



## SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY 1

Honorary Degree Citation 1

The degree of Doctor of Fine Arts, honoris causa, 1

conferred on Dr. Stan Douglas 1

Thursday, October 5, 2023 1

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Madam Chancellor, it is my great honour to present Stan Douglas, one of Canada's most 1  
acclaimed contemporary artists, whose dynamic multidisciplinary practice challenges intellectual 1  
and artistic conventions to reveal and reframe pivotal moments of social change and upheaval. 1  
Working at the leading edge of new media, Mr. Douglas's artwork has taken the form of virtual 1  
reality simulations, mobile apps, live cinema, and multi channel video installations, as well as still 1  
photographs of the enacted or imagined histories, which he builds with astounding period detail. 1  
You will find a magnificent example of his work at SFU's downtown campus, in the Woodward's 1  
atrium: Mr. Douglas is the creator of Abbot & Cordova—a massive and meticulous photographic 1  
restaging of the notorious 1971 Gastown riot, when local police attacked a crowd protesting 1  
marijuana possession laws. 1 1

A born and bred Vancouverite who divides his time between 1