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ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

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APRIL 8 - AUG 26

High Muck a Muck: Playing Chinese,
Surrey Art Gallery

OPENING RECEPTION: April 8th at 7:30pm,

PANEL DISCUSSION: June 10th from 2:30pm

Play the Chinese lottery and see what life was like as a Chinese immigrant to BC. West coast Chinese history is presented in a digital and interactive exhibit.

VENUE: Surrey Art Gallery, 13750 - 88th Ave., Surrey

INFO: surrey.ca/artgallery

National

CANADIAN FILM DAY



150

★ APRIL 19

Mixed Match Presented in partnership with:
National Canadian Film Day 150, REEL Canada, Vancouver Asian Film Festival (VAFF), Vancouver Public Library (VPL), Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society (VAHMS), HAPA Society & the Hapa-palooza Festival, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Q+A to follow. A documentary film by award winning Jeff Chiba Stearns about mixed race blood cancer patients who reflect on their multicultural identities as they struggle with the nearly impossible task of finding bone marrow donors.

VENUE: Alma VanDusen & Peter Kaye Room, Vancouver Public Library, Central Branch, 350 W Georgia St., Vancouver

INFO: www.explorasian.org

HAPA-PALOOZA A CELEBRATION OF MIXEDROOTS ARTS AND IDEAS

★ APRIL 22

Official Opening Ceremony, explorASIAN Festival 2017, Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society (VAHMS), Simon Fraser University,
10:00am - 12:00pm

Dignitaries join in celebrating the launch of the explorASIAN festival 2017 and Asian Heritage Month with Pan Asian performances, presentations, and featuring the "Silk and Spices" exhibition.

VENUE: Fei & Milton Wong Experimental Theatre, Goldcorp Centre for the Arts, Simon Fraser University, 149 West Hastings St., Vancouver

INFO: office.vahms@gmail.com, www.explorasian.org

Free admission, light refreshments

APRIL 22 - JULY 14

Passionate Colours,
Surrey Art Gallery,
Opening Reception: April 26th,
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Paintings, photographs and collages by members of the South Asian Artists Guild, united by a common passion for colour and zest for life.

VENUE: Surrey Art Gallery, 13750 - 88th Ave., Surrey

INFO: surrey.ca/artgallery

APRIL 29 - JUNE 2

Reflections:

The Images of Chinese Women in Canada Exhibition,
Chinese Cultural Centre Museum

This photo exhibit explores the struggles and accomplishments of Chinese women in the past that forged a path for others to follow.

VENUE: Chinese Cultural Centre Museum, 555 Columbia St., Vancouver

INFO: 604-658-8883

APRIL 22, 2017 - FEB 18, 2018

Meera Margaret Singh: Lalbagh, Surrey Art Gallery

Toronto-based artist explores the boundary between theatre and real life in this three-channel video of geological monument, Lalbagh Hill.

VENUE: Surrey Art Gallery, 13750 - 88th Ave., Surrey

INFO: surrey.ca/artgallery

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★ MAY 1ST

Illumination of Vancouver City Hall, City of Vancouver (COV), Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society (VAHMS)
In celebration of Asian Heritage Month of May and the launch of the explorASIAN festival 2017, Vancouver City Hall will be illuminated in red. This year, the festival will place a special focus on the legacy, culture and accomplishments of the growing community of Canadians with mixed Asian heritage for the 150th anniversary of Confederation.

VENUE: 453 W 12th Ave., Vancouver
INFO: www.explorasian.org

★ MAY 1 - JUNE 4

Generation One Exhibition, Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society, Vancouver Lipont Art Centre

OPENING EVENT: May 6th, 2:00pm - 4:00pm
A VAHMS platform, which promotes Asian Canadian first generation artists and encourages intercultural and intergenerational dialogue.

VENUE: Vancouver Lipont Art Centre, 4211 No. 3 Rd., Richmond
INFO: vahmsgenone@gmail.com Free admission, light refreshments

MAY 1 - MAY 31

LANSIA Oral History Project Exhibit, Canadian Indonesian Diaspora Society

LANSIA project is a community initiative sharing the stories of migration of Indonesian Canadians seniors through an art-style, historical exhibit.

VENUE: Vancouver Lipont Art Centre, 4211 No. 3 Rd., Richmond
INFO: kristi.alexandra.culture@gmail.com

MAY 2 - JUNE 29

Ode to Nature, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden

Exhibition of traditional Chinese flower and bird paintings by artist Winifred Lee. Lee combines traditional Chinese and Western painting techniques to capture subtle moments of beauty in nature.

VENUE: Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden, 578 Carrall St., Vancouver
INFO: www.vancouverchinesegarden.com, exhibitions@vancouverchinesegardens.com

ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH AT MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY AT UBC



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MAY 11 - OCT 9

Traces of Words: Art and Calligraphy from Asia Exhibition, Opening Party: May 11th, 7:00pm, Calligraphy performance by Kimura Tsubasa
FREE ADMISSION

MAY 13

Japanese calligraphy workshops by Kimura Tsubasa
10:30am - 12:30pm: beginners, family friendly
2:30pm - 4:30pm: intermediate for artists, designers and students,
REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

MAY 13

Curator's tour of Traces of Words Exhibition, 1:00pm - 2:00pm, FREE WITH ADMISSION

VENUE: Museum of Anthropology at UBC, 6393 NW Marine Dr., Vancouver | **INFO:** moa.ubc.ca
DETAILS: moa.ubc.ca/portfolio_page/traces-of-words/

MAY 1 - MAY 31

Traces of Words: Asian Materials from the UBC Library Collections Exhibition

The satellite exhibit for Traces of Words at MOA in collaboration with the UBC Asian Library and Rare Book and Special Collections.

VENUE: Irving K. Barber Learning Centre level 2 foyer at UBC.
FREE ADMISSION

★ MAY 1 - MAY 31

"Silk and Spices" Following the Trade Routes and Beyond exhibition, Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society, Chinese Cultural Centre Museum
Silk and Spice is a photographic journey through the cosmopolitan trade routes between the Orient and the West and their legacy on Vancouver's multicultural communities.

VENUE: Chinese Cultural Centre Museum, 555 Columbia St., Vancouver | **INFO:** www.explorasian.org



MAY 3

We Heart Canada, VAFF, COV, 5:00pm

To kick off celebrating Canada's 150th Anniversary, Vancouver Asian Film Festival (VAFF) is partnering with the City of Vancouver (COV) to launch "We Heart Canada."

VENUE: Vancouver Civic Theatres - QE Salons, 650 Hamilton St., Vancouver | **INFO:** info@vaff.org, www.vaff.org

MAY 3 - MAY 28

hoshi no hana tachi, Lovely Flower and Figure

OPENING RECEPTION: May 7, 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Chieko Yanagitani's first solo show after moving to Canada 19 years ago from Japan.

VENUE: Gallery Bistro, 2411 Clarke St., Port Moody, BC
INFO: gallerybistroportmoody@gmail.com; www.cyanagitani.com

★ MAY 4

Mixed Voices Raised, HAPA Society and the Hapa-palooza Festival, 7:00pm - 9:30pm

A vibrant evening of storytelling on mixed heritage and hybrid identity, featuring poets Fred Wah and Amal Rana, musicians Henry Young and Tarun Nayar, Hapa-palooza Festival co-founder Zarah Martz, and more!

VENUE: Vancouver Public Library Central Branch, Alice MacKay Room, 350 W Georgia St., Vancouver
INFO: happapalooza.com, <http://www.happapalooza.ca>

MAY 4 & 5

La Tarara, Kasandra Flamenco and Caravan World Rhythms, 8:00pm

Explosive Flamenco dance spectacular featuring dance super stars direct from Spain, Ivan Vargas and Emilio Ochando, with virtuoso, Kasandra "La China," and musical cast directed by Gaspar Rodriguez.

VENUE: Norman Rothstein Theatre, 950 W 41st Ave., Vancouver
INFO: debgordon03@gmail.com

MAY 6

Pull of the Net: Celebrating the Cultures of West Coast Fishing,

Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society, 11:00am - 4:00pm

FREE, family-friendly event to celebrate multiculturalism of the West Coast fishing industry, inside the historic cannery in Steveston village.

VENUE: Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site, 12318 - 4th Ave., Richmond | **INFO:** 604-664-9009

MAY 6

Spring Show 2017, The Vancouver Ikebana Association, 11:30am - 5:30pm,

LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS: 1:30pm & 3:30pm

An afternoon filled with the beauty and artistry of Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arranging. This show will feature displays from four Ikebana schools.

VENUE: Alan Emmott Centre, 6650 Southoaks Cres., Burnaby
INFO: kuniy@telus.net

MAY 6

Chinatown Mahjong Social, Youth Collaborative for Chinatown 青心在唐人街, 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Bringing the "hot+noisy" back to Vancouver Chinatown through community free-play mahjong between cultures and generations! All levels welcome, with teachers on hand. No gambling.

VENUE: Chinatown Plaza Mall, 180 Keefer St., Vancouver
INFO: ycc.yvr@gmail.com, ycc-yvr.com



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MAY 7

May Mehfil and Chai House, Ismaili Council for BC, 3:00pm

The May Mehfil in celebration of Asian Heritage Month will feature writers and performers from South Asian and Central Asian Heritage. Admission by donation.

VENUE: 4010 Canada Way, Burnaby | **INFO:** 778-708-0690

MAY 7

Future in Past: Concert by Vancouver Chinese Music Ensemble/Vancouver Chinese Instrumental Music Society, 7:30pm

Exclusive performance of rarely heard ancient Chinese tunes and the world premiere of a chamber opera by Alan Lau.

VENUE: Norman Rothstein Theatre, 950 W 41st Ave., Vancouver
INFO: cenk@dkam.ca; 604-683-8240

MAY 9

WriteRice Writing Workshop, Ricepaper Magazine, 1:00 pm - 5:00pm

Are you interested in producing Asian-themed literature? FREE WORKSHOP, open to all.

VENUE: Ricepaper Office, 245 E Broadway, Vancouver
INFO: gavin.hee@ricepapermagazine.com, ricepapermagazine.ca

MAY 10 - MAY 30

Reading Taiwan: Modern Taiwanese Literary Classics, Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society

An engaging, multidimensional literary event that includes: a mini book fair, film screenings of writers' documentaries, short and featured films from literary works and literary talks.

VENUE: Taiwanese Cultural Centre, 8853 Selkirk St., Vancouver
INFO: www.tccs.ca, 604-267-0901

MAY 11 - JUNE 8

From Japan to Canada Exhibition, Port Moody Arts Centre Society, Opening Reception, May 11th, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Exhibition reflecting the history, evolution and symbiotic influences that Japanese and Canadian culture has had on the participating artists.

VENUE: Port Moody Arts Centre, 2425 St. Johns St., Port Moody
INFO: www.pomoarts.ca

MAY 11

A Suitcase of Memories, Vancouver Japanese Language School and Japanese Hall, Tsasai Artist Collective, Historic Joy Kogawa House Society, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Joy Kogawa in a dramatic poetry performance with Sora Takayama, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Japanese Canadian Internment. Performance followed by Q & A.

VENUE: Japanese Hall, 487 Alexander St., Vancouver
INFO: 604-254-2551, www.vjls-jh.com, www.tasai.ca
Adults: \$15.00 (Eventbrite.ca), Students: 18 yrs. and under free. Limited seating, first come first served.

MAY 13 - JUNE 4

Xing Zhenli Colour and Ink: East Meets West, Chinese Cultural Centre Museum

Xing Zhenli is a very unique artist with recognizable style and technique that is influenced by both eastern and western cultures.

VENUE: Chinese Cultural Centre Museum, 555 Columbia St., Vancouver | **INFO:** 604-658-8883

MAY 13

Walk for Motherland, Greater Vancouver Taiwanese Organizations, 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Community walk around Deer Lake to celebrate Mother's Day and Motherland Taiwan! Family-friendly, free event with fun game stations featuring Taiwanese languages.

VENUE: Playground at Deer Lake Park, Burnaby
INFO: www.tccs.ca, 604-267-0901

MAY 13

Thanks Mom Give Life Campaign 2017, Canadian Blood Services, BC Transplant, 10:00am - 9:00pm

Public awareness campaign highlighting Canadian Blood Services' role in blood donation, registration of potential stem cell donors with OneMatch (Canadian Blood Services) through a swabbing event, cord blood donation, potential organ donation (BC Transplant). Due to biological requirement of stem cell matching of recipients with donors with similar racial backgrounds, more ethnically diverse registrants are needed for OneMatch. We are

partnering with ExplorAsian to bring this important message to the Pan Asian community.

VENUE: Grand Court Metropolis at Metrotown, 4700 Kingsway, Burnaby | **INFO:** info@thanksmom.org

MAY 13

Celebrating Vancouver's Chinatown Heritage, Chinatown Commemoration Square Committee, 4:30pm

Celebrate Chinatown's history with a plaque unveiling, entertainment and banquet.

VENUE: Chinese Cultural Centre, 50 E Pender St., Vancouver
INFO: 604-662-3207 ext. 200

MAY 13

Walking Tour: Reflections on Japanese Canadian Life and Work in the Powell Street District, Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association (GVJCCA)

Hear the stories of how people lived and worked in the Powell Street District 75 years ago.

VENUE: meeting place and time will be posted at gvjcca.org
INFO: gvjcc@gmail.com, 604-777-5222

MAY 14

6th Anniversary of Persian Culture and Art Institute Association (PERCAI), 3:00pm - 8:00pm

Group exhibition of Iranian-Canadian Artists: painting, miniature, photography, sculpture, carpet, jewelry, Persian calligraphy and live music. FREE ENTRY. Everyone welcome.

VENUE: Persian Culture and Art Institute Association, 1181 West 16th St., North Vancouver
INFO: www.percal.com, Facebook.com/PERCAI, info@percai.com, 778-889-4820

MAY 17 - MAY 21

Canada 150 Silk Bamboo and Maple Music Festival, BC Chinese Music Association and BC Chinese Music Ensemble

First Canadian Chinese Traditional Instrument Networking Conference – workshops, demonstrations, rehearsals, panel discussions with featured performances by the BC Chinese Orchestra (May 20) and BC Chinese Music Ensemble (May 21)

VENUE: Main performances at the Vancouver Playhouse, 600 Hamilton St., Vancouver
INFO: mail@bccma.net, www.bccma.net, 604-327-8807



★ MAY 18 & MAY 31

Filipino Movie Nights, presented by Dahong Pilipino, Anyone Can Act Theatre (ACAT), Tulayan & Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society (VAHMS), 5:30pm - 9:00pm

Film presentations hosted by Mel Tobias, author of one hundred acclaimed Tagalog movies. For mature audiences, English subtitles, \$2.00 membership at the door. Limited seating.

VENUE: UBC Learning Exchange, 612 Main St., Vancouver
INFO: 604-737-8074, leo@dahongpilipino.ca

MAY 20 - SEPT 3

Kimono Culture, Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre Exhibition, Tues - Sun, 11:00am - 5:00pm,

CURATOR TALK: May 20 at 1:00pm

OPENING: May 20, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

This exhibit showcases the beauty of the Japanese culture through the lens of kimono. Guest curator: Hitomi Harama

VENUE: Nikkei Centre, 6688 Southoaks Cres., Burnaby
INFO: www.nikkeiplace.org, jcnm@nikkeiplace.org

MAY 20

Discover the stories of Japanese Canadians in Surrey, Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association (GVJCCA), 1:00pm - 4:00 pm

Japanese Canadian history in Surrey will be revealed. Learn from

Surrey Poet Laureate Renee Saklikar how to share your family stories using poetry.

VENUE: Surrey City Centre Library, 10350 University Dr., Surrey
INFO: gvjcca@gmail.com, gvjcca.org, 604-777-5222

MAY 20

Tagore Spring Festival 2017, Vancouver Tagore Society, 6:00pm - 9:30pm

A multicultural celebration of Spring through dance, music and poetry, inspired by Nobel-laureate Rabindranath Tagore's ideas of Confluence of Cultures. Admission by donation.

VENUE: Surrey Councils Chambers, Surrey City Hall, 13450 - 104th Ave., Surrey
INFO: Raihan Akhter, raihan.akhter@gmail.com, www.vancouvertagoresociety.org, 778-891-1904

MAY 21

Exploring Vancouver Chinatown's Cultural Landscape, Past, Present & Future, Chinese Canadian Historical Society of BC, 11:00am - 1:00pm

The cultural landscape of Vancouver is changing. Please join John Atkin and Bob Sung in exploring Vancouver's Cultural landscape in relation to the past, present and the future.

VENUE: Chinese Cultural Centre, 50 East Pender St., Vancouver
INFO: 604-736-9508, bobsung@telus.net

MAY 23

103 Years After the Komagata Maru's Arrival in Vancouver, PCHC-Museum of Migration Society & Komagata Maru Heritage Foundation, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Historians and community leaders will reflect on the significance of the arrival of the Komagata Maru on the 103rd Anniversary of the ship's arrival in the Vancouver. Q & A and candlelight vigil will follow panel discussion. Light refreshments will be served.

VENUE: Punjab Bhavan, 15453 Fraser Hwy., Surrey
INFO: komagatamaru@hotmail.com

MAY 24

World Poetry Celebrates Asian Heritage Month, World Poetry Reading Series Society, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Free multilingual poetry and music event with hosts Ariadne Sawyer and Kagan Goh.

VENUE: New Westminster Public Library, 716 - 6th Ave., New Westminster
INFO: www.worldpoetry.ca, ariadnes@uniserve.com

MAY 25 - 27

Wen Wei Dance: Dialogue, The Dance Centre, 8:00pm

Wen Wei Wang's new work for five male dancers investigates communication and the need to connect, drawing on his own experiences as an immigrant.

VENUE: Scotiabank Dance Centre, 677 Davie St., Vancouver
INFO: www.thedancecentre.ca, 604-606-6400

MAY 27

Together - Third Annual Multicultural Festival for Performance, Chinese Cultural Centre Museum, 2:00pm

A mixed genre of performances that consists of programs of many different cultures.

VENUE: Chinese Cultural Centre Museum, 555 Columbia St., Vancouver | **INFO:** 604-658-8883

MAY 27

Japanese Spring Festival, Port Moody Arts Centre Society

Artists, events, music, food, activities, and cultural demonstrations.

VENUE: Port Moody Arts Centre, 2425 St. Johns St., Port Moody
INFO: www.pomoarts.ca



★ JUNE 4 honourASIAN Recognition Gala, Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society (VAHMS), Museum of Vancouver, 5:30pm - 9:00pm

Recognition event for explorASIAN festival 2017 with Pan Asian performances and cuisine, cash bar, raffle, silent auction and recognition of mixed Asian community leaders and organizations.

VENUE: Museum of Vancouver, 1100 Chestnut St., Vancouver
INFO: office.vahms@gmail.com, \$65.00/ticket - available at www.explorasian.org

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is a pleasure once again to thank the Vancouver Courier for this excellent production of our *explorASIAN 2017* festival program. We warmly invite everyone to attend our Opening Ceremony on April 22nd, 10:00am at SFU Woodwards, many of the events shown throughout this program and our Recognition Gala on June 4th, 5:30pm at the Museum of Vancouver.

Ken McAteer,
PRESIDENT

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