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 explor**ASIAN** 2020
Chinatown Walkabout:
Past, Present and Future
Chinese Canadian Historical Society of BC, Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society
 John Atkin, Bob Sung and Hayne Wai of the Chinese Canadian Historical Society of BC will host a Chinatown Walkabout through its past, present and future.
VENUE: Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Vancouver, 50 East Pender St, Vancouver
INFO: cchsbc.ca | office.vahms@gmail.com | info@cchsbc.ca
 By donation, FREE ADMISSION WITH REGISTRATION.

MAY 11
7:00pm - 8:30pm
Join the Conversation
National Association of Japanese Canadians
 A conversation with Japanese Americans, featuring Haruka Roudabush (JACL), Roji Oyama (COPANI) and Lorene Oikawa (NAJC). Heritage. Culture. Arts. Politics. Diversity. Inclusion.
VENUE: Join online - <https://zoom.us/j/430416036>
INFO: najc.ca | national@najc.ca

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 explor**ASIAN** 2020
7:00pm - 8:00pm
Postcards From The In-Between
LiterAsian, Vancouver Public Library, VAHMS
 Vancouver is a melting pot of cultures, creeds, and collectives. This is a state of an in-between, a hub for stories - and old. Our reading will invite emerging BIPOC writers of non-Asian descent to connect with established Pan-Asian writers.
VENUE: Vancouver Public Library, Alice MacKay Room, 350 West Georgia St, Vancouver
INFO: asiancanadianwriters.ca | office@asiancanadianwriters.ca

MAY 14
12:00pm
Discover Dance! Sujit Vaidya
The Dance Centre
 The Dance Centre's popular Discover Dance! series features Sujit Vaidya, one of Vancouver's leading exponents of the classical Indian style of bharata natyam and its ongoing evolution, through classical dances and a contemporary duet created with choreographer Alvin Erassa Tolentino.
VENUE: Scotiabank Dance Centre, 677 Davie St, Vancouver
INFO: thedancecentre.ca | info@thedancecentre.ca

MAY 14
Off Kiefer: Cabaret Style Fundraiser
Centre A: Vancouver International Centre for Contemporary Asian Art
 Off Kiefer is a cabaret-style fundraiser featuring local performance artists who are celebrating and reimagining the experiences and expression of Asian diasporic communities within the arts.
VENUE: Centre A, #205 - 268 Keefer St, Vancouver
INFO: centrea.org | development@centrea.org

★ MAY 17
 explor**ASIAN** 2020
10:30am - 11:45am and 2:30pm - 3:45pm
Downtown Eastside Art Walk
Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society
 Seen from the perspective of public art, the walking tour will include parts of Chinatown, Gastown, and Japan town in Vancouver to explore the greater Downtown Eastside area, which diversity has inspired many artists and activists. The tour intends to connect the historic view of the neighbourhood with the contemporary concerns. Join Dong Yue Su in this unique tour.
VENUE: Woodward's Building Courtyard, 128 West Cordova St, Vancouver
INFO: office.vahms@gmail.com

MAY 22
7:00pm - 10:00pm
Meet the Author Series:
Lindsay Wong author of The Woo-Woo
Lindsay Wong, Christianne's Lyceum, Simon & Schuster Canada
 An evening with Lindsay Wong, author of The Woo-Woo and My Summer Of Love and Misfortune.
VENUE: Christianne's Lyceum, 3696 W 8th Ave, Vancouver
INFO: lindsaywongwriter.com

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Wednesday to Sunday, 11:00am - 4:00pm
Ink Dance: Yim Tse 50 Years of Calligraphy,
Canadian Society for Asian Arts, UBC Asian Library
 A retrospective exhibition by renowned calligrapher Yim Tse.
OPENING RECEPTION: May 24, 2:00 - 4:00pm
"The Way of the Brush: Dialogue and Exploration"
May 30, 2:00 - 4:00pm
"How to Make the Ink Dance"
June 6, 2:00 - 4:00pm
VENUE: UBC Asian Centre, 1871 West Mall, Vancouver
INFO: canadiansocietyforasianart.org | 604-266-6298

MAY 22
3:00pm
Appreciating the Art of Incense Ceremony:
Lecture by GrandMaster Nishigiwa Joyo
SaBi Tea Arts, UBC Library
 An exclusive lecture introducing the ancient art of kodo incense ceremony presented by Master Nishigiwa Joyo, of the Senzan Goryu School, Kyoto.
VENUE: Dodson Room, I.K. Barber Learning Center, 1961 East Mall, UBC
INFO: sabiteaarts.com/kodo.html | info@sabiteaarts.com

OPENS MAY 22
EXHIBITION: A Seat at the Table Exhibition
Museum of Vancouver, University of British Columbia
 A new feature exhibition at MOV that explores historical and contemporary stories of Chinese Canadians in BC and their struggles for belonging.
VENUE: Museum of Vancouver, 1100 Chestnut St, Vancouver
INFO: museumofvancouver.ca/a-seat-at-the-table
guestservices@museumofvancouver.ca

MAY 22
7:00pm
Dyscomfort: Confronting the Comfort Stations
Artemis Musicians' Society
 A concert, featuring educational mini-lectures and voices (audio recordings) of Korean women who survived sexual slavery in the "comfort stations" of WWII, presented by survivors.
VENUE: Pyatt Hall, 843 Seymour St, Vancouver
INFO: artemis.music.society@gmail.com

MAY 22
7:30pm
Sounds Global in Concert
Vancouver Inter-Cultural Orchestra
 Dynamic new works by emerging Canadian composers written for an intercultural chamber ensemble (Chinese zheng, Persian tar, guitar, and harp), and performed by musicians from the Vancouver Inter-Cultural Orchestra.
VENUE: St. Andrew's United Church, 1044 St. Georges Ave, North Vancouver
INFO: vi-co.org | info@vi-co.org

MAY 22
7:00pm - 9:00pm
BOOK LAUNCH: All We Left Behind
by Danielle Graham
Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre
 Danielle R. Graham is celebrating the release of her new historical novel All We Left Behind. It is a love story between a person of Asian heritage and non-Asian heritage, inspired by an untold story of the Second World War.
VENUE: Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre, 6688 Southoaks Cres, Burnaby
INFO: centre.nikkeiplace.org/upcoming-events
jcnm@nikkeiplace.org

MAY 22
VAFF Dim Sum After Dark
Vancouver Asian Film Festival
 Celebrate Asian heritage Month with VAFF over late night dim sum and classic Asian cinema in this delectable event that will leave you drooling for more.
VENUE: Pink Pearl Chinese Seafood Restaurant, 1132 E Hastings St, Vancouver
INFO: vaff.org | info@vaff.org

MAY 23
2:30pm - 5:30pm
Pan-Asian Staged Reading Society
Scripting Aloud! Improv Edition: May 2020
 Go way off-book! There are things scripted and things improvised. In-between are the doors... of scripted improv. Scripting Aloud's May 2020 event explores the space between tightly scripted material, and unstructured improv.
VENUE: TBA
INFO: scriptingaloud.ca | info@scriptingaloud.ca

MAY 23 & 24
May 23: 11:00am - 4:00pm,
May 24: 10:00am - 3:00pm
EXHIBITION: 55th Ikebana Spring Show
Vancouver Ikebana Association
 Our 55th year's theme of "Reiwa - Beautiful Harmony" will feature displays from various Ikebana schools in Vancouver with live demonstrations at 12pm and 2pm on both days.
VENUE: Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre, 181 Roundhouse Mews, Vancouver
INFO: vancouver-ikebana.ca | rose_scott@telus.net to register \$20

MAY 23 & 24
10:00am - 5:00pm
Japanese Incense Ceremonies
by Master Nishigiwa Joyo
SaBi Tea Arts, Nitobe Memorial Garden, University of British Columbia
 Join Master Nishigiwa Joyo of the Senzan Goryu School for classical incense-comparing games in the traditional Japanese tea house located inside the Nitobe Garden, UBC.
VENUE: Nitobe Memorial Garden, 1895 Lower Mall, UBC
INFO: sabiteaarts.com/kodo.html | info@sabiteaarts.com

EVERY SUNDAY STARTING MAY 24
11:00am - 12:30pm & 1:30pm - 3:00pm
Historic Powell Street Walking Tours
Vancouver Japanese Language School and Japanese Hall
 Historic Powell Street Walking tours dive into the rich and storied history of the pre-war Japanese Canadian community in the Powell Street area. The tour begins at Vancouver's new National Historic site, the Vancouver Japanese Language School & Hall, and takes you back in time before the Internment and Dispossession of Japanese Canadians during World War II, pointing out the remnants of a thriving market village of 8000 with 400 businesses along a 3-block radius on Powell Street.
VENUE: Japanese Hall, 475 Alexander St, Vancouver
INFO: vjls-jh.com | crc@vjls-jh.com

OPENS MAY 28
EXHIBITION: A Seat at the Table Exhibition (Chinatown Location)
Museum of Vancouver, University of British Columbia
 A satellite exhibition by MOV and UBC that engages visitors in the sharing of memories and stories about our diverse Chinese Canadian communities.
VENUE: Hon Hsing Building, 29 E Pender St, Vancouver
INFO: museumofvancouver.ca/a-seat-at-the-table
guestservices@museumofvancouver.ca

MAY 30
2:00pm - 5:00pm
Eid Mehfil
Ismaili Council for BC
 The 5th annual Mehfil in May Recital at the Ismaili Centre Social Hall in celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr, marking the end of Ramadhan, featuring writers and performers of Asian Heritage with your host Intiaz Popat.
VENUE: Ismaili Centre, 4010 Canada Way, Burnaby
INFO: the.ismaili | intiaz.popat@gmail.com

MAY 30
8:00pm
Josh Feinberg in Concert
Surrey Civic Theatre
 Enjoy a night to remember with accomplished musician Josh Feinberg, a cutting-edge sitar player raised in New York, who has wholeheartedly adopted the aesthetic values of Indian Classical music, establishing his position as an internationally recognised & accomplished performer (with Tabla accompaniment by the disciple of Ustad Alla Rakha and Zakir Hussain, Amit Kavthekar).
VENUE: Surrey Arts Centre, 13750-88 Ave, Surrey
INFO: joshfeinbergmusic.com/sitar-home

MAY 31
Punjabi Market 50th Anniversary
Punjabi Market
 Punjabi Market celebrates its 50th Anniversary with events talking place throughout the year. Come and join the celebrations in the heart of Vancouver's South Asian Community.
VENUE: Main Street between 48th Ave and 51st Ave, East Vancouver
INFO: punjabimarket.ca | info@punjabimarket.ca

JUNE 4 - 7
Sound of Dragon Music Festival
Sound of Dragon Society
 The 2020 festival brings together Chinese, Taiwanese, Mongolian traditions in folk music, contemporary compositions, as well as cross-cultural collaboration and improvisation, featuring Katajiaq & Khoomii, Three People Music, Shaolin Temple Monks, Tamir Hargana with surprise guests from Vancouver's world music scene.
VENUES: Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre, 181 Roundhouse Mews | Vancouver Orpheum Annex, 823 Seymour St, Vancouver
INFO: soundofdragon.com | soundofdragon@gmail.com

★ JUNE 6
 explor**ASIAN** 2020
10:00am - 5:00pm
Asian Coffee Festival 2020
Nusa Coffee, Pacific Coffee Roasters, Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society
 Asian Coffee Festival 2020 presents a taste of ancient cultures. Come learn about coffee history, tradition and flavours to celebrate Asian Heritage Month in Vancouver
VENUE: Pacific Coffee Roasters
INFO: nusacoffeecompany.com | liza@nusacoffeecompany.com

JUNE 7
Japan Market Early Summer Fair
Japan Market Vancouver
 Introducing Japanese culture from traditional to modern pop culture, including Japanese health and wellness.
VENUE: UBC Robson Square Ice Rink, 800 Robson St, Vancouver
INFO: japanmarket.ca

JUNE 7
5:00pm
Luminous Garden Artist Talk with Lam Wong
Dr. Sun Yat Sen Classical Chinese Garden
 Artist in Residence Lam Wong speaks about his exhibition "Luminous Garden" at Dr Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden.
VENUE: Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden, 578 Carrall St, Vancouver
INFO: vancouverchinesegarden.com | 604-662-3207

JUNE 11 - 14
5X Fest 2020
5X Fest
 A multi-event festival, 5X Fest features a mind-bending line up of local and international artists and events that promote South Asian expression and is Canada's largest South Asian youth event.
VENUE: Various throughout Vancouver and Surrey
INFO: 5xfest.com | jagreet@5xfest.com

JULY 2019 - JULY 2020
EXHIBITION: Exhibit: Nikkei 日系
Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre
 Over 25 stories accompanied by rare and previously inaccessible personal belongings from the Japanese Canadian community give evidence to the lived experience of Nikkei in Canada.
VENUE: Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre, 6688 Southoaks Cres, Burnaby
INFO: centre.nikkeiplace.org | info@nikkeiplace.org

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