

## WEEKLY ARTS DIGEST

BC's Best  
Festivals & Events  
Aug 2019



British Columbia festivals and events are as diverse as its geography and residents. Here are some of the upcoming events which reflect a cornucopia of genres and interests that excite residents and visitors alike.

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### Aug 10 - 11 | New West Cultural Crawl

The New West Cultural Crawl is a two-day visual arts and cultural festival that celebrates and presents New Westminster's creative character and diversity. A cultural experience that exists throughout the city's neighbourhoods. This two-day event on August 10th & 11th will include open studios where local artists feature their work and their creative process. Look for special events and live paint-ins at popular arts, culture



### Aug 16 - 18 | Robson Valley Music Festival

Robson Valley Music Festival is a 3 day family oriented celebration on music, art and community. Artists from all over B.C., Canada and the World are presented in this diverse and culturally rich event. There are two stages in main performance area, creating a continual flow of music. A busy kids zone, is complete with a stage for children's acts, a playground, and workshops offered in art, dance and music for

and heritage destinations around the city. Join us as the festivities begin on Friday, August 9th, with a wine and cheese party (cash bar) from 6pm–9pm at 100 Braid Street Studios.

[Experience a Culture Crawl](#)



### **Aug 16 - 18 | Pender Harbour Chamber Music Festival**

The Pender Harbour Chamber Music Festival is marking their 15th anniversary by commissioning a composition by Toronto musician and composer Graham Campbell; the piece will be premiered during the Saturday afternoon concert, performed by the New Zealand String Quartet. The programme will present a weekend brimming with fine music from an arrangement of George Gershwin's iconic "Rhapsody in Blue", to Mozart, Brahms, and Mendelssohn, as well as Shostakovich, Janáček, and much more. Truly a festival to note.

[Enjoy the Music](#)

all ages throughout the weekend. A workshop tent is full of dance, music, songwriting and collaborated performances from artists during the daytime.

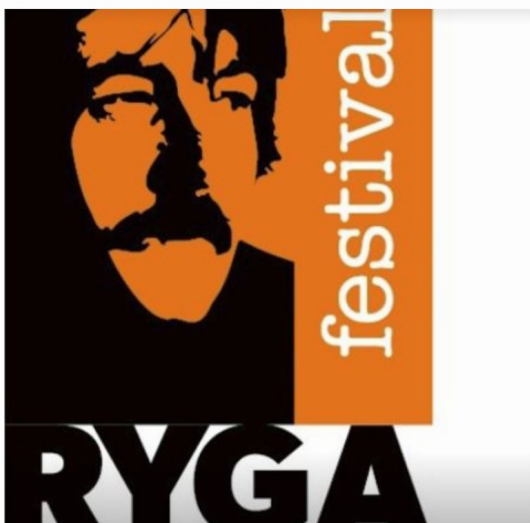
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### **Aug 24 | Steveston Dragon Boat Festival | Richmond**

Close out your summer at one of BC's biggest dragon boat festivals while enjoying a day on the shores of the Fraser River. Steveston comes alive as an estimated 2,000 paddlers and 20,000 festival-goers converge for one of BC's biggest dragon boat races and one of Richmond's most popular community festivals. Enjoy dragon boat races, live music, vibrant visual arts, entertainment, children's activities, and culinary offerings. Races run from 9am-5pm with festival activities and programming beginning at 10:00am. **FREE ADMISSION!**

[Race to the Festival](#)



**Aug 24 - Sept 1 | Ryga Arts Festival |  
Summerland**

The Ryga Arts Festival is a diverse multi-day celebration of arts and culture in the Okanagan, inspired by influential Canadian playwright and author George Ryga. Bringing together professional and local artists, it features concerts, workshops, spoken word, author readings, visual arts, theatre, and more.

Among this year's highlights is Interweaving, a unique concert that explores the connection between traditional Haida music and jazz. Visit <http://www.rygafest.ca/> for tickets and to see the full schedule.

[Learn about George Ryga](#)



**Aug 30 - Sept 1 | Cultivate Festival |  
Gabriola Island**

CULTIVATE is Gabriola Islands' new festival of Theatre, Music, Art, and genre-bending performance. Our goal is to bring together local and off-island performers in a common space where we can share celebration, wonder, and reflection, and build a culture of inclusion through artistic experiences. Cultivate is a festival for everyone who loves Gabriola Island. It's our offering to all generations and all walks of life. This festival belongs to, and is an expression of, the people of this island. We invite you to join us in the growing, organic process of this festival, and to make it yours. We invite you to come together. There is no festival and community without you.

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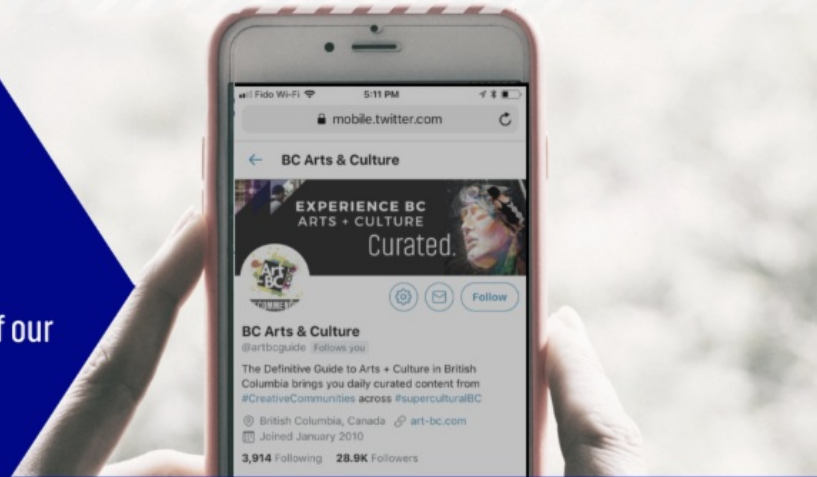


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