

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Vancouver's Night On The Nile builds a surgical skills teaching lab in Africa

Vancouver, British Columbia – May 17, 2010 – Join the Canadian Network for International Surgery (CNIS) on June 11th at Granville Island's Performance Works, and help build a surgical skills teaching lab in Moshi, Tanzania.

Learn about this unique Canadian teaching initiative, that sends volunteer Canadian surgeons and obstetricians to Africa to share surgical and obstetrical skills with African colleagues, who then themselves go on to teach African non surgical health personnel this same life saving skills. CNIS asks for your help to train, educate and equip African doctors and nurses with the tools they need to help save lives.

A Night on the Nile will have you enjoying a vintage Nile 'Cruise' a la Agatha Christie, without seasickness, pesky peddlers or nosy Belgian detectives. Dressed and catered by the BC film industry and supported by local businesses, this fun-filled evening includes a three-course dinner and live entertainment by Vancouver singer Jane Mortifee and Hips can sway belly dancers.

The evening also features a silent auction with a.o. a ceramic mask by Suzy Birstein (known for her Academy Awards Motion Pitchers), antiques, a Zimbabwean stone sculpture, a signed Robert Bateman, a vase from Robert Held's deco collection, with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting CNIS to help promote safer surgery in Africa.

Ecosystem Restoration Associates will offset the Carbon Emissions, making the Nile night carbon neutral. You will not only contribute to the life-saving work of CNIS, but also party without a carbon footprint!

For ticket information and how you can help, visit the CNIS Web site today at www.cnis.ca. Ticket prices are \$75, which includes a \$40 tax receipt.

Mark your calendar and join CNIS at Performance Works, 1218 Cartwright St, Granville Island on June 11th, 2010 from 7pm-midnight.

Contact:

Karethe Linaae, Public Engagement Coordinator
Canadian Network for International Surgery
604-739-4708
www.cnis.ca