

# Please join us for our Annual Meeting & a screening of "West 47th Street"

Columbian Centre's Annual General Meeting

5:30 p.m. Wednesday June 27, 2007

Christ Community Church, 2221 Bowen Road, Nanaimo

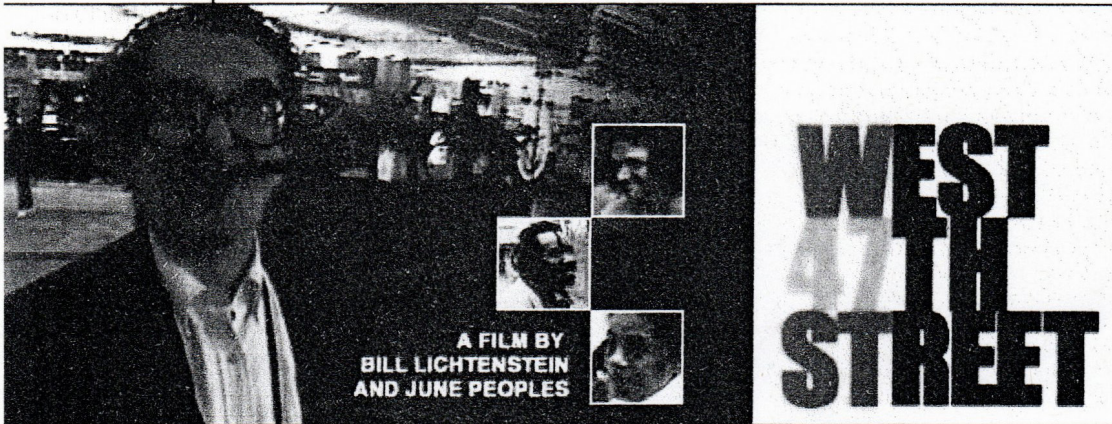
Please join the Columbian Centre Society's Board of Directors for our **Annual General Meeting** to review the work of the organization, hear about its accomplishments and challenges, and learn about what the Society is working on going into the coming year. The evening includes a guest speaker and concludes with the screening of a critically-acclaimed film (information below). For more information about the AGM contact Tom Grauman, Executive Director, at 758-8711 or by email to [e.d.ccs@shaw.ca](mailto:e.d.ccs@shaw.ca).

**Movie Monday Victoria**—now recognized as a "best practice" in Victoria's mental health system—was started by Bruce Saunders in May 1993. Bruce realized that films could stimulate discourse about mental illness and carried the potential to create powerful learning opportunities. The weekly film program provides opportunities for information, positive attitudes, and hope to ripple out through the community. Bruce will be at Columbian Centre's annual general meeting to talk about his work and share his thoughts about this particular use of film.

More information about Movie Monday is available at <http://www.islandnet.com/mml/>.



**West 47th Street** is the New York City address of *Fountain House*, a pioneering rehabilitation program for people with serious mental illness and a an inspiration for Columbian Centre.



West 47th Street is also a highly-acclaimed, award-winning film which takes its cameras into the lives of four homeless people living with serious mental illness. Filmed over three years, **West 47th Street** "reveals the human face of mental illness, and the resulting stories, both warm and dramatic, are

about people who approach tremendous obstacles with humor, optimism and grace." The film has been hailed as "must see," by Newsweek, "remarkable," by the Washington Post, and called "a life-altering cinema experience," by Tulsa World. The film, created in 2001 and running approximately 100 minutes, will be shown at the annual general meeting.

More information about the film is available at <http://www.pbs.org/pov/pov2003/west47thstreet/>.

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