



# explorASIAN 2018

## ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

MAY 1-31, 2018 | EXPLORASIAN.ORG

### ★ APRIL 21

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

#### Opening Launch of Asian Heritage Month & explorASIAN Festival 2018

Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society, SFU David Lam Centre  
**DESCRIPTION:** Dignitaries, partners and the public join in celebrating the launch of the explorASIAN Festival 2018 and Asian Heritage Month with Pan Asian performances and presentations.

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

**INFO:** office.vahms@gmail.com, explorasian.org, FREE event, light refreshments



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### ★ JUNE 2

5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

#### Pan Asian Recognition Awards Gala

Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society

**DESCRIPTION:** Recognition Gala event for the explorASIAN Festival 2018 with Pan Asian performances, 10 course Chinese dinner, raffle, silent auction and recognition awards for outstanding Pan Asian community leaders and organizations.

**VENUE:** The Pink Pearl Chinese Restaurant, 1132 East Hasting St., Vancouver

**INFO:** office.vahms@gmail.com, explorasian.org, tickets \$70.00 per person, \$650 table of 10



### FEBRUARY 10 – MAY 27

#### Beta Vulgari: Sugar Beet Projects Exhibition

Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre

**DESCRIPTION:** This exhibition highlights the relationship between sugar and Japanese Canadian history in Western Canada: sugar's purity, genericity, neutrality and its history and condition of labour.

**VENUE:** Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre, 6688 Southoaks Cres., Burnaby

**INFO:** FREE event, 604-777-7000, jcnm@nikkeiplace.org



### ★ APRIL 18

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

#### NATIONAL CANADIAN FILM DAY

##### A Time to Swim & Re Lekuah,

directed by Ashley Duong and presented in partnership with VAFF, explorASIAN, SEACHS, REEL CANADA, Museum of Vancouver and the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre

**DESCRIPTION:** A Time to Swim looks at an exiled indigenous activist from Montreal who returns to his childhood village in Borneo and struggles to navigate a complex web of interests and tensions in a race to save his culture. The Vancouver premier of *Re Lekuah* is the first music video in the Kelabit language sung by Alena Murang.

**VENUE:** H.R. MacMillan Space Centre, 1100 Chestnut St., Vancouver

**INFO:** FREE event, info@vaff.org

### APRIL 19

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

#### ACAM 350 Film Screening

UBC Asian Canadian and Asian Migration Studies Program

**DESCRIPTION:** The Asian Canadian and Asian Migration Studies Program is pleased to host our second annual film screening for ACAM 350: Asian Canadian Community Media. The films, which seek to engage communities in making ethical collaborations, cover a wide range of Asian/Asian Canadian topics.

**VENUE:** UBC (TBA)

**INFO:** FREE event, acam.events@ubc.ca

### APRIL 21 & 22

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

#### Treasures: East & West

Bjarne Tokerud Bookseller Inc., Vancouver Lipont Art Centre

**DESCRIPTION:** Exhibition of fine Chinese and Japanese works of art, antiques, furniture, vintage photographs, and books, and non-Asian rare books of Canadian history and photographs.

**VENUE:** Vancouver Lipont Art Centre, 4211 No. 3 Rd., Richmond

**INFO:** FREE event, 604-285-9975, lipont.com, bjarnetokerud.com

### APRIL 22 – MAY 31

#### Portraits of Nature,

Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden

**OPENING RECEPTION:** May 4, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**DESCRIPTION:** This poetic exhibition by Gloria King is a photographic exploration of the magical landscapes, gardens, and plants native to the Vancouver area, as well as those from China, Africa, South Asia and Hawaii.

**VENUE:** Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden, 578 Carrall St., Vancouver

**INFO:** vancouverchinesegarden.com, 604-662-3207

### APRIL 26

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

#### Asian Canadian and Asian Migration Graduation, Asian Canadian and Asian Migration Studies Program

**DESCRIPTION:** Please join us in celebrating the ACAM Graduating class of 2018! This event will feature graduating student speakers, a light evening reception, and a preview of what's ahead for the UBC ACAM Program.

**VENUE:** St. Johns College, 2111 Lower Mall, University of British Columbia, Vancouver

**INFO:** FREE event, stjohs.ubc.ca/events, acam.events@ubc.ca

### NORTH VANCOUVER COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

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### APRIL 27 – MAY 26

#### Essence Art Exhibition

North Vancouver Community Arts Council

**OPENING RECEPTION:** April 26, 7pm - 9pm

**DESCRIPTION:** Essence Art Exhibition is a collection of works by five Filipino artists about the roles, struggles and triumphs of all women. The artists express their observations, feelings, and sensibilities arising from personal experiences and international influences.

**VENUE:** CityScape Community Arts Space, 335 Lonsdale Ave., North Vancouver

**INFO:** FREE event, nvartscouncil.ca/eventsexhibitions, exhibitions@nvartscouncil.ca

### ★ MAY 1

#### Illumination of Vancouver City Hall

City of Vancouver (COV),

Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society

**DESCRIPTION:** In celebration of Asian Heritage Month of May and the launch of the explorASIAN festival 2018, Vancouver City Hall will be illuminated in RED! This year's festival "Pan Asian Routes" will place a special focus on Pan Asian migration and the legacy, culture and accomplishments of the growing and diverse communities of Canadians with Pan Asian heritage.

**VENUE:** 453 W 12th Ave., Vancouver

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

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## MAY 1 – 31

### Pan Asian Routes

*Dimasalang III International Artist Group, Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society (VAHMS)*

**OPENING RECEPTION:** May 3, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**DESCRIPTION:** Pan Asian Routes is a visual art exhibition in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Dimasalang Artist Group (Philippines 1968)

**VENUE:** Vancouver Public Library, Central Branch, 350 West Georgia St., Vancouver. Exhibition at the Moat Gallery; Reception to be held at the Alma VanDusen & Peter Kaye Rooms

**INFO:** [dimasalang.org](http://dimasalang.org), [leo@leocunanan.com](mailto:leo@leocunanan.com), FREE event

## MAY 2 – MAY 27

### Irodori – We Love Canada, Gallery Bistro

**OPENING RECEPTION:** May 12, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

**DESCRIPTION:** Chieko Art Studio's 20 Artists hail from Japan, Korea and Taiwan

**VENUE:** Gallery Bistro, 2411 Clarke St., Port Moody

**INFO:** FREE event, [gallerybistroportmoody.com](http://gallerybistroportmoody.com), [info@gallerybistroportmoody.com](mailto:info@gallerybistroportmoody.com)

## MAY 2 – MAY 31

### A Bridge to Taiwan, Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society

**DESCRIPTION:** A series of Taiwanese Films

**VENUE:** Taiwanese Cultural Centre, 8853 Selkirk St., Vancouver

**INFO:** [info@tccs.ca](mailto:info@tccs.ca), [tccs.ca](http://tccs.ca)



## MAY 3

### 6:30 pm, Night Shift: Magnetic Threads, Museum of Anthropology

**DESCRIPTION:** Experience an unexpected mix of live performing arts by some of the most interesting artists from Vancouver and beyond at MOA's monthly cabaret party!

**VENUE:** Museum of Anthropology, 6393 NW Marine Dr., Vancouver

**INFO:** [moa.ubc.ca](http://moa.ubc.ca); FREE with museum admission

## MAY 3 – JUNE 17

### The Lost Fleet Exhibition, Vancouver Maritime Museum

Exhibition extended to June 17, 2018 | **LECTURES:** May 3 at 7:30 pm and May 24 at 7:30 pm

**DESCRIPTION:** THE LOST FLEET exhibition centres around the seizure of Japanese-Canadian fishing vessels during WWII.

**VENUE:** Vancouver Maritime Museum, 1905 Ogden Ave., Vancouver  
**INFO:** lectures FREE with admission, [info@maritime.com](mailto:info@maritime.com), 604-257-8300



## MAY 5

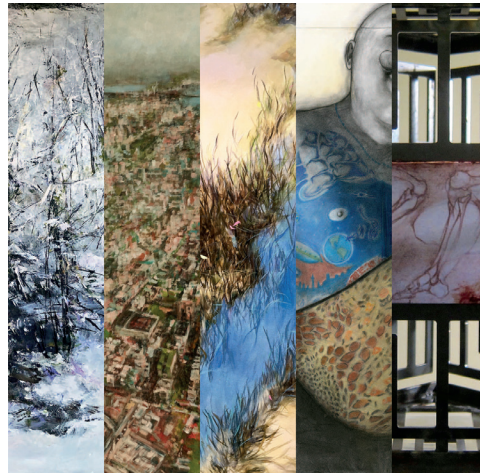
### 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm, "All Our Father's Relations":

**Exploring a New Learning Tool for Educators & Facilitators, PCHC Museum of Migration Society in partnership with All Our Father's Relations**

**DESCRIPTION:** Participate in a film screening about one Musqueam-Chinese family's journey and a facilitated discussion on how to use this documentary for intercultural teaching and learning.

**VENUE:** UBC Learning Exchange, 612 Main St., Vancouver BC

**INFO:** FREE event, [right.relationshipsproductions@gmail.com](mailto:right.relationshipsproductions@gmail.com), [pchc-mom.ca](http://pchc-mom.ca), [allourfathersrelations.com](http://allourfathersrelations.com)



## MAY 5 – 31

### Unthreaded, Ian Tan Gallery

**OPENING RECEPTION:** May 5, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**DESCRIPTION:** Aligning with the festival mandate, the exhibition features five Asian women who have come together to celebrate the common threads and unique identities of their Pan-Asian backgrounds through visual art.

**VENUE:** Ian Tan Gallery, 2342 Granville St., Vancouver

**INFO:** FREE event, [iantangallery.com](http://iantangallery.com)

# FILIPINO FILM SERIES 100

## ★ MAY 5

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

### Ganito Kami Noon, Paano Kayo Ngayon? This is How We Were Before, How Are You Doing Now?

100 Filipino Film Series, Consulate General of the Philippines Vancouver, Dahong Pilipino, Anyone Can Act Theatre, Tulayan - Filipino Diaspora Society, Kathara Pilipino Indigenous Arts Society, Arnis Kali Maharlika, UP Alumni Association in BC  
**DESCRIPTION:** One of the best of classic Filipino Cinema, *Ganito Kami Noon, Paano Kayo Ngayon? This is How We Were Before, How Are You Doing Now?*, is a Filipino romantic musical drama film set in the year of Spanish colonization in the Philippines with English Subtitles. A panel discussion will follow the movie.

**VENUE:** Alice MacKay Room, Vancouver Public Library, Central Branch, 350 West Georgia St., Vancouver.

**INFO:** FREE event, [leo@dahongpilipino.ca](mailto:leo@dahongpilipino.ca).



## MAY 5

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

### Pull of the Net: A Multicultural Celebration, Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society

**DESCRIPTION:** 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, 12138 Fourth Ave., Richmond, BC

**INFO:** [gulfcoastgeorgiacannery.org](http://gulfcoastgeorgiacannery.org), 604-664-9009

## RAG RICHMOND ART GALLERY

### MAY 2018 EVENTS • RICHMOND ART GALLERY

**VENUE:** Richmond Art Gallery, 7700 Minoru Gate, Richmond

**INFO:** Admission by donation, [richmondartgallery.org](http://richmondartgallery.org), [gallery@richmond.ca](http://gallery@richmond.ca), 604-247-8300

## MAY 5

### 1:00 pm, Artist Talk by Karilynn Ming Ho

**DESCRIPTION:** Meet the exhibiting artist as she shares the process and ideas behind her work in the Gallery's current exhibition For the Left Hand Alone

## MAY 17

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

### Cross-Cultural Collage Night

**DESCRIPTION:** Hands-on art-making event for ages 16 +. All materials and basic instructions in English, Mandarin and Cantonese.

## MAY 26

1:00 pm

### Exhibitions Tour in Mandarin

**DESCRIPTION:** Learn more about our exhibitions at this tour to be conducted in Mandarin.

## MAY 26

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

### Video Screening with Ho Tam

**DESCRIPTION:** Exhibiting artist Ho Tam will screen a selection of his video works to coincide with his gallery exhibition, *Cover to Cover*, investigating the mediated construction of public persona.

## MAY 5 & 6

10:00 am – 9:00 pm & May 6, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm,

### Thanks Mom Give Life 2018, Thanks Mom Give Life Steering Committee and Canadian Blood Services

**DESCRIPTION:** Partnering with Canadian Blood Services, Thanks Mom Give Life 2018 is a public awareness campaign on "Give Life" through blood, stem cell, cord blood or organ/tissue donation. Come register or find out more!

**VENUE:** Surrey Guildford Town Centre (Centre Court), 10355 – 152nd St., Surrey

**INFO:** [thanksmom.org](http://thanksmom.org), [info@thanksmom.org](mailto:info@thanksmom.org)

## MAY 6

### 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, May Melfil Chai House

**DESCRIPTION:** The Ismaili Council of BC and Dreamzz Radio are pleased to host the May Mehfil Chai House as part of the Asian Heritage Month explorASIAN Festival with this year's theme "Pan Asian Routes", featuring writers and performers of Asian heritage. Admission by donation, Chai and snacks will be provided.

**VENUE:** Ismaili Centre Social Hall (second floor), 4010 Canada Way, Burnaby

**INFO:** 778-708-0690

# Chinese Tea Ceremony & Photography Discussion, Viridian Gallery

**DESCRIPTION:** Drop by and enjoy a Chinese tea ceremony with a chance to meet up with the artist Axel Breutigam of the current exhibition and the gallery curator Dong Yue Su for a casual talk of fine art photography.

**VENUE:** Viridian Gallery, 1570 Coal Harbour Quay, Vancouver

**INFO:** FREE event, info@viridiangallery.ca, viridiangallery.ca

## MAY 6

6:30 pm – 10:00 pm, Love Speaks #31,

Hafez Literature Club

**DESCRIPTION:** An evening celebration of Persian literature, music & arts.

**VENUE:** Evergreen Cultural Centre, 1205 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam

**INFO:** info@hafezliteratureclub.com



## MAY 6

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm,

Tracing Malong/Guhit ng Ating Malong,

Migrante BC in partnership with Co. Erasga

**DESCRIPTION:** Evening of dance centred around the malong (the wrap-around garment associated in the Mindanao region) with community sharing and arts dialogue for Asian Heritage Month.

**VENUE:** Glad Tidings, 3456 Fraser St., Vancouver

**INFO:** 604-879-5850, migrantebc.com, companyerasgadance.ca,

migrante.event@gmail.com

## MAY 11

Japanese Canadian Internment Legacy Sign

Unveiling: Lillooet,

1:30 Sign Unveiling ceremony, 2:30 Reception at Fort Berens Winery, Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure; Japanese Canadian Legacy Committee

**DESCRIPTION:** Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Japanese Canadian Internment (1942-2017), a historic sign will be unveiled for the self-supporting sites of East Lillooet, Bridge River, Minto, McGillivray Falls, Taylor Lake by the Province of British Columbia and the Japanese Canadian Legacy Project Committee.

**VENUE:** Lillooet Internment Memorial Garden,

Highway 12 & Sumner Rd., Lillooet, BC

**INFO:** FREE, open to the public, centre.nikkeiplace.org,

lsaimoto4@gmail.com

## MAY 12

2:00 pm, Scripting Aloud

**DESCRIPTION:** Seasonal public staged reading event that helps develop original or adapted short- and long- form scripts for multiple channels and platforms, focusing on diverse, inclusive content, writers, and performers.

**VENUE:** TBA | **INFO:** scriptingaloud.ca, scriptingaloud@gmail.com

ricepaper

## MAY 12

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

A Century of Asian Canadian Writing

Ricepaper Magazine

**DESCRIPTION:** Ricepaper magazine has been a pioneering periodical devoted to Asian Canadian writing for over twenty years. Ricepaper's focus has shifted from predominately arts and culture reporting to the publication of original literature. In featuring editors from past generations of Ricepaper, this event showcases the evolution of Asian Canadian literature, publishing, and the art of editing.

**VENUE:** Sun Wah Centre, 268 Keefer St., Vancouver

**INFO:** ricepapermagazine.ca, info@ricepapermagazine.ca

## MAY 12

8:00 pm, "Chinese-Canadian Miracle Concert"

BC Chinese Music Association,

Fundraiser for BC Children's Hospital Foundation

**DESCRIPTION:** Orchestra music by BC Chinese Orchestra

**VENUE:** Gateway Theatre, 6500 Gilbert Rd., Richmond

**INFO:** bccma.net

## MAY 12

10:00 am – 11:00 am,

Dialogue on Human Rights – 30 Years After Redress,

National Association of Japanese Canadians

**DESCRIPTION:** National Association of Japanese Canadians Human Rights Speaker Series.

**VENUE:** Online event | **INFO:** najc.ca; national@najc.ca



## MAY 12

11:30 am – 5:30 pm, VIA Spring Show 2018,

Vancouver Ikebana Association

**DESCRIPTION:** An afternoon of Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arranging. Displays, live demonstrations at 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm, and hands-on workshops.

**VENUE:** Alan Emmott Centre, 6650 Southoaks, Burnaby

**INFO:** Admission by donation, vancouver-ikebana.ca,

vancouverikebana@gmail.com

## MAY 14

7:30 pm, Dr. Jai Li Pipa Recital,

BC Chinese Music Association

**DESCRIPTION:** Pipa recital by Dr. Jia Li from the China Conservatory of Music, Beijing, China.

**VENUE:** Norman Rothstein Theatre, 950 West 41st Ave., Vancouver

**INFO:** bccma.net

## MAY 19

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm,

4th Annual Tagore Spring Festival 2018,

Vancouver Tagore Society

**DESCRIPTION:** A multicultural celebration of Spring through dance, music and poetry, inspired by Nobel-laureate Rabindranath Tagore's idea of cultural diversity and pluralism.

**VENUE:** Surrey Councils Chambers, Surrey City Hall,

13450 – 104th Ave., Surrey

**INFO:** vancouvertagoresociety.org, vancouvertagoresociety@gmail.com.

Gates open at 6:30 pm. Admission by donation.



## MAY 20

10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Walking Tour:

Reflections on Asian Canadian Life & Work,

Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association

**DESCRIPTION:** Hear the stories of how Asian Canadians lived and worked in the Powell Street area over 75 years ago.

**VENUE:** Meet near Chapel Arts (304 Dunlevy) at the corner of Dunlevy and East Cordova, Vancouver | **INFO:** FREE event, open to public, gvjcca@gmail.com, gvjcca.ca, 604-777-5222

## MAY 20

7:00 pm, Surrey Golden Melody Concert,

BC Chinese Music Association

**DESCRIPTION:** Orchestra music by BC Chinese Orchestra

**VENUE:** Surrey Bell Centre, 6250 144th St., Surrey | **INFO:** bccma.net

## ★ MAY 20

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Past, Present and Future of the Punjabi Market,

Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society

**DESCRIPTION:** Take a walking tour of Punjabi Market and learn about its history, present cultural landscape and what the future of the Punjabi Market means to the city and the community.

**VENUE:** Lobby, Sunset Community Centre, 6810 Main St., Vancouver

**INFO:** By donation, explorasian.org, office.vahms@gmail.com

## MAY 24

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Asianess Workshop, Imtiaz Popat

**DESCRIPTION:** This workshop will explore what it is to be Asian? Globally the term Asian means all of Asia, but in North America it means East Asian. So the word South Asian needed to be created. How do South East Asians and West Asians fit in? Or do they? Join in the conversation as we explore Asianess to fit in with this year's Pan Asian theme.

**VENUE:** UBC Learning Exchange, 612 Main St., Vancouver

**INFO:** 778-708-0690

## MAY 26

11:00 am, 90th Anniversary Historic Japantown

Walking Tours, Vancouver Japanese Language School & Japanese Hall, Vancouver Heritage Foundation, Nikkei National Museum, Landscapes of Injustice, Chocolate Arts

**DESCRIPTION:** Celebrating the 90th anniversary of our 1928 Heritage Building and Japan/Canada Relations, this building and walking tour of the Powell Street neighbourhood will take you back in time to pre-war Japantown and the story of Japanese Canadians.

**VENUE:** Japanese Hall, 487 & 475 Alexander St., Vancouver

**INFO:** vjls-jh.com, vjls@vjls-jh.com, 604-254-2551



## MAY 26

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

"Hot+Noisy"

Chinatown Mahjong Social,

Youth Collaborative for Chinatown 青心在唐人街

**DESCRIPTION:** 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 (if the weather's nice, find us OUTSIDE in Memorial Square (Keefer & Columbia))

**INFO:** FREE event, ycc-yvr.com, ycc.yvr@gmail.com

## MAY 27

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm, World Poetry

Celebrates First Nations & South Asian Cultures,

World Poetry Reading Series Society

**DESCRIPTION:** First in Vancouver! First Nations and South Asian cultures come together through dance, music and poetry.

**VENUE:** Alice MacKay Room, Vancouver Public Library, Central Branch, 350 West Georgia St., Vancouver

**INFO:** FREE event, ariadnes@uniserve.com, 604-526-4729

## MAY 27 & 28

Taste of Taiwan, Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society

**DESCRIPTION:** Chef from Taiwan to showcase Taiwanese cuisines

**VENUE:** Taiwanese Cultural Centre, 8853 Selkirk St., Vancouver

**INFO:** info@tccs.ca, tccs.ca

## ★ MAY 27

11:00 am – 1:00 pm, Exploring Vancouver

Chinatown's Ever-changing Cultural Landscape,

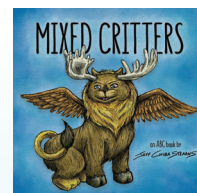
Chinese Canadian Historical Society of BC, Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society

**DESCRIPTION:** Please join John Atkin, Bob Sung & Hayne Wai in exploring Chinatown's unique and ever-changing cultural landscape in relation to the past, present and future.

**VENUE:** Chinese Cultural Centre, 50 East Pender St., Vancouver

**INFO:** office.vahms@gmail.com, by donation, explorasian.org

**HAPA PALOOZA** A CELEBRATION OF MIXEDROOTS ARTS AND IDEAS



## ★ MAY 27

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Mixed

Me: Multi-ethnic Storytelling

for Teens & Kids, Hapa-palooza

Festival, Museum of Vancouver,

Vancouver Asian Heritage Month

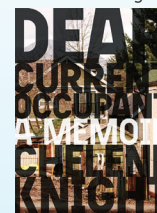
Society

**DESCRIPTION:** For story-tellers and story-lovers! Hapa-palooza Festival, a celebration of mixed heritage arts and ideas, presents an afternoon of multi-ethnic storytelling for teens, kids, and families. Please join three exciting mixed race authors — poet and memoirist Chelene Knight (Dear Current Occupant), young adult writer Michelle Kim (Running Through Sprinklers), and animator/children's book author Jeff Chiba Stearns (Mixed Critters: An ABC Book) — for creativity workshops focusing on youth, children, or authors who write for youth, followed by readings and discussion of their newest works.



**VENUE:** Museum of Vancouver (Joyce Walley Room), 1100 Chestnut St., Vancouver

**INFO:** FREE event, info@hapapalooza.com



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