



**Canto: a collection of wishes**  
**Book 1; Whitehorse, Yukon**  
**Canada**

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Bless this frog and each of its toes  
 and the wonderful and playful  
 spirit of its short life

die living

I hope they survive.

The beauty that surrounds us-blessings and  
 prayers.

*May we live in a world of PEACE*

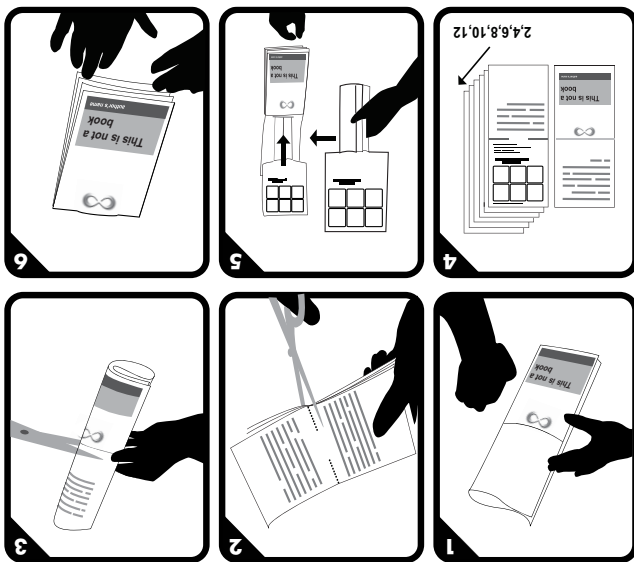
Fill your boots!

Frog spirit of all the Nations. Help us  
 to heal Mother Earth. You are the  
 Great Healer...we HONOUR you for  
 your Beauty and worth.

*Small effects on big animals and big effects on small  
 animals should bring us to our own humility.*

Every body have a home





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For the Voz/Voice exhibition in Whitehorse (2009) I invited viewers to participate in my installation Canto, 10 etched copper cylinders which turn like prayer wheels. Each wheel related to an endangered species, space or culture. Viewers were asked to add their "wishes or prayers" and this e-book is a compilation of the notes they left in each wheel. Images printed from the etched copper plates before they were rolled into the cylindrical wheel appear alongside the notes. For more information on the LLAMA Project and Joyce Majiski see [www.llamaproject.com](http://www.llamaproject.com)

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## Voz/Voice: The arts of resistance and resilience

The first LLAMA Project exchange brought

a diversity of professional artists from Canada and Mexico together in 2009.

The first residency took place in Oaxaca and Hidalgo Mexico and the second in northern Canada's Yukon.

These residencies were a time for artists to make new work while exchanging ideas and thoughts

with each other and with people in the community.

The inaugural exhibition of "Voz/Voice: The arts of resistance and resilience," took place in Whitehorse in the fall of 2009.

For further touring information, and to learn more visit [www.llamaproject.com](http://www.llamaproject.com)

## The installation piece *Canto*, is a series of 10 etched copper prayer wheels.

The Title of each wheel (and accompanying imagery) are as follows:

**Marshland beauty** (dragonfly), **An Arctic perspective** (caribou, polar bear skull, map of circumpolar north), **The word for world** (tree cross-section/rings), **Vaquita: the Whale's tale** (whale imagery and a large tail), **Race to the Sea** (turtles lament), **Where frogs once sang**, **Shiny pennies** (jaguar spots), **Modifying culture: a heritage story** (heritage corn), **Space to breathe, room to roam** (birds migrating, a dodo, 3 endangered species, and habitat change), **Untamed rivers** (river delta).

Each of these wheels represents an endangered species, space or culture.

During the Voz/Voice exhibition, in the fall of 2009, in Whitehorse, Yukon, visitors were invited to make rubbings of the imagery from *Canto* and to add their own voices in the form of "prayers" or wishes to be placed within the wheels.

This e-book is a collection of these voices, organized by wheel theme. (Written exactly as presented. Personal prayers were not included)

I wish to thank the participants for their thoughtful and insightful notes as well as the supportive comments about the artwork.





## The LLAMAProject

The “Listen Learn and Make Art” Project brings together a diversity of professional artists to share ideas, stories and experiences with each other and a diversity of community members. The focus of the exploration is on the influences of culture and change.

LLAMA works to give voice to people on issues that impact their place in the world. It encourages youth and community involvement, and celebrates diversity and innovation.

The LLAMA Project’s outreach programs and collaborations will lead to publications, exhibitions and web-based interactions.

This e-book library is one such initiative, in partnership with Proboscis. For more e-books visit [www.proboscis.org.uk](http://www.proboscis.org.uk) and [www.llamaproject.com](http://www.llamaproject.com)

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The imagery for Canto stems from my long standing concern about the state of the world. The installation touches on issues that are both cautionary and celebratory although some are lamentations for precious things lost or endangered. We struggle between ever growing consumerism and an awareness that the earths resources cannot sustain the demand. Who are we becoming in this consumer driven world and what will we leave as a legacy? As species are being lost daily through habitat destruction, urbanization, resource extraction or the effects of climate change, we are losing the richness of biodiversity. One must remember that “gone is gone”. Canto is a reminder to pay attention to nature and the world around you, and to be aware of how you live and what you really need to survive.

*As the wheels are spun with the image of beauty and life, so may our world spin*

I delight in having passed through time with you.  
World peace

**Conserve.**  
Peace within everywhere  
May all people be free.

**WILD**

*Everyone has a blanket at night*  
My favorite sound is the clacking of a dragonfly’s wings.

Hope for peace  
Hope for health and wellness for planet earth

*Bless the dragonfly, insect of legend, may your story be told to my great children*

**BLESS THE WORLD AND ALL ITS ANIMALS**  
*We will miss you when you are gone.*

We mine the copper We print the copper to show the damage.  
A prehistoric tropical insect in a boreal forest under snow most of the time.



Bless these waters which carry  
our lives on to our destinies: may  
they flow unimpeded forever.

May we find our way back to balance.

*Hope...for peace for all and know love  
within yourself.*

*Everybody has clean water*

Peace

Peace of mind

Calving ground free of drilling for the porcupine  
caribou herd

Where can I take refuge when you have gone  
May life flourish in the Yukon. May the WILD  
stay WILD

We have a chance. Don't do to the caribou what  
we did to the buffalo.

Long live Porcupine Caribou

LOVE YOUR SELF

*Happiness is not on the road to anything. ...*

*Happiness is that road.*

Bless these spots, those fearsome fangs, the  
appetite for life-let it walk in peace inharmed

**May all sentient beings be happy, safe,  
loving, compassionate, and live in  
respectful harmony.**

*May the caribou run free*

Be proud and aware of where we're from and how  
our choices affect it.

*Thank you for your teachings and help us as a  
community focus on what IS really important in life.*

**Take care of the earth**

Everybody live with someone that loves them  
*Spirit*

*Don't go*







*I love the Dodo bird*

Sick people can get better.

Extinction reforms into creative species.  
One step at a time.

Change

As never seen in nature

My love for him is vast. It will consume him and he will be at peace.

I wish it was way cooler.

Everyone in good health.

Willingness

Hope

**Space**

*Tree-it's my backyard-  
protect it-it's yours too.*

Hope for the boreal forest

Fuk the korrapt





Every body has good close !

I come here with my two girls just to be

**FREE**

Let us care for the non-charismatic  
micro-fauna as well as the sexy birds  
and such

Healing

God protect the Whales

Anything with a heart the size of a  
volkswagon should not be allowed to  
become extinct. We need all the heart  
in the world we can get.

Peace, Love, Friendship, a Spiritual Awakening.

**live in peace No More People Dying**

Bless this creature and forgive us for our violence  
against it and its ancestors

**Go Whales Go! BE FREE**

May we all learn to love ourselves so that the world  
may be at peace

*I wish the animals will never die out*

**Health**

**Hope-for all sentient beings**

Keep saying thank you







everybody gets to go to school  
 Atholls-shrinking islands ~ are living a  
 good life in an impermanent land

May ALL BE loved.  
 Fed, filled with  
 compassion and  
 kindness to  
 ALL BEINGS

Peace in the world

**Bless these turtles and the sea that supports them: may the eyes of my great grandchildren see them**

*My son, know that we tried and that your life is with with few choices now, but still the choice to love is yours forever. xo your mama*  
 Everyone have enough food

*Tortuga-Old Man of the Sea, Long Life to you*

Pray for the music under the waves take my thoughts with you.

Turtle says: "what's happening to MY ISLAND home?" hardly recognizable the place since the two legged ones burst forth in such numbers on my BACK...when I emerged from the muddy depths... I need NOW to to RETURN...LET'S PRAY FOR EACH OTHER to live in respect of this CREATION and in right relationship with EACH OTHER, WITH SELF AND CREATOR.  
 With love, Turtleman

