

COMPREHENSIVE ARTS & CULTURAL LISTINGS | December 2023

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. Choir rehearsals are now in-person. For more details, contact: aequitassingerschoir@gmail.com | Aequitassingers.ca

Classic Steps Stage Productions: Performing arts classes and workshops for all ages. Specializing in Adults and Families. We also have beginner Tap and Musical Theatre for all ages. |604-576-9545| classicsteps@telus.net

EJS School of Fine Arts: Provides students of all ages the opportunity to explore the Arts! Music Lessons, Visual & Digital Arts classes, Dance, and Musical Theatre Fall production & Main Stage Productions during the school year. For further information about our programs, cost, or performances, check our website at ejsfinearts.com or call 604 596 4883.

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. Further information on our 2023 season can be found on our website | langleylittletheatre.org

Lions Gate Chorus: We are happy to be resuming in-person rehearsals | Tuesdays | 7 - 10 pm | Croatian Cultural Centre 3250 Commercial Dr, Vancouver | lionsgatechorus.ca

Peace Arch Chorus: Women who love to sing are welcome to join our 4-part harmony group. We meet every Wednesday, 6:30 - 9:30 PM | Newton Cultural Centre | peacearchchorus.ca | peacearchchorus@gmail.com

Place des Arts: A not-for-profit arts education centre with a mission to inspire the artist in everyone. We offer quality instruction for all ages and skill levels in the visual, literary and performing arts | 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: Enjoy moving to music by learning dances from around the world. Join us in person on Thursday evenings at Walnut Road Elementary School in Fleetwood, or online on Monday afternoons. All the details are on the website at surreyfolkdance.org

Surrey Youth Theatre Company (SYTCO): just completed its 25th season last year and we had very impressive alumni return to join in the celebrations. Join us in our 26th season and be a member of our pre-professional

theatre company just for you! We will begin soon our spring main stage production |Ages 11 – 17|Ongoing audition applications are happening now |Contact: sytco20@gmail.com | surreyyouththeatre.ca

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 & movie musical numbers; gospel, folk, classical & inspirational pieces; swing, rock & pop hits. For information on auditions and rehearsals, contact info@mapleleavesingers.com | mapleleavesingers.com

Westcoast Harmony Chorus: A cappella chorus of women, girls, & people of marginalized genders. We sing challenging repertoire from traditional barbershop to contemporary pop & rock. Weekly rehearsals at Parkland Community Church, 9574 160th St., Surrey. Guests & candidates at all levels of musical experience welcome. | westcoastsings.com

PERFORMING ARTS:

Shows/Artist Calls

Arts Club: presents *Elf: The Musical* directed by Stephen Drover. Book by Thomas Meehan & Bob Martin; Music by Matthew Sklar; Lyrics by Chad Beguelin; based on the New Line Cinema Film written by David Berenbaum |Tickets: artsclub.com | Nov 2-Dec 31| Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage

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

Crescendo Operatic Society: presents *Gloria* by Antonio Vivaldi, with classical Christmas favourites. | Dec 15 | 12953 20 Avenue, Surrey |Dec 16 | 11040 River Road, Delta | 7pm, with a Christmas Market in the upper hall 2 - 9pm | crescendooperatic.org

Legends of Rock and Roll: presents *Buddy's Holly Jolly Christmas* | tickets at masseytheatre.com |Dec 10 | 7PM | Massey Theatre

Naked Stage: For up-to-date info on our auditions and performances, please go to our website npsociety.com

Peninsula Productions: Tickets are on sale now for our Staged Reading Series 2023/2024|*Hurry Hard* by Kristen da Silva |Jan 25-28|*Sexual Misconduct of the Middle Classes* by Hannah Moscovitch |Mar 7-10| *Jewel* by Joan McLeod |Apr 4-7|tickets: peninsulaproductions.org |Peninsula Studio Theatre

Pivot Theatre: For info on our upcoming shows or to become a member, please go to pivottheatre.ca

Royal Canadian Theatre Company: presents *Cinderella: A Traditional British Pantomime* written by Crystal Weltzin, music by Argel Monte de Ramos | Call the box office about Family (4) or Group (10+) Tickets |Ticket info: rctheatreco.com | Dec 15 – 26 | Surrey Arts Centre | Dec 29 – 31 |Massey Theatre

White Rock Players Club: presents *Snow White and the 8 Dwarfs Pantomime* |Ticket info: whiterockplayers.ca | Dec 6 – 30 | Oceana Parc Playhouse

VISUAL ARTS:

Call for Entry

Arts Council of Surrey: Our Annual JUST Series is back! This year's theme is JUST Life. Members are invited to submit their original artwork related to the theme. Artists are free to interpret the theme as creatively as they would like |Deadline Mar 1, 2024| email us at info@artscouncilofsurrey.ca for an entry form.

BC Alliance for Arts & Culture: Check our website frequently for the latest calls for artists | www.allianceforarts.com/artists-calls

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

Crescent Beach Pop-Up Gallery: The Crescent Beach Pop-Up gallery is in the heart of Crescent Beach, South Surrey. The gallery's purpose is to support Surrey artists and build connections with local community. Submit your proposal for an art exhibition at the Crescent Beach Pop-Up Gallery. This opportunity is open to artists from all disciplines, levels, and backgrounds. This is an unpaid opportunity |Deadline: Dec13, 2023 | <https://www.surrey.ca/arts-culture/community-art/community-art-artist-calls>

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

Golden Cactus Gallery: We are looking for 3D artworks to be on consignment for our gallery. Please e-mail what you are doing with a photo of items and we can get back to you. If you are in the area, please drop by and show us what you do. goldencactusgallery@yahoo.com | 604-839-3049 | 14833 Marine Dr., White Rock

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

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

Drawing Lessons with Wendy Mould, AFCA, CDM: Whether you draw or paint, good drawing skills will improve your work. Beginners to Experienced welcome. Private Lessons Adults: 3 sessions (2.5 hr) \$250. Special rates and times for younger students. Mediums: graphite, ink, watercolour, watercolour pencils & coloured pencils. wendy@artbywendy.com. More Info: www.artbywendy.com

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

South Surrey White Rock Art Society: The SSWR Art Society offers workshops in a variety of mediums for all levels. Information about the society and what they have to offer can be found at www.artsociety.ca

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. | president.surreyphoto@gmail.com | surreyphotographyclub.com

2-Day Painting Workshop with Linda Bell: Playing with Abstractions. Thurs & Fri, Feb 8 & 9, 2024. Hosted by Surrey's Artswest Art Group at the Newton Cultural Center. Participants will learn how the Elements & Principles of design apply to abstraction painting practices. Medium: Acrylics. Some experience with acrylic painting required. Cost: \$70 Artswest Members, \$105 Non-Members. Registration: wendy@artbywendy.com See Linda's Work: www.lindabell.ca Gift Certificates Available.

VISUAL ARTS:

Events & Exhibits

Arts Council of Surrey: ACS Gallery features *Arts Council of Surrey's Christmas Card Art & Word Competition* | Dec 1 - 15 | Open with restrictions | 604-594-2700 | artscouncilofsurrey.ca

Langley Arts Council: The Township of Langley Civic Centre features the 5th annual *Paint the Train* juried art competition travelling exhibit. In partnership with ACS, FVHRS, & ANW | Dec 13 – Jan 8, 2024 | 20338 65th Ave, Langley BC

Place des Arts: presents *2023 Positively Petite: 34th Annual Miniature Exhibition* | placedesarts.ca/exhibitions
| Until Dec 21 | Atrium Gallery at Place des Arts

Semiahmoo Potters Guild: *Christmas Pop-Up Sale.* Unique, locally crafted pottery by the Semiahmoo Potters & Fraser Valley Potters Guilds | Dec 1- 31 | Tues – Sat, 10am – 5pm | White Rock Landmark Pop-Up Town Gallery

South Delta Artists Guild: presents *Celebrate.* Let's celebrate collaboration! | Until Dec 17
| southdeltaartistsguild.com | Gallery 1710

Surrey Art Gallery: To Dec 4 *all roses sleep (inviolate light)*, an immersive multimedia installation that blends how bees and humans experience the land around us; Dec 9–Apr 21 *Josh Vite: A Vita*, spectacular ever-changing sequence of theatrical backdrops features in this multimedia installation about performance and labour; To Jan 28 *Kampala to Canada*, commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Ugandan Asian Canadians' forced exile from Uganda through painting and photography.

Vancouver Art Gallery: *Rooted Here: Woven from the Land* celebrates the work of four prominent local Salish weavers: Debra Sparrow, Willard "Buddy" Joseph, Siyam' Janice George and Angela George. | Dec 16, 2023 – May 12, 2023 | vanartgallery.bc.ca

LITERARY ARTS:

Arc Poetry: Arc Award of Awesomeness monthly writing challenge. Submit your entry to win an awesome prize! Prompts change monthly and entries are due by the last day of each month | \$2 per entry | arcpoetry.ca

Canadian Authors BC: Open Mic on Zoom, open to members and non-members. To take part, send an email to VANpresident@canadianauthors.org. First come first served.

Cloudscape Comics Society hosts weekly social gatherings that are open to all adults interested in drawing comics. Everyone is invited! For more info, check out our website: 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

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

Sea to Sky Review: Online literary journal devoted to showcasing the best writing in British Columbia. We are a literary journal featuring poetry and prose. We also welcome interviews and reviews, artwork and photography | Seatoskyreview.ca

Surrey Libraries: Adult Writers' Group. All genres are welcome! Are you working on the next great Canadian novel? Perhaps you want to start? This writing group is for you. This program is for ages 19+ | surreylibraries.ca | Thu Dec 21 | 6pm - 7:30 pm | Guildford Branch

White Rock & Surrey Writers' Club: We meet monthly. New members always welcome. There is a membership fee. Details? Phone Don at 604-535-5982 or Karen at 604-541-7441.

COMMUNITY:

Arts Council of Surrey: Send someone special a hug from you this Valentine's Day! Each Pocket Hug will be mailed with your personal message through Canada Post (Canadian addresses only) | \$3ea | Deadline: Feb 1 | email us at info@artscouncilofsurrey.ca for more info

Arts Council of Surrey - NCC Tiny Art Gallery: We encourage artists of all ages and abilities to contribute and donate artwork. Work can be no bigger than 6 x 6". Come by and view, exchange, or simply donate to the Tiny Art Gallery during our normal operating hours. #NCCtinyartgallery

Belinda's Connection Café: a free, monthly event where folks who are 55+ can connect while participating in a variety of arts-related workshops. Light refreshments provided. Next one is Jan 25. Please contact Lyn to register at least one week in advance at 778 – 879 – 4097 or lyn.verra.lay@gmail.com

Metro Vancouver Regional Parks: *Christmas Bird Count for Kids.* Use binoculars and a field guide to identify and report findings during this winter bird count. Learn basic birding skills and enjoy the Holiday Open House Afterward. A delightful Christmas tradition presented with Burnaby Lake Park Association | 6723 Sun, Dec 3, 9 am – noon, Ages 8 – 14 | Burnaby Lake Regional Park | Free | Registration required metrovancover.org

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

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

White Rock Social Justice Film Society (WRSJFS): provides monthly screenings of documentary movies focused on social justice and activism | whiterocksocialjustice.ca