

explorASIAN Festival 2022:

Celebration of Pan-Asian Canadian Arts and Culture, May 1 – May 31

Vancouver, BC – March 28th, 2022 – The Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society (VAHMS) is pleased to announce its highly anticipated explorASIAN Festival 2022 from May 1st to 31st, 2022. explorASIAN is VAHMS' signature project and an annual Metro-Vancouver festival that has been showcasing pan-Asian Canadian arts and culture since 1996.

Download: [explorASIAN 2022 Program](#)

This year, explorASIAN programming continues to highlight the great achievements and contributions of Canadians of Asian descent in the arts and culture scene, with expanded programming that reflects pressing issues facing Asian Canadian communities in Metro-Vancouver and further. The festival has over 60 in person, virtual, and live stream events. Highlights from the festival include:

[explorASIAN Opening Ceremony](#) – April 30th, 10am-12pm – SFU Harbour Centre, Joseph & Rosalie Segal Centre

In person opening of explorASIAN Festival and Asian Heritage Month. Includes a reception, speeches by esteemed guests, an exhibition of art from VAHMS' Interconnected Artist Spotlight Series, and live performances by Luka Kawabata, Kage & Noriko Kim Kobayashi, Gamelan Tekanan Suara, Mozaico Flamenco, and Arkai. Space is limited, register early.

[National Canadian Film Day Virtual Double Feature](#) – April 20th, 10am – April 22nd, 10am – Online

In collaboration with Reel Canada, a 2-day virtual screening of two Independent Canadian Films: “The Body Remembers When the World Broke Open” and “The Breadwinner.”

[Then and Now](#) – May 2nd, 6pm-7pm – Zoom

In partnership with the Canadian Armed Forces and the Department of National Defence, this panel discussion looks at the experiences of Asian Canadian members from British Columbia who have served or currently serve in the Canadian Armed Forces.

[Vancouver Chinatown Walkabout](#) – May 11th, 7pm-8:30pm – Zoom

Led by three past presidents of the Chinese Canadian Historical Society of BC who collectively have over 100 years of Chinatown involvement, this virtual walking tour will be framed on the Vancouver Heritage Foundation Chinatown Guide.

[Stronger Together: Exploring the U.S. and Canada's Shared Asian Heritage](#) – May 13th, 11am – Zoom

explorASIAN and the U.S. Consulate General in Vancouver to bring together trailblazing Asian Americans and Asian Canadians to discuss their journeys in the fields of space, diplomacy and acting.



VAHMS Community Awards Celebration – May 21st, 6pm-9pm – PAL Studio Theatre

In person celebration to wrap up this year’s explorASIAN Festival and recognize those who contribute to the appreciation of Asian-Canadian arts and culture. Party to include hors d’oeuvre and bar, dance performance by Co.ERASGA, Silent Auction (TBD), and fundraising to support senior artists.

On the Move: 2nd National Showcase – May 28th, 5pm – Zoom

In collaboration with Festival Accès Asie (Montréal), Asian Heritage Society of Manitoba, and VAHMS, this showcase will present Asian Canadian artists, followed by a discussion period with the artists.

The Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society (VAHMS) is a registered secular non-profit organization with year-round programming in the arts and culture scene. Its mission is to foster, promote and celebrate the arts and cultural diversity that Asian-Canadian communities bring to Canadian society. VAHMS’ signature project, **explorASIAN**, is an annual Metro-Vancouver festival showcasing pan-Asian Canadian arts and culture during Asian Heritage Month in May.

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