

CURATED COMMUNITY

BC'S GUIDE TO ARTS & CULTURE



LETTER

from the publisher

Summer is in full swing, markets, festivals, road trips, seaside bliss, whatever your pleasure this season is brimming with activity and the making of memories.

We all remember fondly summers come and gone, sunsets, the smell of warm blooms in the evening, the dewy smell of early mornings - memories we revisit each summer again and again.

I believe in the art of making memories. Taking time to slow down, exploring the essence of a community and taking in all the riches of culture built by the art, heritage and creativity of the place.

The 16th Edition of BC's Guide to Arts + Culture showcases communities across our province and the unique experiences they have to offer. It's an invaluable tool to have with you in your wanderings, whether you're on a roadtrip to someplace new or visiting your favourite summer destination, use the guide to discover something unforgettable.

This month's newsletter features the creative community of Richmond. We love to take a seaside stroll and view some public art in one of the city's many surrounding waterfront parks, or explore the quaint and historic Steveston for an afternoon. Read on and be inspired to explore Richmond's bright and dynamic arts and cultural scene.

All the Best !



Richmond is a coastal city Vancouver Coast and Mountains North Western shores at the mouth of the mighty Fraser River. The area is comprised of eight distinct communities located in this coastal peninsula.

Take a day trip to historic **Steveston**, a picturesque village famous for its charm and historical significance. Take a lovely stroll along the river and explore the quaint village centre. Visit the **Gulf of Georgia Cannery** for a trip back in time through the expertly maintained museum site. **Britannia Heritage Shipyard** is another must see visual compendium of the area's past as Canada's most prominent fishing village.



Throughout the city of Richmond, the culturally curious will discover a rich cultural diversity. There is so much to see and do, from events and festivals like the **Richmond Maritime Festival**, and the **Salmon Festival**, to cultural centres, galleries, historic sites, museums and more.

In this issue of the *Curated Community* we're taking you on a tour through the city's must see, and must do experiences with our guide Shaun Dacey, Director of the Richmond Art Gallery. Read along to discover expert recommendations and an insider's take on what's unique about Richmond's cultural footprint. Wherever your cultural curiosity takes you, you'll make memories and discover something new when you explore the city of Richmond.

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Interview July, 2017
Kahla Yzerman

In our search for authentic cultural experiences, we like to check in with influential locals in communities across BC.

To uncover a bit about the local arts and cultural scene in Richmond, we turned to **Richmond Art Gallery** director, **Shaun Dacey**.

VD: What do you love about your community?

SD: I love Richmond's frenetic energy. It is an emerging city informed by integral indigenous, immigrant and colonial histories, while also being a bustling contemporary site, connected to a dynamic range of international communities. The food culture here is awesome too!



VD: Introduce us to a local artist, what's their story?
[Pierre Vassura](#) is a local artist we are presenting an exhibition of in 2018. He's a prolific maker in his 80s originally from Italy. His work is bold, colourful and graphic, linking everything from Italian folklore to Indonesian design.

VD: What is a uniquely Richmond experience we shouldn't miss this summer?

Richmond World Festival during the labour day weekend really represents what Richmond is. It celebrates the city's cultural diversity through music, food, sport and art from around the world. The event features over 75 artists on the festival's nine stages. And ever popular FEASTival of Flavours with over 50 of the region's best food.



VD: Take us on a cultural walk through a Richmond neighbourhood (think local stops, must see public art pieces, artist studios, galleries, etc.)

SD: Richmond Centre is what I know best. The art gallery is located in the Richmond Cultural Centre what I would consider the central hub for the arts in Richmond. It's a one stop shop for everything Cultural. Within the building you'll find artists' studio spaces, the Art Centre and Media Lab for classes and workshops, and the Richmond Museum. The Richmond Centre community is becoming a hub for the arts with new galleries popping up. Two new spots include Lipont Place and Plaza Projects both connecting with the local Chinese and Asian community of artists. Surrounding all of this is an amazing strip of restaurants on #3 Road, affectionately known as 'the dumpling highway'. Walk in to any and it's a delicious sure bet.

VD: Each community has a unique cultural footprint. What is Richmond's cultural vision?

Speaking for myself, I see Richmond's cultural vision as bridging connections across cultural difference. The city represents an ever growing community of newly immigrated people as well as multi-generational Canadians. Core to what I do at the gallery is creating opportunities for our diverse publics to meet and share their experiences and creativity.



EXPLORE: RICHMOND PUBLIC ART

With much emphasis placed on a strong community Public Art program, Richmond is home to some of the most engaging and renowned public art in the Greater Vancouver Area. Take a self-guided tour of the city's public art pieces.

RICHMOND PUBLIC ART GUIDE

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