Barcelona and Paris, is a widely acclaimed artist who has received numerous national and international awards and has exhibited in public museums across Europe, Japan and North America including, Institute Valencia d'Art Modern, Valencia and Musée d'Art Contemporain, Nice, France (2007), Museum of Modern Art, New York (2006), and most recently, inclusion in the prestigious 53<sup>rd</sup> International Art Exhibition, Venice Biennale (2009).

For more information visit [www.jaumeplensa.com](http://www.jaumeplensa.com)

**ABOUT THE VANCOUVER BIENNALE**

The Vancouver Biennale is a non-profit organization that mounts bi-annual public art exhibitions, bringing sculptures, new media and performance works by celebrated and emerging international artists to Vancouver and surrounding area parks, beaches and urban plazas. In doing so, the Biennale creates an open-air museum that merges the natural beauty of our landscape and our love of outdoor recreation with a world-class cultural experience, all contributing to our designation as one of the most livable cities in the world.

For more information visit [www.vancouverbiennale.com](http://www.vancouverbiennale.com).

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