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BC's Guide to Arts & Culture



weekly BC ARTS + CULTURE digest

Discover BC Festivals & Events

BC arts festivals are back! Explore local arts, music & culture at a variety of festivals offered this summer. Tour art galleries, discover newly painted murals, dance to live music & celebrate BC's vibrant cultural community.



Nelson International Mural Festival

The Nelson and District Arts Council is excited to present the fourth Nelson International Mural Festival happening **August 13th-15th, 2021** throughout Nelson, BC (or online)!

Cultural vibrancy in Nelson continues to flourish under the festival's engagement of **street artists, muralists, creators, and art enthusiasts** joining the festival from the local, national, and international

Columbia Basin Culture Tour

Explore artists' studios, museums, art galleries and heritage sites **August 7 & 8th** - through this free, self-guided tour within the **Columbia Basin**. Meet artists, shop for fine art and craft, view demonstrations, special exhibitions, interpretive displays or chat with local historians during this day-long cultural celebration!

Self-directed and free of charge, the culture tour is a unique opportunity to meet people behind the scenes at galleries, museums, studios and venues not normally open.



Queer Arts Festival | Dispersed

Queer Arts Festival (QAF) is returning for 2021 with **Dispersed – it's not easy being green**, opening July 24, to **August 13, 2021**.

After a digital-only festival last year, the easing of COVID restrictions allows Vancouver's premiere artist-run festival to return for its first **hybrid format festival**. For its 13th year, QAF 2021 Dispersed: it's not easy being green, runs July 24 – August 13, 2021, presenting a suite of **visual art, performance, music, literary and workshop events** in a dispersed format across the Lower Mainland.

Ryga Arts Festival

Summerland's Ryga Arts Festival is a multi-day arts festival **August 14 to 22nd** featuring **live music, play readings and artistic workshops, symposiums, and more** – all with a connection to – or that are inspired by – internationally performed Canadian playwright, novelist, poet, and Summerland resident **George Ryga**.

The Ryga household was always full of music, discussions, poetry and theatre, and the love of language, learning, and expression – and the Ryga Festival continues that tradition.

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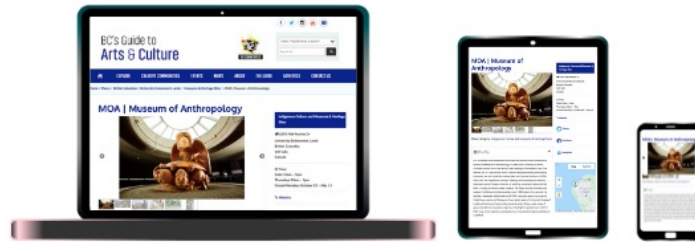
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For over twenty years **Van Dop and Associates** has been an industry leader in empowering the artists, producers and keepers of Arts, Culture and Heritage in BC to stay connected with an authentic and engaged audience.

We advocate for economic strength in the cultural sector through strategic, curated, community marketing partnerships with local tourism, arts and cultural organizations, other major stakeholders and the people cultivating, creating and preserving local culture.