



Many Cultures, Many Languages, One Celebration
May is Asian Heritage Month in Canada
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THE VANCOUVER ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH SOCIETY
&
SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
Opening of Asian Heritage Month & *explorASIAN 2016*
10:00 am – Saturday, April 16, 2016
Djavad Mowafaghian World Art Centre
Simon Fraser University
149 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

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Reception desk opens 9:30 am

Opening Act: Overview of *explorASIAN 2016* & 20th Anniversary of VAHMS
explorASIAN Theme Song – Vince Mai, Eileen Kage & Noriko Kobayashi
“O Canada” & Performance – Orchid Ensemble, performer of the 2016 Sound of Dragon
Music Festival

Welcome & Greetings

First nations Welcome – Elder Larry Grant, Musqueam Nation
Canada – Hon. Dr. Hedy Fry, Chair House of Commons Committee on Canadian Heritage
Province of BC - The Hon. Andrew Wilkinson, Min. of Advanced Education
City of Vancouver & Proclamation – Acting Mayor Raymond Louie
Japanese-Canadian Culture – Lorene Oikawa, President, Greater Vancouver Japanese
Canadian Citizens’ Association
Performance – Yuriko Nariya & Sachiko Katz with Dr. Jan Walls - Koto & Poetry
“Following the Silk Routes and Beyond in Vancouver” – Leticia Sanchez, Curator &
Generation One chair
Simon Fraser University – Dr. Laurie Anderson, Executive Director SFU Vancouver
Simon Fraser University – Dr. Paul Crowe, Associate Professor Dept. of Humanities
& Asia-Canada Program
Board of VAHMS – Ken McAteer, President

Closing Act: A Taste of *explorASIAN 2016*

Dance Performance – Dongmei – Silk Routes, XinJiang & Yughur: “Jula” Dance
Recognition: MP’s, MLA’s, Councillors, Co-Sponsors, Honorary Guests, Media Sponsors,
Artists, VAHMS Directors & Advisors and SFU Volunteers

Display: Generation One, Chair Leticia Sanchez. “Following the Silk Routes and Beyond in
Vancouver”, curated by Leticia Sanchez, and Original paintings “Teaser 2016” by Generation One
Artists, coordinated by Esmie Gayo McLaren.

11:30 am Refreshments, Photo Opportunities & Interviews by Media

MC’s: Margaret Gallagher & Bob Sung



Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society

*Our vision is to build a community where Asian arts, cultures and contributions are lived, shared
and celebrated as part of the harmonious diversity of Canada.*