

SURREY ART SCENE AT A GLANCE

December 2018

PERFORMING | VISUAL | LITERARY ARTS LISTING

Comprehensive Listings For Shows, Workshops, Calls, Classes, Event, Exhibits and Community opportunities.

PERFORMING ARTS:

Workshops & Classes

BC Girls Choir: Zephyra Women's Choir – Accepting new members for a balanced 24 voice ensemble. Must be able to sight read and prepare independently for rehearsals. Rehearsals are on Mon evenings. rehearsalsfiona@fionablackburn.com | bcgirlschoir.org/why-join/zephyra-womens-choir

Come sing with us! **Peace Arch Chorus** is a women's a cappella Chorus which sings barbershop style harmony. We rehearse every Wed night at the Newton Cultural Centre, 7pm | Guests are welcome | peacearchsings.com

Dancing Tones Association: Dance classes designed for special needs kids of all abilities to develop current skills and learn new ones in a positive and fun environment. 778-877-4222 | facebook.com/dansingtones

Handel Society of Music: Producing fine choral performances while actively promoting the artistic development of young musicians. | handelsociety.ca

Lyric Singers of Surrey: Looking for experienced singers with an interest in performing serious classical and contemporary music. | lyricsingers.ca

Praise Theatre Ensemble & Arts Ministry: We provide an arena for artistic expression for youth while developing competence, self-discipline and self-confidence. | praiseteamstudio.com

South Asian Arts: Want to learn to play a South Asian instruments or some groovy dance steps? Take part in an exciting dance and musical journey and make some friends along the way. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to learn and practice! | southasianarts.ca

Surrey Arts Centre, 13750-88 Avenue. Get creative! Surrey Civic Theatres offers classes and day camps for children, youth, and adults. What can you register for? surrey.ca/theatre (Performing Arts Classes) or 604-501-5100

Surrey International Folk Dancing Society: Learn folk dances set to ethnic music from around the world in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Beginners welcome. Every Thursday, 7 – 9pm | surreyfolkdance.org

Westcoast Harmony Chorus: Welcoming new members at all experience levels. Rehearsals Wed 7:15 – 10:15pm | Parkland Community Church, 96 Ave & 160 St | westcoastsings.com

PERFORMING ARTS:

Shows

Arts Club presents: The Piano Teacher – Erin, a concert pianist, hasn't touched a piano since her husband died. As Elaine, a piano teacher, gently reacquaints Erin with her instrument, other life changes follow. A simple update to Erin's home, for instance, brings the unexpected companionship of a contractor, Tom. Dec 14 – 16 | Various locations | artsclub.com

Arts Umbrella's presents: Mixed Nuts – A classic holiday performance reinvented with a twist. Families and kids of all ages can enjoy AUDC's modern and engaging retelling of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker". Mixed Nuts is more than just a ballet with a variety of dance styles from hip-hop, to ballroom, to the classic grand pas-de-deux. Dec 8 – 10 | Vancouver Playhouse | artsumbrella.com

A Traditional Christmas with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra is hottest Christmas ticket in the Lower Mainland. Every performance in this beloved annual tradition sold out last year! Secure your tickets for a beautiful evening of heartwarming Christmas music and carols, hosted by the inimitable Christopher Gaze. Dec 18, 4pm & 7:30pm | Michael J Fox Theatre | vancouversymphony.ca

Blue Frog Studios: Uncle Wiggly's Tribute the Blues Songs of Christmas – This is not your usual Christmas Show with the standard Carols. This show is a collection of traditional Blues Christmas Tunes from the 20's to the 60's by the likes of Louis Jordan, Big Joe Turner, BB King, Eric Clapton, Charles, Etta James and many more. 19+ | Dec 9, 7pm | bluefrogstudios.ca

Maple Leaf Singers: Enjoy Christmas with the Maple Leaf Singers. Bake Sale and 50/50, Tickets \$15 | Dec 15 at 2pm | Cliff Avenue United Church, 1600 Cliff Avenue, Burnaby | 778-245-4445

Elektra: When the Spring is Born – Experience the richness of choral music by women composers and arrangers as Elektra celebrates International Women's Day 2019. Named for a line from Joni Mitchell's Little Green, this concert offers outstanding performances of compositions and arrangements from Canada and around the world. Words and music come together in Elektra's award-winning sound as the choir performs music by Abbie Betinis, Maija Einfelde, Kate MacColl, Joni Mitchell, Marie-Claire Saindon, and more. Mar 9, 7:30pm | visit website for locations | elektra.ca

Goh Ballet: The Nutcracker – Experience Clara's dream come to life as she embarks on a magical journey through the Land of Snow to the Kingdom of Sweets where she is greeted by the enchanting Sugar Plum Fairy. This heart-warming production is sure to delight audiences of all ages with more than 200 glittering costumes, dramatic sets and valuable lessons – all danced to Tchaikovsky's memorable score performed live by members of the Vancouver Opera Orchestra. Dec 21 – 23 | Queen Elizabeth Theatre | gohnutcracker.com

Royal Canadian Theatre Company: Hansel, Gretel & The Strolling Players – A traditional British Panto by Ellie King. The apple crop has failed for the past five years, a disaster for the famous strudel makers of the little village of Unterstrudel. But the Strolling Players have come to lighten the mood, and now love is in the air? But what's this? Young Hansel and Gretel are in terrible danger from their father's fiancée who is scheming to kidnap them for her own nefarious ends. And nothing attracts youngsters like a Gingerbread House full of candy. Who can save them from a terrible fate? Dec 21 – Jan 5 | rctheatreco.com

Surrey Civic Theatres: Main Stage and Studio Theatre at Surrey Arts Centre, and Centre Stage at Surrey City Hall. Tickets Online: tickets.surrey.ca | Box Office: 604-501-5566. Event Info: surrey.ca/theatre. Sign up for ENews & Updates: surrey.ca/enews

Surrey Little Theatre: Night Watch – A woman sees a dead body in the window of the abandoned building across the way from her home. Her husband tries to comfort her but believes she is still affected by an earlier tragedy. As a detective begins to investigate her close friend, the housekeeper, and rather sinister neighbor all contribute to the deepening mystery. Jan 24 - Feb 23 | surreylittletheatre.com

The Comic Strippers is a male stripper parody and improv comedy show for all genders, 19+ ONLY WARNING! No extreme nudity, just extreme hilarity. A fictitious male stripper troupe (played by a cast of some of Canada's best improvisational comedians) performs a sexylarious improv comedy show. These guys try to be sexy... it just comes out funny. Jan 25, 8 - 10pm | Bell Performing Arts Centre | bellperformingartscentre.com

White Rock Players' Club: Robin Hood and the Skytrain of Doom (Panto) – The day before Robin Hood is to marry Maid Marion, the evil Sheriff of Nottingham hatches a scheme that would level Sherwood Forest to make way for a new Skytrain expansion. Robin and his Merry Men, along with the minstrel-fairy Alana Dale, must stop the Sheriff's plan. Will good triumph over evil? And how do The Beatles fit into all of this? Dec 5 – 29 | whiterockplayers.ca

VISUAL ARTS:

Call for Entry

Burnaby Arts Council: 2019 Call for Luminescence IV - The Burnaby Arts Council would like to bring together a group of artists that showcases a dazzling array of light-based artworks. Celebrating the March 17th Equinox. We invite visual artists working in all media including painting, photography, mixed media, sculpture, ceramics, wood, metal work and installation work to submit a piece. Works submitted can be INDOOR or OUTDOOR. Entry Deadline is Jan 16, 4pm, Chosen Artists will be notified by Feb 9 | burnabyartscouncil.org

The Salt Spring National Art Prize (SSNAP) – The intent of SSNAP is to encourage artists whose practice demonstrates originality, quality, integrity and creativity—resulting in significant work with visual impact and depth of meaning. Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada who are eighteen years of age and older as of Jan 1, 2018 are invited to submit their two-dimensional and three-dimensional work for consideration. Approximately 50 finalists will be selected by an independent jury from across Canada to participate in the Finalists' Exhibition on Salt Spring Island. Submissions open Jan 10 | saltspringartprize.ca

Surrey Art Gallery: Welcomes proposals from artists and guest curators. Your package will be acknowledged when received. surrey.ca/artgallery

VISUAL ARTS:

Workshops & Classes

Arts Umbrella: Graphic Novel & Comics Creation – Turn a blank page into your own graphic novel. Teens create a graphic novel from scratch, learning about character design, scriptwriting, drawing technique, and composition. Using pencils, paper, and brush pens to draw, students scan their completed work to print a unique creation! Ages 13 – 19 | \$325 | Mondays Jan 7 – Mar 11, 6 – 8pm | ca.apm.activecommunities.com

Crescent Beach Photography Club: “A good photograph is one that communicates a fact, touches the heart, and leaves the viewer a changed person for having seen it.” Irving Penn. If photography piques your interest, this group may be a perfect fit! | cbpc.ca

New Media Gallery STEAM: Prototype with Little Bits! – Whether you are an emerging maker, or someone looking for a faster more creative way to build you will love this workshop. Adults and Kids alike will find this workshop challenging and fun. We will explore sensors, switches and motors as we use our imagination to create a collaborative artwork out of cardboard and rubber bands. Create your own unique lighting, beeping, moving artwork or invention! Jan 19, 10 – 1pm | newmediagallery.ca

Opus Art Supplies: Workshop featuring **Linda Jones**, *Cold Wax and Oil* | Dec 1 | **Tony O’Regan**, *Winter Scenes in Acrylic Workshop* | Dec 9 | Register: 604-533-0601 | opusartsupplies.com

South Surrey and White Rock Art Society: Confident Watercolour – Join Ian de Hoog and discover how brush, paint and paper selection play a role in setting you on a path to success. While creating paintings of a variety of subject matter, Ian will explain how these factors affect the planning and execution of what it is you are trying to paint. Wash techniques, brushwork, building value and the all-important topic of timing will be covered. Suitable for beginner to intermediate watercolour painters. Jan 19 – 20, 10 – 4pm | artsociety.ca

Surrey Art Gallery Explore your creative side by taking an art course, camp, or workshop! We offer studio introduction in a variety of media from introductory to advanced levels and for all age ranges: preschoolers, children, youth, and adults. Our instructors are experienced art educators and many are practicing artists. Call 604-501-5566 for more info or visit the Learning section of our website at surrey.ca/artgallery

VISUAL ARTS:

Events & Exhibits

Arts Council of Surrey: The art exhibit in December will feature **The ACS Christmas Card Art & Words Competition 2018** at the Newton Cultural Centre Gallery. Exhibition: Dec 1 – 15 | Reception: Dec 8, 1 – 3pm | Tue-Sun 10 - 3pm | 13530-72 Ave | 604-594-2700 | artscouncilofsurrey.ca

Christmas in the Village: a 3-day artisan fair with a Charles Dickens’ Christmas Carol theme that takes place indoors at the Fort Langley Community Hall at 9167 Glover Rd. Dec 14 – 16, 10 - 6pm | Admission by donation | facebook.com/ChristmasInTheVillageofFortLangley

Fall for Local Holiday Market: takes place indoors at the Pipe Shop in Shipbuilders' Square at 115 Victory Ship Way. The market features around 80 vendors. Dec 8 & 9, 11 - 5pm | fallforlocal.com

Got Craft Christmas market takes place this year at the Maritime Labour Centre at 1880 Triumph St in Vancouver. Dec 8 & 9, 10am - 5pm | gotcraft.com

Make it Show the handmade revolution. Features around 250 vendors and takes place at 2901 East Hastings Street at the PNE. Admission is \$4 plus fees online or \$8 at the door and children 12 and under are free. Dec 12 - 16, 2018 | makeitshow.ca/vancouver

Shipyards Christmas Market: features over 4 dozen vendors in the Pipe Shop at Shipbuilders' Square. Dec 15, 10 - 6pm & Dec 16, 10 - 5pm | northshoregreenmarkets.com

Surrey Art Gallery: Connecting Threads – Often associated with fashion or craft, textiles do not typically receive as much prominence in art museums as they deserve. Contemporary artists have long been creating astonishing works using fibre materials as a medium and exploring textiles as a subject. Running until Dec 16 | surrey.ca/artgallery

Surrey Rockhound Club: Creative Jewellers Guild of BC – Holiday Show & Sale at the Festival of Lights | Dec 8, 4 – 9:30pm | VanDusen Botanical Gardens | 5251 Oak Street, Vancouver

The Shift Handmade: Holiday Remix – Handmade products produced by people who love to create. Be sure to stop by and see one-of-a-kind products. Dec 1, 10 – 5pm | West Langley Hall 9400 208th St., Langley | shifthandmade.com

Ukrainian Cathedral Craft Fair: a free craft market at the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral at 154 East 10th St. It's a small and fairly typical "church craft fair event" with about two dozen or so vendors. Food is also available. Dec 15 | uocvancouver.com/christmas-craft-fair

LITERARY ARTS:

Alexandra Neighbourhood House: Lit Café – Bimonthly event, except summer, showcasing 4-5 local authors. Open mic follows for brief readings only. Admission by donation. 2916 McBride Avenue, Surrey | alexhouse.net

Cedar Bark Poets: Community-led poetry group affiliated with Friends of The Grove meets on 2nd Sat of each month. cedarbark@friendsofthegrove.ca

Poetic Justice Reading Series: Every Sunday (except holiday weekends and the month of December). Come early & sign up Open Mic. 3 – 5pm. The Heritage Grill, Back Room, 447 Columbia St. New Westminster | poeticjusticepnw@gmail.com

Sea to Sky Review: New online literary journal devoted to showcasing the best writing in British Columbia – specifically, in the Sea to Sky Corridor, now open for submission. Seatoskyreview.ca

Surrey Muse Gatherings: Each gathering features an author, poet, and a performer/artist at varying levels, followed by an open mic session. City Centre Library, Room 418, by donation | 4th Fri of every month except Dec, 5:30 – 8:30pm | surreymuse.wordpress.com

White Rock & Surrey Writers' Club Meets on the third Wed of most months at the White Rock Library, 15342 Buena Vista Ave. There is no meeting in December. Next Meeting: Jan 16, 7-9 pm | wrandswc@gmail.com

Word Whips by the Water: Writing to prompts and optional sharing. 1st Wed of each month, 6:30 – 8pm, year round. No cost | Second floor meeting room, White Rock Library, 15342 Buena Vista Ave, White Rock, BC

COMMUNITY:

Downtown Surrey BIA: Gingerbread Village – Attention all non-profits, charity, schools, university, college, community, service group, other. Here is your chance to create a gingerbread creation of a village, house, apartments, playground, etc. Entries will have a chance to win cash prizes, including a \$500 People's Choice Award that will be announced via social media. Gingerbread creations will be featured at Central City Shopping Centre Dec 8 -16. All donations raised will go toward the Surrey Christmas Bureau to help them support low-income families during the holidays. Entry Deadline: Nov 30 | Entry Delivery: Dec 7, 10 – 3pm | downtownsurreybia.com

Newton Cultural Centre: Offers rental space in our Black Box Theatre, Gallery and Conference Room. Suitable for workshops, classes, rehearsals, performances, etc. Drop by and check out our uniquely renovated fire hall. 13535-72 Ave | 604-594-2700 | artscouncilofsurrey.ca

Science World: The Science Behind Pixar – Take a peek into the Pixar process, and explore the science and technology behind some of your most beloved animated films and their characters with The Science Behind Pixar, presented locally by White Spot restaurants. This interactive exhibition showcases the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) concepts used by the artists and computer scientists who help bring Pixar's award-winning films to the big screen. Running until Jan 6 | scienceworld.ca

Stuart Farm: Pioneer Christmas – Celebrate a pioneer Christmas with seasonal decorations, live music, crafts and tasty treats. Dec 8, 11 - 3pm | 13723 Crescent Rd

Surrey International Lantern Festival: One mysterious event is being prepared in Cloverdale Millennium Amphitheatre Park. Something big is coming but we can't tell you about it just yet – it's still a secret. Nov 15 - Jan 6 | artoflights.org

Surrey Heritage Railway: Electric Express invites everyone to take a journey back in time to Cloverdale in the year of 1918 and visit Father Christmas's workshop. This is a theatrical experience for all the family. The Electric Express experience takes place in the station, where there is live music and carols, on a short train ride on our own track, followed by a visit to Father Christmas's workshop in the Car Barn. Be sure to dress warm for this event. Dec 8 - 9 | fvhrs.org

Titanic the Artifact Exhibition: The galleries in this fascinating exhibition put you inside the Titanic experience like never before. Featuring real artifacts recovered from the ocean floor along with room recreations and personal histories, each highlighting a different chapter in the compelling story of Titanic's maiden voyage. Open until Jan 11 | 4211 No.3 Road, Richmond | titanicvancouver.com