

## explorASIAN Virtual Recognition Awards Ceremony: Ending Asian Heritage Month 2021 on a High Note

**Vancouver, BC – May 31st, 2021** – To mark the ending of Asian Heritage Month 2021 and explorASIAN Festival 25th Anniversary, the Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society (VAHMS) will hold its annual Recognition Awards Ceremony, explorASIAN 25th Anniversary on June 10, 2021 from 7:00pm to 8:15pm. The 75-minute virtual ceremony will feature video performances, awards, toasts, speeches, and a silent auction.

Reservations can be made in advance by visiting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_sVrof0FMReK5ACsirEAriA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sVrof0FMReK5ACsirEAriA)

The ceremony will honour three community-builders representing Pan-Asian communities that have made significant contributions to VAHMS' vision of fostering, promoting, and celebrating the arts and cultural diversity that Asian-Canadian communities bring to Canadian society. This year's three community-builders are **Allan Cho**, **The Pacific Canada Heritage Centre – Museum of Migration**, and **Huma Shoaib**.

The ceremony will also include three video performances by influential artists: **Kardias Quing**, who found her sound and joy through the grooves of Indie R&B and Alternative Pop; **Bero**, a Syrian producer, composer and Oud player based in Vancouver, Canada; and, **Academy of Middle Eastern Dance**, run by Pooneh who is a professional modern Egyptian and folkloric dance instructor, performer, and choreographer.

Prior to the Recognition Awards Ceremony, there will be an online fundraising silent auction filled with gifts, goodies, and experiences from local vendors. The silent auction will be live on YKLM Auctions App from June 8, 10am to June 10, 9pm. Go to [explorASIAN website](#) for more details.



**The Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society (VAHMS)** is a registered secular non-profit organization with year-round programming in the arts and culture scene. Its mission is to foster, promote and celebrate the arts and cultural diversity that Asian-Canadian communities bring to Canadian society. VAHMS' signature project, **explorASIAN**, is an annual Metro-Vancouver festival showcasing pan-Asian Canadian arts and culture during Asian Heritage Month in May. This year (2021) is the 25th anniversary of both VAHMS and explorASIAN.

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