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

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 (VAMHS), 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.explorasiand.org

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.explorasiand.org
Free admission, light refreshments

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

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

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MANY CULTURES | MANY LANGUAGES | ONE CELEBRATION
**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 1ST**
**May 2 - June 29**
Venue: Vancouver Lipont Art Centre
Annual event, cord blood donation, potential organ donation (BC Transplant) through a swabbing role in blood donation, registration of potential stem cell donors with oneMatch (Canadian Blood Services) through a swabbing.
**VENUE:** Vancouver Lipont Art Centre, 4211 No. 3 Rd., Richmond
**INFO:** vahtmgenone@gmail.com Free admission, light refreshments

**MAY 1ST**
**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 1ST**
**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. It will feature a selection of work from the “We Heart Canada” series, and partners with Explorasian to bring this important message to the pan Asian community.
**VENUE:** Vancouver Lipont Art Centre, 4211 No. 3 Rd., Richmond
**INFO:** vahtmgenone@gmail.com Free admission, light refreshments

**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**
**VENUE:** Museum of Anthropology at UBC, 6939 W Marine Dr., Vancouver
**INFO:** moa.ubc.ca/portfolio_page/traces-of-words/

**MAY 11 - 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 - MAY 28**
**Mixed Voices Raised, HAPA Society and the Hapa-paloza 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-paloza Festival co-founder Zarah Martz, and more!
**VENUE:** Vancouver Public Library Central Branch, 1181 West 16th St., North Vancouver
**INFO:** info@hapa-paloza.com, http://www.hapa-paloza.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:** delgondor30@gmail.com

**MAY 5**
**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**
**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**
**Chinatown Mahjong Social, Youth Collaborative for Chinatown**
3:00pm - 6:00pm
Bringing the “hot-rossy” 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

**ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH AT MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY AT UBC**
A place of world arts + cultures

**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.
**VENUE:** Museum of Anthropology at UBC
**INFO:** moa.ubc.ca/program/Explore/Calligraphy

**May 13**
**Curator’s tour of Traces of Words Exhibition, 1:00pm - 2:00pm, FREE WITH ADMISSION**
**VENUE:** Museum of Anthropology at UBC
**INFO:** moa.ubc.ca/program/Explore/Calligraphy

**May 11**
**Readings of Taiwan: Modern Taiwanese Literary Conference – workshops, demonstrations, rehearsals, panel discussion, May 11, 12, 13**
**FREE WORKSHOP, open to all.**
**Are you interested in producing Asian-themed literature?**
**VENUE:** Ricepaper Magazine, 1:00 pm - 5:00pm
**INFO:** www.ricepapermagazine.org

**May 2 - June 29**
**Venue: 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:** vahtmgenone@gmail.com Free admission, light refreshments

**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
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, ricepapermag.ca

May 10 - May 30
Reading Taiwan: Modern Taiwanese Literary Classics, Vancouver Asian 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 symbolic influences that Japanese and Canadian culture have 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 Vancouver Man, Tasai Artist Collective, Historic Joy Kagawa House Society, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Joy Kagawa 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
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 technical 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: gvjcca@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.percai.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@bcma.net, www.bcma.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
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 Hara
Venue: Nikkei Centre, 6688 Southoaks Cres., Burnaby
Info: nikkeiplace.org, jrrm@nikkeiplace.org

May 20
Discover the stories of Japanese Canadians in Surrey: Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens’ Association (GVJCCA), 1:00pm - 4:00pm
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 Council Chambers, Surrey City Hall, 1340 – 104th Ave, Surrey
Info: Rahan Akhter, rahan.akhter@gmail.com, www.vancouver tagoresociety.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 Bhawan, 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 Ariade Sawyer and Kagan Goh.
Venue: New Westminster Public Library, 716 – 6th Ave., New Westminster
Info: www.worldpoetry.ca, ariades@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
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