

COMPREHENSIVE ARTS LISTING | October 2021

PERFORMING ARTS:

Workshops & Classes

Aequitas Singers: welcomes new members, no audition necessary. We are an adult choir advocating for social justice through song and community. Virtual choir rehearsals are held Tuesday evenings from 7:30-8:30pm via Zoom. For Zoom invitation details please email: kiewing@telus.net | Aequitassingers.ca

Campbell River Art Gallery: Performers join us! Get featured on a new IGTV and YouTube mini-series! Theme: Tenderness. Open to Musicians, Poets, and Creatives 29 & under. More info and registration at tinyurl.com/tendernessatcrag | Ongoing until the end of November

Classic Steps Stage Productions: Specializing in Tap and Musical theatre for teens and adults, with instructor Carol Seitz. For more info and class schedule, email classicsteps@telus.net

Come sing with us! Peace Arch Chorus is a women's a cappella Chorus which sings barbershop style harmony. | peacearchsings.com

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

EJS School of Fine Arts: Offers Dance, Musical Theatre and Music Lessons & Classes. For all ages and levels. For further information about our programs, cost or performances please call 604-596-4883 or check out our website: ejsfinearts.com | ejsfinearts@hotmail.com

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

Langley Little Theatre: Surrey Little Theatre is now Langley Little Theatre. Please note, our 2020/2021 season is currently on hold. Further information will be posted when available. | langleylittletheatre.org

Lions Gate Chorus: Join us online for Zoom rehearsals every Tuesday. Workshops/Coaching 2022/2023 | lionsgatechorus.ca

Lyric Singers of Surrey: Looking for experienced singers with an interest in performing serious classical and contemporary music. | facebook.com/lyricsingersofsurrey/

Peace Arch Chorus: Join us for our online Rehearsal every Wednesday, 7 - 9pm | Please contact us via peacearchchorus@gmail.com for further information and the zoom link | peacearchsings.com

Place des Arts: Now offering online opportunities in the arts. New live classes and video series in visual and performing arts for you to experience from home. | 604-664-1636 | info@placedesarts.ca | placedesarts.ca

Sudnya Dance Academy: Learn to dance the vibrant rhythms, full of grace and expression in Bharata Natyam-Classical Dance of India. | All skill levels and ages 3+ are welcome to join | Newton Culture Centre | sudnyadanceacademy@gmail.com

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

Surrey International Folk Dancing Society: Hop on Zoom and join the fun with weekly dancers. Time for socializing and for dancing! Tune in as early as 6:30pm and dancing starts at 7pm. For next session date: surreyfolkdance.org

The British Columbia Girls Choir- Our program teaches vocal excellence, the value of teamwork and self-discipline. For further information: bcgirlschoir.org

The Maple Leaf Singers: invites you to join our dynamic show chorus. We perform a varied repertoire, including Broadway and movie musical numbers; gospel, folk, classical, and inspirational pieces; and swing, rock, and pop hits. Practices run Mondays, 7:30 –10pm at Burnaby Lake Pavilion | 778-245-4445 or joinus@mapleleafsingers.com | mapleleafsingers.com

Westcoast Harmony Chorus: Welcoming new members at all experience levels. | Rehearsals over Zoom, guests are welcome and encouraged to participate! You will get paired with one of their leaders so they can find the best spot for you in the Chorus | westcoastsings.com

PERFORMING ARTS:

Shows

Arts Club Theatre: We are excited to offer four audio plays in our new series *Listen to This*. Each entertaining, thought-provoking work is created by a Western Canadian playwright who is affiliated with our Emerging Playwrights' Unit or Silver Commissions Project | <https://artsclub.com/shows/2020-2021/audio-series/>

Blue Frog Studios: Live concerts with audiences as well as virtually live shows you can watch from home. For show times and to purchase a live ticket or virtual ticket, check out our website. For further info contact tickets@bluefrogstudios.ca | 1328 Johnston Road, White Rock | bluefrogstudios.ca

Boca Del Lupo Theatre: Plays2Perform@Home is an artfully crafted script Box Set of four plays written by four extraordinary playwrights meant to be performed by you and your bubble around the kitchen table, picnic blanket or campfire! Each Box Set contains copies of each script for each character and colour coded for ease of use (13 booklets in total) | <https://boca-del-lupo-theatre.square.site/>

Royal Canadian Theatre Company: Presents *Blithe Spirit* written by Noël Coward and directed by Kerri Norris. The comedy follows novelist Charles Condomine and his second wife Ruth as they are haunted by a past relationship when an eccentric medium inadvertently conjures up the ghost of his first wife, Elvira, at a séance | Surrey Art Centre Oct 21 – 24 (relaxed performance on the 24th) | Anvil Centre Oct 15 – 16 | <https://rctheatreco.com/buy-tickets/play-archive/blithe-spirit-2021/>

VISUAL ARTS:

Call for Entry

Abbotsford Arts Council: The AAC is seeking information-packed, relevant and engaging virtual/outdoor workshops for our membership in 2021. We welcome you to share your expertise, experience and passion with the local arts community. We encourage session presenters/hosts with diverse backgrounds, communities and lived experiences to apply. | abbotsfordscouncil.com

City of Surrey Archives: COVID-19 Collection Call! Help Tell Surrey's Story. We're looking for your help to keep Surrey's history alive through historical donations. If you have items to donate, please contact the Archivist | 604-502-6458 | archives@surrey.ca

Campbell River Art Gallery: Artists of all ages are invited to create and trade miniature works of art. Normally Artist Trading Cards (ATCs) are traded in person, but due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic the Campbell River Art Gallery will collect and distribute cards randomly between artists. This is a free program open to all. | Submission Deadline: 5:00pm November 27, 2021. | <https://crartgallery.ca/events/#!event/2021/11/27/artist-trading-cards>

Federation of Canadian Artists: 2021 Ten Squared Exhibition - All artists living in Canada are invited to submit artworks in any subject and style for the Federation's annual fundraising exhibition. Submissions must be on a substrate that is exactly 10" x 10" and at least 1 ½" thick. | Submission Deadline: Oct 15 | artists.ca

Fleetwood Public Library: Call for Artists – Free display space for BC artists | 604-598-7346 | Croberts@surrey.ca

Mind and Matter Gallery: Call for Artists – Artists are invited to submit their creations to be a part of the rotating monthly displays. To apply provide a biography as well as a few photos of the art to be displayed. | 604-536-6460 | mary@mindandmatterart.com

Port Moody Arts Centre: The gallery accepts exhibition proposals year-round, from groups and individuals in all media and subject matter. Proposals are reviewed twice per year by the Port Moody Arts Centre Gallery Committee. For further details: pomoarts.ca | 604-931-2008

Surrey Art Gallery: Welcomes proposals from artists and guest curators. Your package will be acknowledged when received. Check the gallery website for limited hours of operation | surrey.ca/artgallery

VISUAL ARTS:

Workshops & Classes

EJS School of Fine Arts: provides students of all ages with the opportunity to explore the visual arts by a hands-on approach to painting, drawing, sculpture, mixed media and more! For further info: 604-596-4883 or check out our website: ejsfinearts.com | ejsfinearts@hotmail.com

Fraser Valley Quilters Guild: brings the joy of quilting to the public by way of shows, displays, and demonstrations, as well as bringing ideas and learning experiences to the members through workshops, guest speakers, and demonstrations. For upcoming events check out our website: fvqg.org

Langley Arts Council: Free Art Critique - To register email admin@langleyarts.ca and ask to be added to the Art Critique Mailing List. Once on this list, you will be emailed instructions on how to join each critique during the week prior to the event. Last Monday of every month.

Langley Camera Club: Virtual Zoom meetings with 40 to 50 fellow photography enthusiasts. See their calendar on their website for scheduled meetings | langleycameraclub.ca

Marion McCristall Studio: In person abstract painting classes will be starting in October in Fort Langley. For information and registration, check out my website: marionmccristallstudio.com. Email: marionmccristall@gmail.com

Studio Seventy Three: Create a soap dish/sun catcher or a small dish/sun catcher at home! Our \$15 Take Home Kit includes everything you need to create your masterpiece. Finished product must be returned to our studio to be fused and then picked up once finished. | 778 - 565 - 5095 | studioseventythree.ca

Surrey Art Gallery: Explore your creative side by taking an art course, camp, or workshop! We offer studio instruction 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 also practicing artists. | Call 604-501-5566 for further info visit the learning section of our website at surrey.ca/artgallery

Surrey Photography Club: Check our website for competitions, demonstrations, meetings and ongoing events. Meetings are normally held at St. Helen's Anglican Church, 10787 128 St, Surrey | president.surreyphoto@gmail.com | surreyphotographyclub.com

VISUAL ARTS:

Events & Exhibits

Arts Council of Surrey: ACS Gallery features Bob Gunning *Summer Colours* and Helmut Gruntorad *Journey Around the Globe* | Oct 1 - 28. Open with restrictions | 604-594-2700 | artscouncilofsurrey.ca

Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art presents the Canadian premiere exhibition of *Sho Sho Esquiro: Doctrine of Discovery*. The solo exhibition by award-winning designer, artist, and activist Sho Sho Esquiro showcases meticulously crafted couture gowns, raw textiles, paintings and photographs to celebrate the beauty, strength and resilience of First Nations communities in the face of historical and ongoing trauma. Curated by Mirande Belarde-Lewis. | September 22, 2021–June 5, 2022 | www.billreidgallery.ca

Campbell River Art Gallery presents *Humour as Medicine* Oct 7 to Nov 27, 2021, featuring artists Sonny Assu (Ligwida'xwnjik), Lori Blondeau (Cree/Salteaux/Metis), Hjalmer Wenstob (Nuu-chah-nulth), and curated by Jenelle M. Pasiechnik. This group exhibition presents contemporary Indigenous art from the prairies and west coast that addresses how humour can be a powerful coping mechanism for trauma and emotional distress. | <https://crartgallery.ca/exhibitions/upcoming/>

Langley Arts Council presents *Eclectic Analogue Black & White: A duo exhibition* with artists Kel Bradner & Bob St-Cyr | Aug 28 - Oct 6 | Aldergrove Kinsmen Community Centre | langleyarts.ca

Richmond Arts Coalition: Artist Talk: My Creative Process with Julie Garcia Zoom Produced by TAGOR. Winnipeg fibre artist Julie Garcia creates fabric paintings inspired by the Canadian landscape and guided by the colours and textural detail found in nature. Julie will talk about her process and demonstrate some of her techniques. For more details and to register: <https://tagor.ca/2021/05/23/october-26-my-creative-process-with-julie-garcia/> | October 26, 1pm

South Delta Artists Guild: Gallery 1710 features *Ode to Emily Carr*. | southdeltaartistsguild.com | October 1 – 31 |

Surrey Art Gallery: Until Dec 19 Sandeep Johal: *What If?*, multimedia exhibit amplifies stories of resilient South Asian women; Until Dec 19 Phyllis Atkins: *Divine Connection*, paintings and sculptures drawn from Coast Salish tradition celebrate the artist's connection to life and spirit; Sep 25-Nov 28 PICS: *Seven Stories*, photographs by women from Iraq, Syria, and Jordan newly living in Lower Mainland; Oct 2-Mar 20 Manuel Piña: *Naufragios*, video project on migration and the ocean; OFFSITE: At UrbanScreen, projecting art after dark (exterior of Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre 13458-107A Ave, surrey.ca/urbanscreen): Sep 25-Jan 2 | *Spy a City*, Flavourcel Collective's next suite of animations with sights and sounds from around Surrey. | 13750-88 Ave | 604-501-5566 | surrey.ca

LITERARY ARTS:

Canadian Authors BC: Join us on Zoom for a discussion with Alan Bradley, creator of 11-year-old sleuth Flavia de Luce (Oct 13, 11 am – 12 PST) and with Emma Donoghue, renowned author of *Room* and *The Pull of the Stars* (Nov 10, 4 – 5 pm PST). To reserve a free spot to any of our Zoom events, please email or VANinfo@canadianauthors.org, open to members and non-members. First come first served.

Cedar Bark Poets: Community-led poetry group affiliated with Friends of The Grove. Currently we are on a hiatus due COVID-19. Normally we meet at Newton Recreation Centre | cedarbark@friendsofthegrove.ca

Cloudscape Comics Society hosts weekly social gatherings on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM that are open to all adults interested in drawing comics. At these meetings both aspiring and experienced comic artists can network, exchange ideas, and work on their projects in a supportive environment. Everyone is invited! For more info, check out our website | <https://www.cloudscapecomics.com/events/>

CRAFT Literary Magazine: Emerging and established writers are invited to submit their prose for inclusion in our magazine. Our general submissions are open year-round with no capacity limits | craftliterary.com |

Federation of BC Writers: Join us Oct 23 at 7pm for FBCW's Telling the Truth, an event with non-fiction writers, hosted by Megan Cole. Register at bcwriters.ca/events-for-writers and a link will be sent to you. When it's time for the event, click on the link to join the live Zoom event. Looking forward to seeing you there! | www.bcwriters.ca |

Octopus Spirit Journal: Writers and artists are invited to submit their work to be published in our peer-reviewed online journal. Priority is given to Indigenous and BIPOC submissions, and is student centered. | octopusjournal.com

Storytellers of Canada – Conteurs du Canada is devoted to connecting people, reflecting culture, and inspiring learning and creativity through the art of storytelling. For upcoming events, conferences or info <https://www.storytellers-conteurs.ca/>

Surrey Libraries: Our Authors Among Us series continues this month and features local writers Suzanne de Montigny, *Fields of Gold Beneath Prairie Skies* (Wed Oct 13) and Micheal Bains, *Hooped* (Wed Oct 27). Join us online at our digital branch for an author talk and Q & A. For this online program, we'll be using Microsoft Teams. An email address is required for registration. | surreylibraries.ca | 6pm - 7pm | Oct 13 & 27 |

Surrey International Writers' Conference: Join us for our virtual conference, SiWC at Home 2021, October 22-24 with master classes on October 20 and 21 PLUS pre-conference events from WXR October 18 and 19. This is the most comprehensive professional development conference of its kind in Canada | siwc.ca |

Surrey Muse Gatherings: Check website for current updates and events due to the pandemic. Each gathering features an author, poet, and a performer/artist at varying levels, followed by an open mic session. | Online | Donations welcome | 4th Fri of every month except Dec | 5:30 – 7:00 pm | surreymuse.wordpress.com

Vancouver Story Slam Online: Ten storytellers share original short stories. Cash prizes by audience vote. No download, Zoom, or app needed. Open to all storytellers regardless of experience or storytelling style. | theshowmustgoonline.transistor.fm | Tue, Oct 12, 5pm – 6pm | For more info contact Susan Cormier ph: 604-255-1740 email: vancouverstoryslam@yahoo.com | \$5 suggested donation

Vancouver Writers Fest: We look forward to the return of in-person events on our home of Granville Island, including hybrid explorations, as well as the continuation of our popular streamed events online, including podcasts and encore opportunities for audiences in Vancouver and beyond. | October 18 – 24, 2021 | For event schedule and tickets please go to <https://writersfest.bc.ca/> |

White Rock & Surrey Writers' Club: We're on Zoom for all regularly scheduled monthly meetings until further notice. New members always welcome. If interested in joining there is a membership fee. For further info please email wrandswc@gmail.com or call 604-721-8797

COMMUNITY:

Newton Cultural Centre: Offers rental space in our Black Box Theatre, Gallery and Conference Room. Suitable for workshops, classes, rehearsals and performances etc. Currently the facility is open for limited activity. Please contact us if you have any questions. | 13535-72 Avenue, Surrey | 604-594-2700 | artscouncilofsurrey.ca

BC Culture Days: Take part in Canada's largest public participation campaign for the arts! Celebrate arts, culture, and heritage in your community through free interactive events. | Sept 24 to Oct 24, 2021. | <https://culturedays.ca/en/bc>

Fraser Valley Heritage Railway: We are back! Sullivan Excursion journeys will start Sept 4th and run until Oct 9th. Board at Cloverdale Station, ride on our spur to join the SRY mainline (original BCER Fraser Valley Line) to Sullivan, and return. We will also be hosting special Halloween Rides from Cloverdale Station to Sullivan Station on Oct 16 & Oct 17. | 604 – 574 – 9056 | <https://fvhrs.org/ticket-info/>

KDocsFF Presents Emergence: Out of the Shadows. Starting at 12am Oct 10, 2021, KDocsFF will hold a free 24hr virtual screening of Alex Sangha's Emergence: Out of the Shadows (Vimeo), followed by a free live panel discussion/Q&A on Oct 11, 2021 at 1pm PST (Zoom). To reserve your free ticket, email emergence@kpu.ca with your full name and email address. Vimeo and Zoom links will be sent closer to the event date. | Oct 10 – 11, 2021 | <http://www.kdocsff.com/>

The New West Cultural Crawl is a two-day visual art and cultural festival that celebrates and presents New Westminster's creative character and diversity. A cultural experience that exists throughout the city's neighbourhoods. Discover our historical heritage and the 'New' New West. Please be aware that some cultural crawl venues require pre-booking. Visit our website for more information. Oct 16 & 17 | newwestculturalcrawl.com

Wendy Schmidt: Pet Portraits – Painted in oil. \$100 non-refundable deposit to start. Please email 2 -3 photos to: info@wendyschmidt.ca | wendyschmidt.ca