

explorASIAN 2015

VANCOUVER ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

MANY CULTURES, MANY LANGUAGES, ONE CELEBRATION

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Ongoing permanent/rotating display,
★ Miguel & Julia Tecson Collection at UBC Museum of Anthropology (MOA), Museum and Shop Hours: Daily 10am – 5pm. Tuesday open until 9pm Closed Mondays from October 14th to May 12th
explorASIAN Community Builder Awardees Dr. Miguel and Julia Tecson, Filipinos who settled in Vancouver in the 1960's, donated over 350 archaeological and anthropological objects from the Philippines and nearby cultures. View the study collection at UBC MOA. **For enquiries:** www.moa.ubc.ca

April 16th - May 31st, 2015
Guizhou China: In the Season of New Rice, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre exhibition space
Hours: 6:00 am - 1:00 pm
An exhibition by anthropology and award-winning photographer Evelyn Nodwell as she explores village and small town life in Guizhou Province during China's growing urbanization. **For enquiries:** <http://www.ikebarberlearningcentre.ubc.ca>

April 28th - May 24th
Sharing Our Stories: Preserving Multicultural Histories, Vancouver Public Library
Featuring histories of the Iranian community that highlight immigration and settlement experiences.
For enquiries: <http://nvma.ca/collections/archive-collections/>



May 1st - 30th
"A Bridge to Taiwan – Series of Taiwanese films" at Taiwanese Cultural Centre (8853 Selkirk Street, Vancouver)
This series of 24 Taiwanese films provide the easy access to the best of Taiwan cinema and the most entertaining way to know Taiwan's history and complex culture background. Free Admission.
For enquiries: www.tccs.ca / 604-267-0901

Saturday, May 2nd, 10:00 am to Noon
Official Opening Ceremony, explorASIAN 2015, at the Milton & Fei Wong Theatre, Simon Fraser University, 149 West Hastings Street, Vancouver
Featured at our opening will be The Honourable Teresa Wat, Mayor Gregor Robertson, Ass't Commissioner RCMP Dan Malo, other notables, performances by Iranian and Japanese artists, Calligraphy from several countries translating "I am neither of the East nor of the West. No boundaries exist within my breast." **For enquiries:** www.explorasian.org & office.vahms@gmail.com

★ **May 2nd, 2:00 - 5:00 pm**
Akram Pedramnia's Book Launch, Shahrghon Media Diversity, Coquitlam City Centre Library: 1169 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam, BC V3B 0Y1
Persian book launch: the novel of Lolita by Vladimir Nabokov Translated in Persian by well-known writer Akram Pedramnia and one of her own books. **For enquiries:** www.shahrgon.com / 778-300-4414

May 2nd - 31st
Exhibition of Historical Stamps, Numismatics, Photographs and Artifacts for 130th Anniversary of the Canadian Pacific Railway (1885-2015), Chinese Cultural Centre Museum, 555 Columbia Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6A 4H5
The exhibition will include over 1000 items such as stamps, coins, photographs and artefacts related to the Canadian Pacific Railway.
For enquiries: www.cccvan.com / 604-658-8880

May 3rd, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Book Launch event: Island: Poetry and History of Chinese Immigrants on Angel Island by Judy Yung and The Adventures of Eddie Fung, Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Vancouver and Chinese Canadian Military Museum, Chinese Cultural Centre Museum, 555 Columbia Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6A 4H5
Join us for an afternoon of book discussion, poetry reading, and storytelling by authors Judy Yung and Eddie Fung.
For enquiries: www.cccvan.com / 604-658-8880

May 3rd, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
Paul Yee Book Launch, Tradewind Books, at Sun Yat Sen Gardens: 579 Carrall St. Vancouver (Chinatown)
A Chinese Children's Cookbook Launch event.
For enquiries: www.tradewindbooks.com / 604-662-4405

★ **May 3rd - 31st**
Multicultural Calligraphy Exhibition, Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Vancouver Chinese Cultural Centre Museum, 555 Columbia Street, Vancouver, BC V6A 4H5
Seven calligraphy works created by six calligraphers in eight different languages at the 2015 Asian Heritage Month's kick-off event will be on display at the Chinese Cultural Centre Museum for four weeks in May. (Tues- Sun 11am-5pm. Closed on Mondays and holidays.)
For enquiries: www.cccvan.com / 604-658-8880

May 4th -29th
Rediscover the Fading Memories, PCHC-Museum of Migration Society & Chinese Christian Mission Centre, at Carey Theological College (UBC Campus)
Beautifully curated, this exhibition on the early Chinese Canadian Christian history is co-presented by CCM Centre and PCHC-MoM Society at Carey Hall, UBC.
Admission: free. Visit: www.pchc-mom.ca or **enquire at CCM Centre: 604-877-8606**

May 5th, 7 pm
Authors Judy Yung and Eddie Fung, Vancouver Public Library, Alma VanDusen & Peter Kaye Rooms, Lower Level, Central Library, 350 W. Georgia St.
An evening of discussion, poetry and storytelling with authors of Island: Poetry and History of Chinese Immigrants on Angel Island and The Adventures of Eddie Fung: Chinatown Kid, Texas Cowboy, Prisoner of War. **For enquiries:** vpl.ca / 604-331-3603

MAY 8th or 9th
Empire of the Son, Vancouver Asian Canadian Theatre, Firehall Arts Centre, 280 East Cordova Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6A 1L3
Empire of the Son is an original theatre work by former CBC broadcaster, Tetsuro Shigematsu which proves that radio really is the most visual of mediums. (Exact date & time, TBA)
For enquiries: www.vact.ca



May 7th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
ScreenTime: The Room Nobody Knows, Theatre Replacement and Powell Street Festival, Groundswell Cafe, 566 Powell Street
Theatre Replacement and Powell Street Festival present a screening of Niwa Gekidan Penino's "The Room Nobody Knows", followed by a discussion led by three artists. Admission is Pay What You Can.
For enquiries: www.theatrerplacement.org, www.powellstreetfestival.com, groundswellcommunity.ca/cafe

May 8th, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Asian Canadian and Asian Migration Studies Program Celebration and Fundraiser, UBC Asian Canadian Asian Migration program, co-sponsored by PCHC-MoM Society St. John's College, University of British Columbia
UBC's Asian Canadian and Asian Migration Studies program is one years old! Celebrate the first graduating class and help build a foundation for future generations. <http://acam.arts.ubc.ca/>

May 8th, 8:00 pm
Vancouver Inter-Cultural Orchestra and Laudate Singers present MYSTICS & LOVERS, Blueshore Financial Performing Arts Centre Capilano University, North Vancouver Tickets \$35/\$30/\$15 via www.laudatesingers.com
Compositions for choir and intercultural orchestra - fusion music on a global scale, featuring voices, instruments and musical traditions from Europe, Persia, China, North America and more.
For enquiries: www.vi-co.org

May 9th, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
World Poetry Celebrates Asian Heritage Month!, World Poetry Vancouver and the Britannia Public Library, Britannia Public Library, 1661 Napier St. Vancouver.
An intercultural celebration with readers and musicians from different countries. Hosts Ariadne Sawyer and Elaine Woo present Tommy Tao featuring an ancient Chinese woman poet for the first time ever! Book raffle, open mike and refreshments.
Free. For enquiries: www.worldpoetry.ca 604-526-4729

Saturday May 9th, 8:00 pm
Wu Man and the Shanghai Quartet, Chan Centre for the Performing Arts at UBC. 6265 Crescent Rd.
The uniquely Chinese sound of the pipa meet that of a western string quartet as Wu Man and the Shanghai Quartet join for a program entitled A Night in Ancient and New China. **For enquiries or tickets:** <http://www.chancentre.com/whats-on/wu-man-shanghai-quartet>

May 10th, 8 pm
Rahim Shahriari Live in Concert, Hardrock Casino
Rahim Shahriari, a well-know Azeri singer, performs live at Hard Rock Casino in Vancouver. Tickets will be sold at Nava Art Centre and major Persian stores. **For enquiries:** 604-985-6282

★ **May 11th - 17th**
Persian Carpets, The Beautiful Picture of Art in History, UBC Alumni, Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre
Artistic magnificence, priceless treasures that are one of the most distinguished manifestations of Persian art and culture. Hear the history and see a demonstration of carpet weaving that has been handed down generation after generation. Trace the history of Persian carpets and see examples of different weaving techniques showcasing the cultural growth of the Persian civilization. Non ticketed event, guests can enjoy a self-guided tour showcasing the Persian Carpets throughout the building. Demonstrations schedule will be available closer to the date, **please find at** <http://alumnicentre.ubc.ca/event-calendar/>

May 12th, 6:00 pm
Artist Talk, Offsite: Reena Saini Kallat, Vancouver Art Gallery, Room 4East
Mumbai-based artist Reena Saini Kallat recreates migration routes across the world through a symbolic web of human and cultural movement and exchange. In this artist talk, Kallat discusses her interest in the notion of the map as dynamic, ever changing, transfer of data and energy through the movement and intersection of travellers. This talk is presented in anticipation of her Offsite installation, which opens Thursday, May 14 at 6 pm. Free for Members or with Gallery admission. **For enquiries:** www.vanartgallery.bc.ca



May 12th - 16th, 8:00 pm
The Sensationalists, The Culch - Vancouver East Cultural Centre, The Culch - 1895 Venables St.
605 Collective and Theatre Replacement team up to bring you a new experimental dance creation. In this cross-disciplinary collaboration, the artists explore concepts surrounding various sensory phenomena, to play with proximity and interactivity in an immersive performance space, with the audience mobile and placed inside of the action. This mash-up changes the relationship between audience and dancer, resulting in a compelling, immediate, and unexpected performance.
For enquiries: theculch.com / 604-251-1363

May 13th, 7:00 pm
Author Suzanne Ma - Meet Me in Venice: A Chinese Immigrant's Journey from the Far East to the Faraway West, Vancouver Public Library, Alice MacKay Room, Lower Level, Central Library, 350 W. Georgia St.
Free. Award-winning journalist Ma tells the true story of Ye Pei, a young woman who immigrates to Italy. Ma will talk about her five-year adventure researching and writing the book, and the importance of immigrant stories.

May 14th - 15th
Cantonese Worlds, St. John's College at The University of British Columbia
The Cantonese Worlds workshop aims to gather scholars and observers to understand how the Cantonese language and culture has shaped linkages between Hong Kong and Canada.
For enquiries: <http://chinesecanadian.ubc.ca>. Please contact rsvp.ubcasiancanadian@gmail.com for registration.

May 14th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm (Exhibition Opening)
May 14th to September 27th
Offsite: Reena Saini Kallat, Vancouver Art Gallery
Mumbai-based artist Reena Saini Kallat recreates migration routes across the world through a symbolic web of human and cultural movement and exchange in a new site-specific installation at the Vancouver Art Gallery's public art space Offsite.
For enquiries: www.vanartgallery.bc.ca

May 16th, 2:00 pm
Enchantment of Storytelling and Music!, Aoki Legacy Fund, First Friday Forum, and Vancouver Society of Storytelling, Tonari Gumi. 42 West 8th ave. Vancouver
Touching, funny stories! Magical birds, trees, and a dragon! Friendship and good deeds woven with music. For 8+ years.
For enquiries: kiravan@shaw.ca / 604-893-8367

May 16th, 7:00 pm
North Indian Classical Music event featuring Pandit Sanjeev Abhyankar, Pandit Jasraj School of Music Foundation, Burnaby Hall 7837 Canada Way, Burnaby
Concert of vocal classical music featuring Pandit Sanjeev Abhyankar and accompanied by Milind Kulkarni on Harmonium and Ajinkya Joshi on tabla. **For enquiries or tickets:** www.pjsomfvancouver.webs.com / pjsmf.vancouver@gmail.com / 604-879-8319 \$25.00

May 17th, 3:00 - 8:00 pm
4th Anniversary of Persian Culture and Art Institute (PERCAI), 1181 West 16th Street, North Vancouver, V7P 1R4
Group Exhibition of Iranian-Canadian Artists painting, miniature, caricature, graphic, sculpture, Persian Calligraphy, and live music. Free Entry. Everyone is welcome.
For enquiries: www.percal.com / facebook.com/PERCAI / 778-889-4820

★ **May 19th, 6:00 pm**
Persian Poetry in Motion, Hafez Literature Club - Vancouver Public Library, the Alice McKay Room at VPL
The rich culture of traditional Persia will bring exotic music, graceful dance and inspiring poetry to the Alice McKay Room of the VPL. Featured will be musicians, dancers and poetry of a people known for timeless beauty that has appealed both in historical and in present days to citizens of all cultures. Come, relax and enjoy this free presentation. Programs include: Poetry Reciting in English and Farsi / Story Telling in English / Dance Shows and Live Music Performances
Hosts: Negar Mojtahedi (from BC TV) / Masoud Esmailzadeh Public Event Free Admission / First Come First Seated
For enquiries: 604-999-3133 (Masoud)

May 23rd - 30th
Komagata Maru from Canada to India and back: looking back & looking forward, PCHC-Museum of Migration Society & Komagata Maru Heritage Foundation (KMHF), at various locations throughout Metro Vancouver & in the Fraser Valley
Presentations and activities sponsored by the Vancouver Consulate General of India, and co-presented by the Komagata Maru Heritage Foundation and PCHC - Museum of Migration Society.
Visit: www.pchc-mom.ca or **enquire at Komagata Maru Heritage Foundation: 604-763-1736**

May 24th, 6:00 pm
Mysteries of Eternity (اسرار ازل), Centre for Persian Art (C.P.A), Inlet theatre
A brief introduction to Khayam's life and work history (one of the most known scientist and poet of Iran), as well as playing music videos and poem reading and live folklore music performance.
For enquiries: Ticket Purchase: <http://www.portmoody.ca/index.aspx?page=1129> / contact: theatre@portmoody.ca / 604-469-4722
Event enquiry: Kaveh Haghighat 604-780-2967

May 26th, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
From Buddhism to Nestorian Christianity: The Importance of the Silk Roads in the Movement of Ideas and Religions across Central Asia, University of British Columbia Library, UBC Asian Centre Auditorium, 1871 West Mall, Vancouver
The silk roads were seen as the routes of movement of commodities over thousands of years: as silk to Rome, jade and fine horses to China.
For enquiries: <http://www.library.ubc.ca/>

May 26th, 7:00 pm
Presentation of: Our Family, Vancouver Foreign Film Society, The Cinematheque 1131 Howe Street Vancouver

Join us to watch our May feature film: Our Family, from director Yuya Ishii. Based on Kazumasa Hayami's novel of the same name, follow the emotional journey for a four-member family that fails to recognize that it is rapidly growing apart until the mother is diagnosed with cancer, ironically bringing forth a hope for salvation. Language: Japanese with English subtitles, Runtime: 117 minutes - Drama. **For enquiries or tickets:** www.vanforfilm.org / **Phone 604-874-1213 / Contact Ian Merkel. Tickets will be available through our website via Universe Ticketing System**

May 28th, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Cedar and Bamboo, Film Screening & Discussion, UBC Learning Exchange & Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Vancouver
Join us for a screening of "Cedar and Bamboo." The film focuses on the shared experiences of the Musqueam and Chinese immigrants. **For enquiries:** learningexchange.ubc.ca/



May 28th - June 6th
City of Bhanga Festival 2015, Vancouver International Bhanga Celebration Society (VIBC)
Every spring, Vancouver's International Bhanga Celebration Society (VIBC)'s annual City of Bhanga Festival features hundreds of local and international performers in a 10-day, all-out celebration of the global art of bhanga. Featuring hundreds of local and international artists in dynamic performances on stages in Surrey and downtown Vancouver. From highland to hoop dancing, from hip-hop to dance hall, from Balkan, Brazilian, Jewish, and Flamenco teams to multimedia mashups by international recording stars—City of Bhanga Festival brings together dance, music, and community to celebrate life, love, and inclusion. **For event, performer, & ticketing details visit** www.vibc.org. #BhangraLove



★ **May 29th, 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm**
Recognition Gala, Inlet Theatre & Galleria, 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody, \$50 admission
Featured will be performances by Iranian singers and dancers, refreshments, cash bar, raffle and silent auction and recognition of Iranian community organizations and dancing to music.
For enquiries or tickets: www.explorasian.org & office.vahms@gmail.com

May 31st, 8:00 pm
Nava Intercultural Orchestra, Live in Vancouver, Kay Meek Centre
Musicians from diverse backgrounds come together for a unique performance under the guidance of renowned mentors.
For enquiries and tickets: 604-985-6282

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