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## Celebrate the Vibrancy of Asian Heritage Month at Vancouver Art Gallery

*The Vancouver Art Gallery launches a month-long series of special events to honour Asian Heritage Month.*

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# ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

*April 30, 2024, VANCOUVER, BC // Traditional Coast Salish Lands including the Musqueam (xʷməθkʷəy̓əm), Squamish (Sḵw̓x̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw) and Tsleil-Waututh (səlil' wətaʔ) Nations.*



The Vancouver Art Gallery is gearing up to celebrate **Asian Heritage Month** this May, with a rich array of programs and events that illuminate artistic innovation and diversity of expression. From artist talks, exhibition tours and workshops to poetry, music, and a party filled with electrifying performances, installations, DJ sets and more, the Gallery invites people of all cultures and backgrounds to explore the multifaceted aspects of Asian heritage through art.

“We are proud to honour Asian Heritage Month, and we hope to inspire discourse, understanding and appreciation for the compelling stories and experiences that contribute to our collective cultural heritage,” said **Anthony Kiendl, CEO & Executive Director** at the Vancouver Art Gallery.

### Program Highlights

**Art Party:** Mark your calendars for May 11 for the return of the Gallery’s much-anticipated Art Party, an unforgettable evening featuring art, music, drinks, live performances, DJ sets and more. Wear your most adventurous Spring look and enjoy a visually spectacular evening, plus be among the first to see the much-anticipated exhibition [Copy Machine](#)

[Manifestos: Artists Who Make Zines](#). This late-night party will feature a range of performances by artists of Asian descent, including an interactive video installation by **Chimerik 似不像**; contemporary dance performances by **OURO Collective**; a performance and zine-making activity with **Art Action Earwig**; DJ sets by **Nancy Lee** and **Paisley Eva** and more.

**Artist Talk with Janet Wang:** Explore the intersections of identity, culture and visual storytelling in an enlightening discussion with featured SPOTLIGHT artist **Janet Wang** as she explores what it means to be Chinese in Canada.

**Tours in Mandarin:** Delve deeper into exhibitions with guided tours hosted by the Vancouver Art Gallery's experienced Art Educators. There will also be Family Tours designed especially to engage visitors aged 5 to 12 years old and their families.

**Kintsugi Workshop with Three Little Spruce:** Discover Kintsugi, the traditional Japanese art of restoring broken pottery, in a hands-on workshop led by renowned instructor **Yuka Morino** of Three Little Spruce. Participants will have the opportunity to practice on ceramic fragments at different stages of Kintsugi and take home their resulting work.

**Walang Hiya: A night of Filipinx poetry:** Rounding off Asian Heritage Month is a special closing event featuring Filipinx Canadian spoken word poets. Hosted by **Kimmortal**, and with powerful performances from poets **Tin Lorica**, **Ruthless**, **Winona Gillera**, **Karla Comanda**, and a DJ set from **Turtle Dreams**, this event promises to be an unforgettable evening celebrating Filipinx culture through poetry and music.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca/asian-heritage-month-2024>

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AT THE VANCOUVER ART GALLERY

### Family Tour in Mandarin

Sunday, May 5, 2 p.m

Free for Gallery Members or with admission. 18 and under visit free.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca/events/family-tours-may-5>

### Artist Talk: Janet Wang

Thursday, May 9, 6 p.m. | Courtroom 302

Free and open to the public. Registration is required.

To register, please visit: <https://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca/events/artist-talk-janet-wang>

### Art Party

Saturday, May 11, 8 p.m to 12 a.m

Ticket pricing varies. Your ticket purchase supports education and public programs at the Vancouver Art Gallery.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca/events/art-party-may-2024>

### Member Tour in Mandarin

Saturday, May 18, 9:30 a.m

Offered exclusively to Ideas and Experiences Members.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca/events/member-tour-mandarin-may-18>

### Public Tour in Mandarin

Saturday, May 18, 12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m

Free for Gallery Members or with admission. 18 and under visit free.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca/events/public-tours-may-18>

### **Kintsugi Workshop**

Saturday, May 25, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m | Annex Workshop

Members will have early access to register for this workshop as of Thursday, April 25. Registration will open to the general public on Monday, April 29.

Tickets can be booked online at: <https://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca/events/kintsugi-workshop>

### **Public Gallery Tour in Mandarin**

Saturday, May 25, 12 p.m and 1:30 p.m

Free for Gallery Members or with admission. 18 and under visit free.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca/events/public-tours-may-25>

### **Family Tour in Mandarin**

Sunday, May 26, 2 p.m

Free for Gallery Members or with admission. 18 and under visit free.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca/events/family-tours-may-26>

### **Walang Hiya: A night of Filipinx poetry**

Friday, May 31, 7 p.m (doors open at 6:30 p.m) | Rooftop Pavilion

For more information, please visit: <https://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca/events/walang-hiya-may-31>

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### **ABOUT VANCOUVER ART GALLERY**

Founded in 1931, the Vancouver Art Gallery is recognized as one of North America's most innovative visual arts institutions. The Gallery's innovative exhibitions, extensive public programs and scholarship focus on historical and contemporary art from British Columbia and around the world. Special attention is given to the accomplishments of Indigenous artists, as well as to artists from the Asia Pacific region—through the Institute of Asian Art founded in 2014. The Gallery's exhibitions also explore the impact of images in the larger sphere of visual culture, design and architecture. The Vancouver Art Gallery is a charitable not-for-profit organization supported by its members, individual donors, corporate funders, foundations, the City of Vancouver, the Province of British Columbia through the BC Arts Council and the Canada Council for the Arts.

*The Vancouver Art Gallery is situated on the ancestral and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tseil-Waututh) Nations, and is respectful of the Indigenous stewards of the land it occupies, whose rich cultures are fundamental to artistic life in Vancouver and the work of the Gallery.*

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