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BC'S GUIDE TO ARTS & CULTURE



Rachel Kirkpatrick recently on White Rock Beach

Happy Tuesday,

Here are some of our favourite links on art, culture and creativity in British Columbia. Enjoy!

This Artist is Stopping People in their Tracks

BC henna artist Rachel Kirkpatrick creates massive mandalas on public beaches (see above) and downtown sidewalks, taking people's breath away in the process. [Look at this beauty.](#)

8 Ways the Canada Council's New Plan Affects Artists

Minister Mélanie Joly has just announced a huge overhaul to Canadian Heritage. How will this shakeout affect artists and art organizations in Canada? For one thing, funding that goes directly to artists will increase. Read on in [Canadian Art](#).

Calling All Artists for New CBC Series

Lark Productions is searching for creative, confident, energetic artists -- from painters to tattoo artists, street chalk artists to animators -- looking to showcase their skills and talent on national TV. If you'd like an opportunity to showcase your talent, are enthusiastic to take on an art challenge outside your specialized medium and aren't afraid to get a little competitive, [consider applying here.](#)

This Summer, Satisfy your Cultural Wanderlust



Cheyenne Goh of Salt Spring Tweed

Spring is here and studio tour season is nearly upon us. From [Salt Spring Island Studio Tour](#) and [New Westminster Cultural Crawl](#), to the [Lake Country Art Walk](#), artist studio tours are a relaxing way to connect with new artists and collect the art you love.

Salt Spring's Tour is a summer-long affair, making it possible for you to watch artists while they work, following their passion. With over 25 stops on this artist-filled island, it's easy to make a weekend trip of it. You won't lack for inspiration or *food*. The largest of the gulf islands, Salt Spring is home to numerous farms which serve up freshly-baked goods, sumptuous wines and perfectly-aged cheeses. Pop over on a Saturday for the famous farmer's market, you may find yourself sampling arugula alongside Raffi, the internationally famous children's singer.

New Westminster has transformed in the past decade, with more than \$100-million in improvements, including a park that has revitalized the waterfront, which connects to the River Market by a boardwalk along the Fraser River. And with this, have come the artists. With over 50 participants, the New Westminster Cultural Crawl is one of the largest studio tours in the province. Hop the Skytrain for a short 20 minute ride from downtown Vancouver, and enjoy the new boutiques, galleries and waterfront in British Columbia's historical capital.

Lake Country ArtWalk, the largest of its kind in the BC interior, showcases original works of art and live performances created by visual and performing artists living in the Okanagan Valley. More than 300 artists of all media are exhibiting over 3000 original works of art. The event plays host to over 7000 visitors. Be sure to count yourself in this summer!

Have fun exploring the province these warm spring and summer months and be sure to [follow us on Twitter](#) and Instagram. With 30K followers and daily updates on happenings around the province, we are *your definitive cultural guide to British Columbia*.

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Believing that arts and culture is an industry working hand-in-glove with tourism, Trudy Van Dop founded the Guide in 1999 and continues to wear pretty much every hat imaginable.

Inspired by a supercultural province, back-dropped by unmatched beauty, BC's Guide to Arts and Culture exists to promote the rich cultural uniqueness of British Columbia. Through vibrant partnerships with over 1,000 community-based arts and cultural destinations, we aim to maximize the economic impact of cultural tourism throughout British Columbia by inspiring residents and drawing tourists from around the world.

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