

**Vancouver Celebrates Japanese-Canadian Legacy during National Asian Heritage Month**  
Annual festival hosts jam-packed month of free cultural events for all ages

VANCOUVER, APRIL 16, 2016 – The Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society is pleased to announce that this year's explorASIAN festival, celebrating National Asian Heritage Month, will focus on the Japanese-Canadian community.

Japanese Canadians are one of the oldest, most established ethnic groups in the Lower Mainland with more than 100 years of history on these shores. From mochi rice cakes and sushi, to award-winning author Joy Kogawa and legendary scientist David Suzuki, the Japanese-Canadian legacy has had an incredibly deep and profound impact on our lives.

The explorASIAN festival, now in its 20th year, creates greater public awareness and appreciation of the rich diversity of the Pan-Asian communities in Metro Vancouver by hosting more than 60 family-friendly events across the city during the month of May.

This year's signature project, "Following the Silk Routes and Beyond in Vancouver," is an interactive photographic exhibition (on display in the Chinese Cultural Centre Museum) that portrays examples of spaces and commercial networks in Asia and Vancouver, connecting ancient routes to our modern lives.

Other events include a Chinatown shopping tour and dumpling-making class, a PCHC-MoM Society hosted workshop on how to document oral family histories using smart phones, and a screening of a new documentary that chronicles how a group of Pakistani classical musicians created an experimental album combining South Asian melodies with New York City jazz.

Media are invited to join the official festival kick-off on Saturday, April 16 at 10 a.m. at Djavad Mowafaghian World Art Centre, Simon Fraser University, 149 West Hastings Street, Vancouver. For more information on our 60+ events please visit: <http://explorasian.org>



**ABOUT VAHMS (Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society)**

The Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society (VAHMS) organizes explorASIAN, an annual festival celebrating National Asian Heritage Month in the month of May. This festival creates greater public awareness and appreciation of the rich diversity of the Pan-Asian communities in Metro Vancouver. Our Vision is to build a community where Pan-Asian arts, culture, and contributions are lived, shared and celebrated as an integral part of the harmonious diversity of Canada.

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For the past 19 years **explorASIAN** has been a platform showcasing the arts and culture emerging out of our Canadian Pan-Asian communities. In the early years, VAHMS' support was required to assist the artists in producing their events. Many professional arts organizations had their beginnings at this time.

**explorASIAN 2016** continues to evolve in order to meet the needs of our multicultural society. VAHMS is currently placing a major focus on cultural integration in response to the growing and increasingly institutionally complete ethnic communities—"silos"—that often discourage the integration of individuals into the mainstream. For example, we are developing an exciting new project: "Following the Silk Routes and Beyond in Vancouver, Canada". We will work with the immigrant service sector to implement this project and anticipate many spin-off activities from this concept that will bring together the diverse Pan-Asian cultures of Vancouver.

*We know that artists are passionate and freely express themselves through their chosen art form.*

For newcomers, **explorASIAN** provides an introductory experience to Canada's multicultural society; for the general public the festival is a window into Pan-Asian communities to further our understanding and appreciation of our diverse cultures. **explorASIAN** provides Pan Asian artists the opportunity to collaborate with diverse artists beyond their own ethnic community and to access mainstream cultural institutions for future programming.

*We partner with arts and cultural organizations and the media to achieve a culturally-integrated festival model that builds bridges and facilitates cross-cultural collaboration among mainstream institutions, Canadian Pan-Asian artists, newcomers, ethnic communities and the general public.*

Each year, the festival puts a spotlight on a Pan-Asian community to strengthen our diverse multicultural Canadian identity. For 2016, the **20th anniversary** of **explorASIAN** we are partnering with the Japanese-Canadian community, a community with a long, but relatively unknown history in Canada.

VAHMS has in place a strong leadership team of committed, hands-on group of board directors and advisors with the expertise to support this goal.

*May 2016 is our 20th Anniversary and we would like your help in making it extra special.  
We invite you to join us in this important enterprise.*

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THE VANCOUVER ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH SOCIETY  
&  
SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY  
**Opening of Asian Heritage Month & *explorASIAN* 2016**  
10:00 am – Saturday, April 16, 2016  
Djavad Mowafaghian World Art Centre  
Simon Fraser University  
149 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

Reception desk opens 9:30 am

Opening Act: Overview of *explorASIAN* 2016 & 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VAHMS  
explorASIAN Theme Song – Vince Mai, Eileen Kage & Noriko Kobayashi  
“O Canada” & Performance – Orchid Ensemble, performer of the 2016 Sound of Dragon Music Festival

**Welcome & Greetings**

First nations Welcome – Elder Larry Grant, Musqueam Nation  
Canada – Hon. Dr. Hedy Fry, Chair House of Commons Committee on Canadian Heritage  
Province of BC - The Hon. Andrew Wilkinson, Min. of Advanced Education  
City of Vancouver & Proclamation – Acting Mayor Raymond Louie  
Japanese-Canadian Culture – Lorene Oikawa, President, Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association  
Performance – Yuriko Nariya & Sachiko Katz with Dr. Jan Walls - Koto & Poetry  
“Following the Silk Routes and Beyond in Vancouver” – Leticia Sanchez, Curator & Generation One chair  
Simon Fraser University – Dr. Laurie Anderson, Executive Director SFU Vancouver  
Simon Fraser University – Dr. Paul Crowe, Associate Professor Dept. of Humanities & Asia-Canada Program  
Board of VAHMS – Ken McAteer, President

**Closing Act: A Taste of *explorASIAN* 2016**

Dance Performance – Dongmei – Silk Routes, XinJiang & Yughur: “Jula” Dance  
Recognition: MP's, MLA's, Councillors, Co-Sponsors, Honorary Guests, Media Sponsors, Artists, VAHMS Directors & Advisors and SFU Volunteers

Display: Generation One, Chair Leticia Sanchez. “Following the Silk Routes and Beyond in Vancouver”, curated by Leticia Sanchez, and Original paintings “Teaser 2016” by Generation One Artists, curated by Esmie Gayo McLaren.

11:30 am Refreshments, Photo Opportunities & Interviews by Media

MC's: Margaret Gallagher & Bob Sung



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**Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society in partnership with  
Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Vancouver presents**

**“Following the Silk Routes and Beyond in Vancouver” Exhibition**  
explorASIAN 2016

During **explorASIAN 2016** Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society will present “Following the Silk Routes and Beyond in Vancouver”, an interactive photographic exhibition celebrating the past and present of exchange and multiculturalism. The exhibition will be on view at the Chinese Cultural Centre Museum located at 555 Columbia Street Vancouver B.C. V6A 4H5 during April 17 – May 31, 2016 Tuesday – Sunday 10:00am – 5:00pm. Admission by donation.

Societies connect, change, and adapt thanks to the networks we naturally create. The ancient silk routes that connected Asia and the European continent opened doors to trade, new ideas, migration, and sometimes conflicts. Even when emperors ordered to build walls, and sent armies to control these exchanges, beliefs and culture trickled through sandy deserts, oases, and oceans.

Traveling the Silk Routes then was not easy; it required skill, strength, and the ability to negotiate. The world today has shrunk and what used to take months or even years to reach a destination is now a finger click away. Fast internet and web networks have made our exchanges so easy that we barely think about the past, but the legacy of the ancient trading ways, echoes in our everyday lives helping us interact better, and more than ever in today’s world.

“Following the Silk Routes and Beyond in Vancouver” will portray visual examples of spaces and commercial networks in Asia and Vancouver, connecting the ancient routes to our modern life. It will give us the opportunity to find more about Asian cultures in local spaces here in Vancouver. It promises to be a photographic caravan that will open our imagination and tickle our curiosity to find some interesting places and exchanges right here in Vancouver.

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THE VANCOUVER ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH SOCIETY (VAHMS)  
**Recognition Gala for *explorASIAN* 2016**  
**June 11, 2016**

5:30 pm to 10:00 pm  
Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre  
6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby

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5:30 – 6:50 pm	Cocktails & 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raffle Ticket Sales</li><li>• Silent Auction Bids</li></ul>
6:30 – 6:50 pm	Chibi Taiko Drummers
6:50 – 7:00 pm	Welcome Ken McAteer
7:00 – 8:35 pm	Buffet Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Announcements</li><li>• Raffle Ticket Sales</li><li>• Silent Auction Bids</li></ul>
7:00 – 7:50 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Music
7:50 – 8:35 pm	Award Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentations to Three Honourees</li></ul>
8:35 – 9:30 pm	Conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raffle Prize Draws</li><li>• Silent Auction Claims</li></ul>

Displays: “Following the Silk Routes and Beyond in Vancouver”, curated by Leticia Sanchez

Nikkei National Museum Gallery: Exhibits available for viewing prior to beginning of Gala

MC: Craig Takeuchi



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# explorASIAN 2016

## VANCOUVER ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

MAY 1-31 | EXPLORASIAN.ORG



### FEB 13-MAY 8

#### Tak Tanabe, Sumie Art Exhibition, Nikkei Museum

Showcase of over 35 brush painting works of accomplished artist Takao Tanabe. April 16th Curator's Tour (2:00pm), April 30th Sumie Workshop (2:00-4:00pm).

**LOCATION:** Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre  
6688 Southoaks Cres., Burnaby, BC | **INFO:** nikkeiplace.org, 604-777-7000

### MARCH 15-MAY 31

#### Book Art Installation by Naomi Kasumi, UBC Centre for Japanese Research

Installation by Naomi Kasumi of 8 tapestry-like books with 8 stories, embedded with Japanese sutra calligraphy, digital images, personal writings, leaves, plants, and butterfly wings.

**LOCATION:** Asian Centre, 1871 West Mall | **INFO:** cjr.iaar@ubc.ca

### APRIL 2-MAY 31

#### Sawmills and Opera Houses: The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden and the origins of Chinatown, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden

The origins of Vancouver's Chinatown on the site of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden through historic maps, texts and archival photographs.

**LOCATION:** Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden  
**INFO:** vancouverchinesegarden.com

### ★ APRIL 9-JUNE 11, WEEKENDS

#### BabuKishan's "Spotlight", BabuKishan Productions

9:00am Saturdays, 4:00pm Sundays

BabuKishan's "Spotlight" & Shaw Multicultural TV features a weekly series of Pan-Asian leaders associated with Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society for the duration of explorASIAN 2016 festival.

**LOCATION:** Shaw Multicultural TV | **INFO:** shaw.ca/ShawTV/Multicultural

**APRIL 9** Information Session 1:00-4:30pm

**APRIL 17** 1st Workshop 1:00-4:00pm

**MAY 14** 2nd Workshop 1:00-4:00pm

**JUNE 4** Community Showcase 1:00-3:00pm

**Family History with a Smartphone, PCHC-MoM Society & UBC Asian Library**

Workshop series on how to document oral family histories using smartphones. Learn how migration stories can be gathered and stored for future generations.

**LOCATION:** Info Session, Learning Exchange, 612 Main St.

Other events, Asian Centre Auditorium, 1871 West Mall, UBC

**INFO:** www.pchc-mom.ca; pchcmom.intern@gmail.com

### ★ APRIL 16

#### Official Opening Ceremony, explorASIAN 2016 Festival and Simon Fraser University, 10:00am

Dignitaries join in celebrating 20th Anniversary of the festival with launch of "Following the Silk Routes and Beyond in Vancouver", Generation One Art Exhibit and Pan-Asian performances.

**LOCATION:** Djavad Mowafaghian World Arts Centre, Simon Fraser University, 149 West Hastings St., Vancouver

**INFO:** explorasian.org; office.vahms@gmail.com



### ★ APRIL 17-MAY 31

#### Following the Silk Routes and Beyond in Vancouver, Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society

A photographic exhibition celebrating the past and present of exchange and multiculturalism in ancient Asia, and their impact in modern Vancouver.

**LOCATION:** Chinese Cultural Centre, 555 Columbia St., Vancouver  
**INFO:** Leticia Sanchez, Chair Curator 604-421-2400, explorasian.org

### APRIL 17

#### Sound of the Dragon Festival at the Richmond Public Library, Sound of Dragon Festival, 1:00pm

Free demonstration of Chinese instruments (dizi/flutes, sheng/mouth organ, zheng/zither) by "Fusica" – award-winning young performers bringing new energy to ancient instruments.

**LOCATION:** Richmond Public Library

**INFO:** soundofdragon.com, 604-231-6413

### APRIL 19

#### Musical Mornings – Orchid Ensemble, Vancouver Inter-Cultural Orchestra, 10:30am

JUNO nominee Orchid Ensemble blends ancient musical instruments/traditions from China and beyond. Lan Tung – erhu/vocal, Dailin Hsieh – zheng, Jonathan Bernard – percussion.

**LOCATION:** Gordon Smith Gallery, 2121 Lonsdale Ave., North Vancouver  
**INFO:** vi-co.org

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#### APRIL 20

##### **National Canadian Film Day Screening of Sabah, Vancouver Asian Film Festival, Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society, REEL CANADA, & CBC, 6:30pm**

Ruba Nadda's film SABAH will be co-presented by explorASIAN, Vancouver Asian Film Festival and CBC as part of REEL CANADA's National Canadian Film Day.

**LOCATION:** CBC Vancouver, Suite 700, 700 Hamilton St., Vancouver  
**INFO:** nationalfilmdaybc.eventbrite.ca

#### APRIL 21

##### **light shadow fire: taipei london vancouver, NOW Society and Sound of Dragon Society (7:00pm)**

The NOW Society and Sound of Dragon present an improvised concert exploring light, shadow and fire, with music and painting from Taipei, London and Vancouver.

**LOCATION:** Western Front, 303 8 Ave. E, Vancouver | **INFO:** nowsociety.org

#### APRIL 21-23

##### **Magique, Oslen Chang & Kel Ng, Oslen & Company, 8:00pm**

See people vanish into thin air, birds appear from empty hands, and minds get blown away with the sensational illusions of two magicians.

**LOCATION:** Metro Theatre 1370 Marine Dr. SW, Vancouver  
**INFO:** damon.jang85@gmail.com, metrotheatre.com/magique-a-magic-spectacular

#### APRIL 22

##### **Smooth as Silk: VICO at Sound of Dragon, Vancouver Inter-cultural Orchestra and Sound of Dragon Society, 7:00pm**

Concert showcasing Chinese and Vietnamese instruments: world premieres by Owen Underhill, Christopher Reiche, Farshid Samandari and Mark Armanini, performed by VICO with conductor Chih-Sheng Chen.

**LOCATION:** The Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre  
**INFO:** vi-co.org

#### APRIL 22-24

##### **Sound of the Dragon Festival, VICO and Sound of Dragon Society**

Ground-breaking collaborations between Vancouver/Taiwanese/ Chinese musicians on cross-cultural instrumentations in 13 concerts (traditional, world, jazz, contemporary, improvised music); food, arts exhibition, films.

**LOCATION:** Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre  
**INFO:** soundofdragon.com

#### APRIL 22-24

##### **Li Tung Arts Exhibition, Sound of Dragon Society**

Taiwanese artist Li Tung will exhibit a collection of works. A dynamic performer, he will also paint on site, interacting with Vancouver and Taiwan improvising musicians.

**LOCATION:** Roundhouse – Exhibition Hall | **INFO:** soundofdragon.com

#### APRIL 29-JUNE 2

##### **Kwi Am Choi Memorial Exhibition, Port Moody Arts Centre Society, Opening Apr. 29, 6:00pm**

This exhibition of mixed media abstracts honours Port Moody artist Kwi Am Choi who passed away in a hiking accident on Grouse Mountain in 2006.

**LOCATION:** Port Moody Arts Centre | **INFO:** pmoarts.ca

#### APRIL 30-MAY 15

##### **Exhibition: Chinese Calligraphy by Master Wai Yin Lau, Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Vancouver**

Chinese calligraphy exhibition by local artist Wai Yin Lau. Admission by donation. Opening reception Apr 30, 2:00pm.

**LOCATION:** Chinese Cultural Centre Museum, 555 Columbia St., Vancouver  
**INFO:** cccvan.com, 604-658-8880



#### MAY 1

##### **Vancouver Asahi, produced by Grace Eiko Thomson, Josh Coward, & Susanne Tabata of the Vancouver Asahi Legacy Project in presentation with the Vancouver Public Library, 12:00pm-2:30pm**

A screening of Yuya Ishii's narrative film Vancouver Asahi about the legendary baseball team – a 2014 VIFF Audience Choice Award Winner – introduced by Japanese Canadian historian and nisei elder Grace Eiko Thomson. The film will be presented in Japanese with English subtitles.

**LOCATION:** Central Branch, Alice MacKay Room, Vancouver Public Library  
**INFO:** vpl.bibliocommons.com

#### MAY 1

##### **Talking Asahi, produced by Grace Eiko Thomson, Josh Coward, & Susanne Tabata of the Vancouver Asahi Legacy Project in presentation with the Vancouver Public Library, 3:30pm-5:00pm**

Moderated panel discussion and audience Q&A with BC baseball experts and Asahi fans.

**LOCATION:** Central Branch, Alice MacKay Room, Vancouver Public Library  
**INFO:** vpl.bibliocommons.com

#### MAY 1

##### **BC Baseball History Display, BC Sports Hall of Fame Outreach Program, Vancouver Public Library, 11:00am-6:00pm**

BC baseball history display curated by Kirk Sorensen of BC Sports Hall of Fame.

**LOCATION:** Main Concourse, Vancouver Public Library  
**INFO:** vpl.bibliocommons.com

#### MAY 1-31

##### **UBC as a Place of Diverse Minds, Irving K Barber Learning Centre, Asian Canadian Asian Migration Program (Opening Reception May 1st 6:00pm)**

A research project seeking to discover the names and stories of the first graduates from UBC's various Asian Canadian communities, focusing on the pre-war years.

**LOCATION:** Irving K. Barber Learning Centre  
**INFO:** ikebarberlearningcentre.ubc.ca/programs/exhibits

#### MAY 1-31

##### **Asian Resistance : A Public Art Project, Refugees Welcome**

Asian resistance, from 1907 "Race Riots" to Tamil-led protests against a racist war, bringing the largest freeway in the country to a complete halt.

**VARIOUS LOCATIONS:** eg. Gallery Gachet, CentreAr, Fan-Tan Alley etc.  
**INFO:** refugeeswelcome.ca/refugeejusticevictoria

#### MAY 1-15

##### **A bridge to Taiwan – Series of Taiwanese Documentary Films, Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society**

This series of 15 best recent Taiwanese documentary films provide the easy access to know Taiwan's history, literature, society and complex culture background.

**LOCATION:** Taiwanese Cultural Centre | **INFO:** tccs.ca, 604-267-0901

#### MAY 2-12

##### **YK Pop-Up Fest, Cinevolution Media Arts Society, Lansdowne Shopping Centre, City of Richmond**

Your Continent is on the move. Feast your senses at the YK Pop-Up Fest with nonstop media installations, film screenings, live performances and much more!

**LOCATION:** Lansdowne Shopping Centre  
**INFO:** cinevolutionmedia.com

#### MAY 2-31

##### **"Asian Waters", Etsu Inoue, Angela Leung, & Esmie Gayo McLaren (May 7th 2:00pm Opening Reception)**

Jeunesse Gallery of Fine Arts hosts "Asian Waters" Art Exhibition: Western, Chinese, and Japanese styles of watercolours with contemporary sensibilities.

**LOCATION:** Jeunesse Gallery of Fine Arts, 2668 West 4th Ave., Vancouver  
**INFO:** 604-437-6353

#### MAY 3

##### **The Last Geisha, UBC Learning Exchange, 4:00pm**

Madame Minako. The story of the last geisha in Yoshiwara, Japan. Documentary film screening and discussion hosted by the UBC Learning Exchange.

**LOCATION:** Japanese Language School, 487 Alexander St.  
**INFO:** learningexchange.ubc.ca/lastgeisha

#### MAY 3

##### **Nuclear Dangers from Hiroshima to Fukushima, The Simons Foundation and the Liu Institute for Global Issues, 12:30pm**

A panel discussion on nuclear issues in Japan and the world. Lunch provided with registration.

**LOCATION:** Liu Institute for Global Issues, 6476 NW Marine Dr., UBC  
**INFO:** cjr.iar@ubc.ca

#### MAY 3

##### **From Hiroshima to Fukushima: Poetry of Nuclear Survival, UBC Centre for Japanese Research, 3:00pm**

Reading and musical performance of poems by survivors of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombs and the Fukushima nuclear disaster. Registration required. Reception follows.

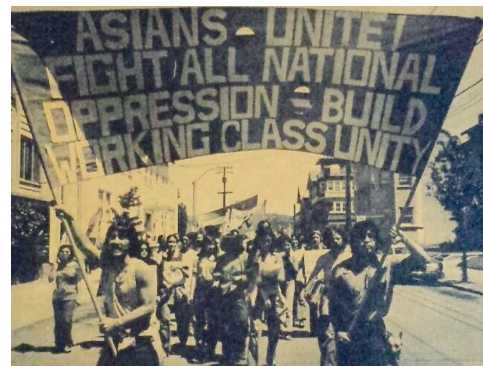
**LOCATION:** Telus Theatre, Chan Centre, 6265 Crescent Rd., UBC  
**INFO:** cjr.iar@ubc.ca

#### MAY 3

##### **Serve the People: a study and discussion on the legacy of the revolutionary Asian Pacific American movement, Chinatown Action Group, 6:00pm**

A generation of Asian American activists in the 1960s arose from working-class communities to transform US society. What can we learn from this history today?

**LOCATION:** TBA | **INFO:** RVSP to chinatownactiongroup@gmail.com



#### MAY 4

##### **Nagasaki: Memories of My Son, UBC Centre for Japanese Research, 7:30pm**

Free screening of movie starring Sayuri Yoshinaga and Kazunari Ninomiya (with music by Ryuichi Sakamoto) as mother and son in postwar Nagasaki. Ticket required.

**LOCATION:** Vancity Theatre | **INFO:** cjr.iar@ubc.ca

#### MAY 6

##### **The Art of Tabla : Pandit Yogesh Samsi – Tabla Solo, Taal Seva & VCC Music Dept., 7:30pm**

Indian Classical Tabla solo by world renowned master Pandit Yogesh Samsi, a premier disciple of Ustad Allarakha. Accompanied by Davinder Singh Namdari on Dilluba.

**LOCATION:** VCC Theatre, 1155 E. Broadway, Vancouver  
**INFO:** facebook.com/taal.seva

#### MAY 7

##### **Japanese Canadians and the Labour Movement: A history walking tour in the Powell Street District, Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association (GVJCCA), 10:00am**

Walk with Vancouver City Councillor Geoff Meggs and GVJCCA President Lorene Oikawa, and discover the history of Japanese Canadians and unions in the Downtown Eastside.

**LOCATION:** Powell Street District (near Oppenheimer Park)  
**INFO:** jccbulletin-geppo.ca, 604-777-5222

#### MAY 7

##### **Kia! Powell Street Festival's 40th Anniversary Party and Silent Auction, 7:30pm**

Kick-off party to celebrate 40th anniversary! Highlights include food, drinks, friends, live music, and an array of auction items. Festival Blend tea by TEALEAVES.

**LOCATION:** The Post at 750, 110-750 Hamilton St.  
**INFO:** powellstreetfestival.com/season2016/kia!40th-anniversary-party-silent-auction/  
**TICKETS:** \$25-\$60, Proceeds will support Powell Street Festival Society.

#### MAY 8

##### **Celebration of Love, Tzu Chi Foundation Canada, 10:30am**

Join our family fun fair and Buddha Bathing Ceremony to celebrate Mother's Day, Buddha's Birthday, and Tzu Chi 50th Anniversary!

**LOCATION:** Sir Winston Churchill Secondary, 7055 Heather St., Vancouver  
**INFO:** tzuchi.ca, 604-266-7699

#### MAY 12

##### **AlliterAsian Anthology: Twenty Years of Ricepaper Magazine Book Launch, LiterAsian Writers Festival and ACWW, 7:00pm**

A special celebration of twenty years of Ricepaper Magazine with such notables as CE Gathalian, Jackie Wong, Carolyn Nakagawa, Crecien Bencio and more.

**LOCATION:** Centre A, 229 East Georgia St., Vancouver  
**INFO:** asiancanadianwriters.ca

#### MAY 14

##### **Legacy of Redress Forum, Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association (GVJCCA), 1:00pm**

22,000 Canadians of Japanese ancestry were forcibly removed from the BC Coast in 1942. What does reconciliation look like for survivors and their families?

**LOCATION:** Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre, 6688 Southoaks Cres., Burnaby  
**INFO:** jccbulletin-geppo.ca, 604-777-5222

#### MAY 14

##### **DIVERSE/CITY, Arts Council of New Westminster, LitFest, & World Poetry, 2:00-4:00pm**

A celebration of DIVERSE/CITY, multilingual intercultural mingling of languages and cultures to provide a rich experience and celebrate the diversity of the Literary Arts.

**LOCATION:** Douglas College Aboriginal Gathering Place, 4th Floor, 700 Royal Ave., New Westminster  
**INFO:** litfestnewwest.com



## MAY 14

### Rumble in the Jungle Exhibition Opening:

**The story of Force 136, Chinese Canadian Military Museum, 2:30pm, ongoing**

Exhibition on a largely unknown story from WWII. Learn how and why about 150 Chinese Canadians were secretly trained in guerrilla warfare and jungle survival tactics.

**LOCATION:** 2nd Floor, 555 Columbia St., Vancouver  
**INFO:** cmms.ca

## MAY 15

**SUMO! 相撲! A Beginner's Workshop. Powell Street Festival, Sumo Fun Club, and Vancouver Japanese Language School, 1:00-4:00pm**

Join us for a special introductory sumo workshop! We will teach the basic rules of sumo and you can participate in a match.

**LOCATION:** Vancouver Japanese Language School & Japanese Hall, 487 Alexandra St., 5th floor  
**INFO:** admin@powellstreetfestival.com, 604-739-9388

## MAY 15

**Like Father, Like Son, Vancouver Public Library, 2:00pm**

Vancouver Public Library presents a special afternoon screening of the award-winning Japanese film Like Father, Like Son in celebration of Asian Heritage Month.

**LOCATION:** Central Library, Alice MacKay Room  
**INFO:** vpl.bibliocommons.com/events

## MAY 15

**5th Anniversary of Persian Culture and Art Institute Association (PERCAI), PERCAI, 3:00pm**

Opening of Book, Music & Film store. Launch of books. Exhibition of Iranian-Canadian Artists; Painting, Miniature, Photography, Sculpture, Carpet, Jewellery, Pottery, Persian Calligraphy. Live Music. FREE EVENT.

**LOCATION:** 1181 West 16th St., North Vancouver  
**INFO:** percai.com, 778-889-4820

## MAY 15

**Traditional Chinese Ceremony of Coming of Age, Vancouver Hanfu Culture Society and Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Vancouver, 1:30pm**

Young adults will reenact the traditional Chinese Ceremony of Coming of Age in full Chinese Han costumes. The event is in both English and Chinese.

**LOCATION:** Chinese Cultural Centre Museum, 555 Columbia St., Vancouver  
**INFO:** cccvan.com

## MAY 16

**SONG OF LAHORE film screening, VIFF Vancity Theatre, 6:30pm**

Documentary celebrating Izzat Majeed Sachal Studios, a recording space for traditional South Asian music. A smash jazz/South Asian album caught the imagination of Wynton Marsalis.

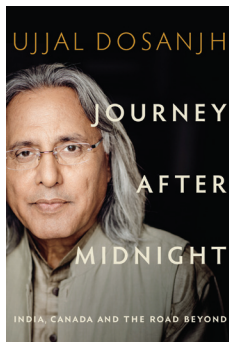
**LOCATION:** VIFF Vancity Theatre  
**INFO:** viff.org

## MAY 16-27

**Vancouver Taiwanese Film Festival Cinemarathon, Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society (TCCS) and Taiwanese Film Festival (TWFF)**

Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of TWFF, we are bringing back ten most beloved films over the years as kickoff into the 2016 Festival in June.

**LOCATION:** Taiwanese Cultural Centre  
**INFO:** twff.ca, 604-278-0901



## MAY 17

**Ujjal Dosanjh's Book Launch "Journey After Midnight: India, Canada & the Road Beyond" 5:00-7:00pm**

Join the former Premier of British Columbia and former Minister of Health for Canada, Ujjal Dosanjh, as he launches his new evocative memoir. Dosanjh will sign copies onsite, which will be available for purchase. Sponsored by alumni UBC.

**LOCATION:** Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre, 6163 University Blvd, UBC  
**INFO:** figure1pub.com/news-events

## MAY 17

**Michael Kluckner Presents Toshiko, Vancouver Public Library, 7:00pm**

Michael Kluckner presents an illustrated talk on his new graphic novel Toshiko, and discusses the challenges and opportunities of the graphic-novel format.

**LOCATION:** Central Library, Alice MacKay Room  
**INFO:** vpl.bibliocommons.com/events

## MAY 17-28

**BLOOM: INK Exhibition and Art Auction Fundraiser, Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre**

Local artists interpret this year's theme "Ink" for a gallery display before silent auction event (May 28, 7:00pm). Enjoy their creations, and maybe take one home!

**LOCATION:** Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre  
**INFO:** nikkeiplace.org, 604-777-7000

## MAY 19

**Homecoming: The Roots Remain, Vancouver Asian Film Festival, 7:00pm**

Canadian documentary follows Montreal graffiti artist Fonki as he returns to Cambodia to paint a giant mural of relatives killed in the Khmer Rouge genocide.

**LOCATION:** Vancity Theatre | **INFO:** vaff.org

## ★ MAY 20

**Asian Heritage Month at UBC Museum of Anthropology (MOA): Tour in English of the Asian collection, UBC Museum of Anthropology, 3:00pm**

Guided tour of the Asian collection with focus on items from the Silk Routes in conjunction with the Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society Silk Routes exhibition.

**LOCATION:** UBC Museum of Anthropology (MOA), 6396 NW Marine Dr.  
**INFO:** FREE WITH ADMISSION, admission rates at moa.ubc.ca

## MAY 20-22

**Together: A Travelling Exhibition on Global Development, Aga Khan Foundation/ Global Affairs Canada, open 7:00pm-12:00pm Friday-Saturday, Sunday to 11:00pm**

Together: An exhibition on global development is an innovative and interactive experience designed to spark conversations about the role Canadians play in reducing global poverty.

**LOCATION:** Richmond Night Market, No 3 Rd., Richmond  
**INFO:** 613-447-2390

## MAY 21

**Taiwanese Children's Folk Games Festival, Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society (TCCS), 11:00pm**

A friendly family cultural event! For all ages. Enjoy the fun of Taiwanese traditional folk games, handcrafts, delicious snacks, foods, local artist, magician, etc.

**LOCATION:** Selkirk Street between 72nd and 73rd, Ebusu Park & Taiwanese Cultural Centre | **INFO:** tccs.ca, 604-267-0901

## MAY 21

**HybridIdentity Art Workshop, Nargis Dhirani & friends, Time TBA**

A workshop discussing how immigration and multiculturalism continues to shape Canadian society and identity through language, text, and art.

**LOCATION:** Heartwood Café  
**INFO:** info@hapapalooza.com, hapapalooza.com

## MAY 21-JUNE 12

**Invitational Chinese Art Exhibition, Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Vancouver**

Art exhibition by local Chinese-Canadian visual artists. Admission by donation. Opening May 21st, 2:00pm.

**LOCATION:** Chinese Cultural Centre, 555 Columbia St., Vancouver  
**INFO:** cccvan.com, 604-658-8880

## MAY 21

**Tagore Spring Festival 2016, Vancouver Tagore Society, 6:00pm**

A multicultural celebration of Spring by artists from different cultural backgrounds performing colorful dances, music, songs, poetry, etc. showcasing their traditions and heritage.

**LOCATION:** Surrey City Hall, Councils Chambers  
**INFO:** vancouvertagoresociety.org

## MAY 22

**WePress Community Makerspace Open House, WePress, 12:00pm-6:00pm**

A new pop-up little community makerspace; blending older technology such as a Reynolds letterpress and an industrial sewing machine with the newer technology of 3D printing!

**LOCATION:** WePress, 202-268 Keefer St., Vancouver | **INFO:** wepress.ca

## MAY 22

**Sacred Voices: The Art of Dhrupad with the Gundecha Brothers, Indian Summer Festival, Vancouver International Bhangra Celebration Society, UBC Asian Studies Department, 7:00pm**

A rare opportunity to listen and learn about the ancient and beautiful Indian art of Dhrupad music from its leading proponents, the world-renowned Gundecha Brothers.

**LOCATION:** Douglas College | **INFO:** 778-321-6048

## MAY 24

**Celebrating a Century of Asian Communities at UBC (funded by the Centennial Initiative Fund), Asian Canadian and Asian Migration Program UBC, 2:30pm**

Celebrate the ACAM graduates of 2016, followed by an intergenerational

conversation featuring UBC alumni and former UBC Chancellor, Dr. Robert H. Lee, and Carol Lee.

**LOCATION:** Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre (Jack Poole Hall), UBC  
**INFO:** acam.arts.ubc.ca

## MAY 26-JULY 2

**Harana – An Art Exhibition Serenading the Culture and Heritage of the Philippines, Philippine Consulate in Vancouver and North Vancouver Community Arts Council, Opening May 26th 7:00pm**

Artist Manny Baldemor and invited Filipino Canadian artists celebrate and share the culture and heritage of the Philippines through their artworks, their "harana" to motherland.

**LOCATION:** CityScape Art Space at North Vancouver Community Arts Council, 335 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver  
**INFO:** culturalsection@vancouverpcg.org (Jo) or 604-437-6353

## ★ MAY 27

**Asian Heritage Month at UBC Museum of Anthropology (MOA): Tour in Mandarin of the Asian collection, UBC Museum of Anthropology, 3:00pm**

A guided tour of the Asian collection with focus on items from the Silk Routes in conjunction with the Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society Silk Routes exhibition.

**LOCATION:** UBC Museum of Anthropology (MOA), 6396 NW Marine Dr.  
**INFO:** FREE WITH ADMISSION, admission rates at moa.ubc.ca

## MAY 27

**Exploring the Past and Future of East Asian Manuscripts, Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies, 3:00pm**

Presentations by Peter Kornicki (Cambridge) and Lewis Lancaster (Berkeley) on manuscript culture and scribal technologies in East Asia followed by discussion. Reception from 5 pm.

**LOCATION:** CK Choi 120, 1855 West Mall, UBC | **INFO:** cjr.iar@ubc.ca

## MAY 27-JUNE 29

**Middle Kingdom exhibit, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden**

For our 30th anniversary: featuring the first artists to ever show on our walls — Sheila Chao, Cynthia Wu, David Yip, Kelvin Lau, and Connie King.

**LOCATION:** Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden  
**INFO:** vancouverchinesegarden.com

## MAY 27

**Lyse Lemieux & Ziyian Kwan: An Evening of Art and Dance, Richmond Art Gallery, 7:00pm**

Choreographer Ziyian Kwan premieres a new dance work created in response to Lyse Lemieux's exhibition, A GIRL'S GOTTA DO, WHAT A GIRL'S GOTTA DO.

**LOCATION:** Richmond Art Gallery | **INFO:** richmondartgallery.org

## MAY 28

**Chinatown Mahjong Social, Youth Collaborative for Chinatown – 青心在唐人街, 3:00pm**

Bringing the "hot+noisy" back to Chinatown through intercultural, intergenerational community free play mahjong. All levels welcome, with teachers available. Other Chinese games, too! No gambling.

**LOCATION:** Chinatown Plaza Mall, 180 Keefer St.  
**INFO:** ycc.yvr@gmail.com

## MAY 28

**Chinatown Shopping and Cooking Workshop – Dumplings!, Hua Foundation, 10:30am**

Learn how to make dumplings from scratch with hua foundation! Workshop will including shopping in Chinatown for all the fresh & local ingredients.

**LOCATION:** Hua Foundation at 418 East Hastings St.  
**INFO:** huafoundation.org/thechoiproject/cooking-workshops/

## JUNE 1

**A Last Stand for Lelu, HAPA Society and Hapa-palooza, 7:00-8:30pm**

A Last Stand for Lelu film screening with hapa environmental activists and sustainability advocates panel featuring Tamo Campos, Toby Barazzuol and Kai Nagata.

**LOCATION:** VPL Central Branch, Alice MacKay Room  
**INFO:** info@hapapalooza.com, hapapalooza.com

## JUNE 11

**Chino Otsuka - Arrival: Artist's Talk and Exhibit Opening Reception, Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre, 2:00pm**

Inspired by Japanese women who immigrated to Canada as "picture brides", an audio-visual installation about the anticipation and adventure of arrival in a new country.

**LOCATION:** Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre  
**INFO:** 604-777-7000, nikkeiplace.org

## ★ JUNE 11

**explorASIAN Recognition Gala, Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society, 5:30pm**

Performances, Japanese dinner, cash bar, silent auction and recognition of Japanese-Canadian community leaders and organizations. \$70 Admission.

**LOCATION:** Nikkei Place, 6688 Southoaks Cres., Burnaby  
**INFO:** office.vahms@gmail.com

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is a pleasure once again to thank the Courier for this excellent production of our program for *explorASIAN 2016*. We urge everyone to attend our Opening on April 16, 10:00 am at SFU Vancouver, many of the events shown throughout this program and our Recognition Gala on June 11, 5:30 pm at Nikkei Place in Burnaby.

**Ken McAteer,**  
PRESIDENT

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