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JULY 2020

VIRTUAL FESTIVALS



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BC's Festivals are an awesome part of summer. They're wonderful occasions to hear incredible music, share thoughts, celebrate the arts, eat great food, meet friends, be part of a crowd and get caught up in the spirit of the event.

While we can't hit the festivals this year, we can enjoy the party from our own homes. It's a disappointment but this virtual shift can have major benefits:

- -No huge bathroom lineups
- -You can get your food delivered
- -No need to pull out ID at your beer garden
- -In the unlikely event you somehow get covered in mud, a warm shower is close by
- -Your odds of getting lost are extremely low

Not only can we enjoy the above perks when festing from home, but we also get to celebrate these amazing artistic talents, all while supporting the many incredible organizations that make them happen. BC Festivals are a treasure. Our virtual support is also your ticket to an fabulous summer and fall festival season!

**FOLK AT HOME 2020** 

#### July 24-26, 2020

This virtual version of the 33rd Annual Mission Folk Music Festival will broadcast music, stories, songs, and pictures each evening from 7-9pm, profiling musicians from across Canada, along with a few cool cameos peppered throughout the event. You can support The Mission Folk Music Festival through donations or by purchasing 2020 Folk at Home merchandise from their website. Check out the Mission Folk Music fest website and social media for more event details. Time to get ready to dance like nobody's watching!



### ARTSWELLS VIRTUAL SHOWS

July 29 & August 5, 2020

ArtsWells, an annual pilgrimage for many across BC, is known as the Festival of All Things Arts, sharing music, dance, performance, plus visual and literary arts through a culture of celebration and collaboration. The spirit of ArtsWells will be channelled into two evenings this summer, taking place on July 29th and August 5th, broadcast on Facebook Live and the ArtsWells YouTube channel. To support the future of ArtsWells, please consider donating to Island Mountain Arts.

# SALMON ARM ROOTS & BLUES FESTIVAL August 14-16, 2020

In its 27th year, this popular festival is the #1 outdoor music event in the BC Interior. As such, its migration to a virtual platform is welcome news to music lovers across the province. Best known for presenting one of the most eclectic of musical line-ups in the country, the event has traditionally featured 40+ musical acts. The experience will include 2 hours of programming each night and will be accessible for free to everyone, across all 140 Black Press Media websites. Visit their site for more details.



RYGA ARTS FESTIVAL August 15-23, 2020



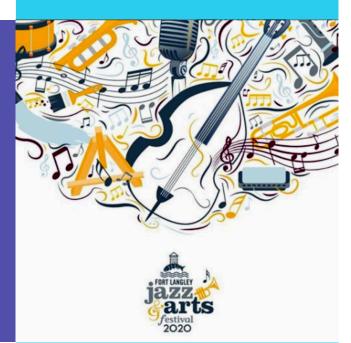
The legacy of author and playwright George Ryga is celebrated each year during this Summerland festival, profiling written and spoken word, theatre, music and workshops across the artistic spectrum. This year's festival represents a collection of online and in-person events, either ticketed or by donation. This year's event features many performances, including music by blues legend Jim Byrnes and jazz combo Le Mo Nay. The Grassroots Activism in the Global Village symposium also looks at George Ryga's work, discussing whether artistry is inherently political.

MARIN PATENUDE & COLE SCHMIDT • PRIMARY COLOURS KITCHEN PARTY CABARET HOSTED BY DAVID SEREDA AUTHORS: ANNE MICHAELS • JEAN TEILLET • GERRY WILLIAM MICHAEL V. SMITH • FRANCES GREENSLADE • SHARON THESEN

IGHT DESK BY GEORGE RYGA (ADAPTATION BY HEATHER DAVIES) ONLINE READI SHORT PLAY COMPETITION READINGS

#### **FORT LANGLEY JAZZ & ARTS FESTIVAL September 4-6, 2020**

When the world isn't able to come to Fort Langley, Fort Langley brings itself to the World! The festival team are working hard to finalize and announce this year's lineup and details for their online celebration. This year, a virtual artwalk of Fort Langley galleries and artist studios continues to highlight the rich artistic culture of this beloved community. Be sure to stay tuned to their website and social media for announcements.





#### **BC CULTURE DAYS** September 25-October 25, 2020

As part of the national Culture Days Celebration, this year's event has been extended to be a month-long celebration of arts and culture across the country. Each year, municipalities across the province organize events in celebration of arts and communities. This year's events will have unique ways to celebrate the arts safely. Stay tuned to the Culture Days social media for more info on what is happening. Also, be sure to visit their website to find out more about the 2020 BC Culture Days Ambassadors and their work across BC.



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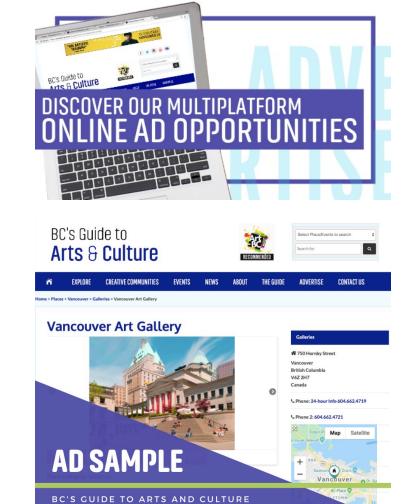








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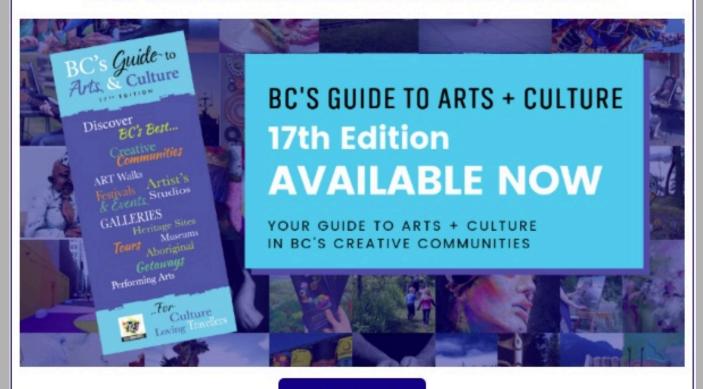
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