



THE 2018 VANCOUVER CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL



俳句大会

HAIKU INVITATIONAL

MARCH 1 - JUNE 1

Online

Now accepting submissions beginning March 1 to June 1. Presented by Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel Ltd.

Top poems in six main categories (Vancouver, BC, Canada, United States, International and Youth) will receive celebrity readings and be featured in creative ways during the 2018 festival including publication in The Bulletin magazine, Haiku Canada newsletter, online publication in the newsletter of the Haiku Society of America, printing in a chapbook hand-folded and bound by Victoria-based Leaf Press and publication on the VCBF website.

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SPRING LIGHTS ILLUMINATION

APRIL 14, dusk ~ 10:00pm

FREE Event

@Queen Elizabeth Park

トゥリー・トーク&ウォーク

TREE TALKS & WALKS

Starting MARCH 30

FREE Event

@Vancouver Parks & Green Spaces

バイク・ザ・ブロッサム

BIKE THE BLOSSOMS

APRIL 28, 11:00am ~ 1:00pm

FREE Event

@South side of John Hendry Park

BCブロッサム・フォトウォッチ

BC BLOSSOM PHOTO WATCH

APRIL 3-29, 2018

FREE Event

@Twitter, Facebook and Instagram



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チェリージャム・ダウンタウン・コンサート

VANCOUVER SINGS ONE SONG

Tuesday, APRIL 3

6:30pm ~ 9:30pm

@Christ Church Cathedral

MORE THAN 400 SINGERS EXPECTED FOR FIRST PERFORMANCE OF NEW OFFICIAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL SONG AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Spring coming soon with Festival banners now lining Burrard Street Bridge.

After 12 years of celebrating Vancouver's 43,000 ornamental cherry trees with hundreds of community events and cultural performances, the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival (VCBF) now has its very own official festival song, "Cherry Blossoms For You & Me", written by JUNO award winning artist Tom Landa and Robin Layne. To celebrate the blossoms, VCBF is inviting singers from across the Lower Mainland to be a part of its first public performance at a Christ Church Cathedral event on April 3rd (6:30-9:30pm) called Vancouver Sings one Song.

More than 300 singers from more than 30 choirs have already signed up for the free choral event, which will be co-presented by the Canadian Music Centre and led by accomplished choral director Kathryn Nicholson and her vocal ensemble Sound Eclectic. Nicholson will teach four songs that will be sung in unison to welcome the arrival of the beloved cherry blossoms to the Lower Mainland: "Cherry Blossoms For You & Me", Beethoven's Ode to Joy, the Navajo chant Now I walk in Beauty and the Japanese folk song Sakura Sakura.



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チェリージャム・ダウンタウン・コンサート

CHERRY JAM DOWNTOWN CONCERT

Thursday, APRIL 5

12:00pm ~ 1:30pm

FREE Event

@Burrard Skytrain station indoor concourse, 635 Burrard St, Vancouver, BC V6C 3L1

The 12th annual Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival kicks off the season with a noon-hour concert in the downtown core featuring local talent and memorable performances. Come soak in the festive atmosphere with performances of Vancouver Sings One Song directed by Kathryn Nicholson with our host choir, Sound Eclectic, a spectacular Vancouver Chinese Music Ensemble collaboration with Chinese er-hu paired with tap dance, Tetsu Taiko and shamisen collaboration with Alvin Ramos, and readings of the 2017 Haiku Invitational winning poems, under Burrard Station's famed cherry blossom canopy.



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APRIL 3-APRIL 29, 2018

バンクーバーにある37,000本以上日本の桜の開花と共に、桜祭りが開催される。俳句コンテスト、お祭り、写真コンテストやコンサート、お花見など桜三昧。また、今年は日本から和太鼓と津軽三味線のスペシャルパフォーマーも登場！その他いろんなイベントが盛りだくさん！バンクーバーの春を思いっきり楽しもう。



Sakura Days Japan Fair

桜デイズ・ジャパンフェア

SAKURA DAYS JAPAN FAIR

Sturday, APRIL 14 & Sunday, APRIL 15
14th: 11:00am ~ 7:00pm
15th: 11:00am ~ 5:00pm
@VanDusen Botanical Garden
5251 Oak Street at 37th, Vancouver, BC V6M 4H1

The festival is delighted to present Sakura Days Japan Fair presented by JTB International & Silkway Travel on the weekend of April 14 & 15! Experience the special ritual of the Japanese tea ceremony, culinary demonstrations, enjoy Japanese festival food, sample premium sake, guided Tree Talks and Walks to the cherry trees, and enjoy haiku readings. Experience Japan with hands-on workshops and try your hand at calligraphy, origami and other Japanese arts and crafts demonstrations.



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お花見 “ザ・ビッグ・ピクニック” THE BIG PICNIC

Saturday, APRIL 14
12:00pm ~ 3:00pm
@Queen Elizabeth Park
W 33rd Ave and Cambie

Join the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival's spring celebration by picnicking under Queen Elizabeth Park's iconic cherry blossom canopy! When you zip up on the Festival's free, interconnecting Petal Mats seating surrounded by some of the city's most beautiful cherry blossoms you're sure to make some new friends.



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サクラナイト・ギャラ SAKURA NIGHT GALA

Sunday, APRIL 22
Doors Open at 6:30pm
\$160 plus tax with a \$100 charitable tax receipt
@Stanley Park Pavilion
610 Pipeline Road, Vancouver, BC V6G 1Z4

Sakura Night celebrates Vancouver's top local restaurants through an exquisite evening of Asian-fusion flavours. Guests will also be able to taste the wonderful health-enhancing Gabaron tea, provided courtesy of Finlandia Healthcare. NEW this year, wine pairings, to be announced! Renowned mixologist Jay Jones, who oversees Vij's and Vij's Rangolis bar team, will add his talents to Sakura Night by creating a distinctly new cherry blossom cocktail experience to greet gala-goers.

Ticket sales end Wednesday, April 18 at midnight.



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