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TOURISM
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2016/2017

Cultural liaisons

The city proves there's an art to living well

Vancouver's seaside location and gorgeous views have informed the work of internationally acclaimed hometown artists like Douglas Coupland and Rodney Graham, inspired designers such as Omer Arbel and John Fluevog and fired the imagination of tech titans like Slack's Stewart Butterfield and Hootsuite's Ryan Holmes. That same natural beauty enticed the TED Talks series organizers to invite thought leaders from around the globe to meet here annually until 2020. **By Steven Schilling**

LOCAL INTEL

Jordan Kallman



The president of TEDxVancouver and co-founder, The Social Concierge, shares his favourite public art in Vancouver.

I'm inspired by CityStudio's Keys to the Streets, where brightly painted pianos are left around the city to be played anytime the mood strikes. Nothing brings us together like music, especially when found spontaneously.



Vancouver Convention Centre

CURATED COLLECTIONS

If a more historical perspective is your style, thousands of archaeological and ethnographic objects representing cultures from around the world are housed inside the Museum of Anthropology at UBC.

At the Vancouver Art Gallery downtown, touring exhibitions complement more than 10,000 permanent pieces, including those of celebrated turn-of-the-last-century post-impressionist, Emily Carr.

ENTERTAINMENT OUTDOORS

Vancouver's great outdoors also plays a role (literally) when it becomes the backdrop for the plays of Shakespeare at the Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival. Instead, to paraphrase the bard, all the city's a stage for much of the summer.

Granville Island welcomes global indie theatre performers at the Vancouver Fringe Festival, music fills the air at the Vancouver International Jazz Festival and Jericho Beach celebrates its groovy past by hosting the Vancouver Folk Music Festival.



A.C. LARVI, FORMING THE PLANET

MOVEABLE MUSEUM

During the Vancouver Biennale, works by international luminaries are exhibited outside. Here are five to see.



F Grass
Ai Weiwei (China)
Harbour Green Park
(Southwest at Robt St.)



Engagement
Dennis Oppenheim (U.S.)
Sunset Beach Park
(Beach Ave. and Moxley St.)



Ghosts
OSGEMOS (Brazil)
Ocean Concrete worksite
(Granville Island)



Trani Am Totoni
Marcos Bonvicini (Canada)
Quabon St. and Millson Ave.
(Access from Vancouver
Public Central Station)



Bird Wrap
Irene Eyre (Canada)
Theorizon Park
(Access from Vancouver
Public Central Station)

WHAT TO SEE, DO AND EXPERIENCE

West Coast wow

Vancouver's architecture spans eras, pushing the envelope—and sky

With a downtown of shimmering shards of skyscrapers (from the Shangri-La Hotel to the new Trump International Hotel and Tower), Vancouver is often referred to as the City of Glass. But West Coast Style or Modernism—lots of glass, open floor plans, flat roofs and post-and-beam construction—evolved here in the '60s and '70s thanks to local and now-iconic architects, including Arthur Erickson, Ron Thom and B. C. Binning. Our architectural cred dips back into the '30s era of Art Deco too. **By Barb Sijl**

LOCAL INTEL

Alex Beim



Lead artist and creative director, Tangible Interaction Design shares his views on our city's architectural style.



PITSTOP: Take a break inside the Marine Building at Tractor Everyday Healthy Foods, where contemporary design (note the Millada light fixture by local design house Tangible Interaction) meets old-school Art Deco. Refuel with the avocado toast. It's EveryVancouver.

1 **Marine Building**
(355 Burrard St.): Once the tallest building in the British Empire, its 1930s Art Deco style is decadently decorative, featuring local flora and fauna, compared to the surrounding glass structures.

2 **The Electra**
(989 Nelson St.): One of the first post-war Modernist buildings in the city, this award-winning high-rise was designed by Ron Thom and Ned Pratt. Its original vinyl blue-and-green tile mosaic is by B.C. Binning.

3 **VANCOUVER'S STYLE**
The city's overlapping mix of spaces creates a great environment to be creative. The sudden changes in architecture and people's styles make for very interesting walks where ideas are floating in the air ready to be picked up.

4 **BEST STREET**
I love walking around areas where people don't really go. I just discovered an area behind the Vancouver Convention Centre that is full of old shabby buildings made into living spaces.

5 **FAVE ICONIC BUILDING**
Science World Driving past it on the way to our studio every day and observing its geometry and construction has greatly influenced our work.

EXPLORE ON FOOT

Take a self-guided walking tour (or join a summer walking tour led by the Architectural Institute of British Columbia) to see a sampling of styles downtown. Here are three must-see structures.

1 **Vancouver Convention Centre** (Canada Place Way): This glass-fronted, waterfront building melds Vancouver's modern and green sensibilities. It's the world's first LEED® Platinum-certified convention centre and has Canada's largest living roof, home to some 400,000 native plants and 240,000 bees.

EXPLORE MORE

Bright lights, big city: Walk Granville St. after dark to see more Art Deco facades and the Art Moderne neon of the 1940 Vogue Theatre.

Only in Vancouver: Discover the city's own idiosyncratic, love-it-or-hate-it, boxy residential style, dubbed the "Vancouver Style," on a tour with the Vancouver Heritage Foundation.



Vancouver festivals and events 2016/17

2016



MAY
BMO Vancouver Marathon
May 1, 2016
bmo.vancouver.ca

Summer Night Market in Richmond
April 29–September 11, 2016
summernightmarket.com

Vancouver International Children's Festival
May 30–June 5, 2016
chikifensfestival.ca

Vancouver International Bhanga Festival
June 11–18, 2016
vbfc.org

JUNE
Vancouver Craft Beer Week
June 3–5, 2016
vancouvercraftbeerweek.com

Greek Day on Broadway
June 26, 2016 (11 a.m. to 9 p.m.)
greekday.com

Bar on the Beach Shakespeare Festival
June 3–September 24, 2016
baronthebeach.org

Italian Day on the Drive
June 12, 2016 (12 p.m. to 8 p.m.)
italianday.ca

30th Annual Vancouver International Jazz Festival
June 24–July 3, 2016
coastjazz.ca

Car Free Day
June
carfreevancouver.org

Scotiabank Vancouver Half-Marathon & 5k
June 26, 2016
canadadunningseries.com/svfm



JULY
Canada Day at Canada Place
July 1, 2016
canadaplace.ca/events

Indian Summer Festival
July 7–16, 2016
indiansummerfest.ca

Theatre Under the Stars
July–August 2016
tuts.ca

Khatsahlano Music + Arts Festival
July 9, 2016
khatsahlano.com

39th Annual Vancouver Folk Music Festival
July 15–17, 2016
thefestival.bc.ca

Bike the Night
July 16, 2016
bikenight.ca

Queer Arts Festival
June 21–30, 2016
queerartsfestival.com

Honda Celebration of Light Festival
July 23, 27 & 30, 2016
hondacelebrationoflight.com

Powell Street Festival
July 30–31, 2016
powellstreetfestival.com

Vancouver Pride Parade and Festival
July 31–August 2, 2016
vancouverpride.ca

AUGUST
Anime Revolution
August 5–7, 2016
animerevolution.ca

Sea Whizzle Half Marathon
August 13, 2016
seawhizzle.com

Vancouver Queer Film Festival
August 11–21, 2016
queerfilmfestival.ca

The Fair at the PNE
August 20–September 5, 2016
pne.ca

Americas Masters Games
August 26–September 4, 2016
americasmastersgames2016.com

Vancouver Pet-A-Palooza
August 28, 2016
petapaloozawest.com

SEPTEMBER
Taiwanese Cultural Festival
September 2–5, 2016
taiwanfest.ca

Vancouver Fringe Festival
September 8–18, 2016
vancouverfringe.com

Vancouver International Film Festival
September 29–October 14, 2016
viff.org



OCTOBER
Vancouver Halloween Parade & Expo
October 13–16, 2016
vanhallooween.com

The Vancouver Writers Fest
July 30–31, 2016
writersfest.bc.ca

Rock 'n Roll Oasis Vancouver Half Marathon & 10K
October 22–23, 2016
runrocknroll.com/Vancouver



visitvancouver.com/tourismvancouver.com

NOVEMBER
Vancouver Christmas Market
November 26–December 31, 2016
vancouverchristmasmarket.com

Bright Nights at Stanley Park
Late November 2016–early January 2017
vancouverparks.ca

Canyon Lights at Capilano Suspension Bridge Park
November 24, 2016–January 8, 2017
capbridge.com/explore/canyon-lights

Grouse Mountain Peak of Christmas
November 26, 2016–January 2, 2017
grousemountain.com/peak-of-christmas

DECEMBER
Rogers Santa Claus Parade
December 2016
rogerssantaclausparade.com

Christmas at Canada Place
December 2016
christmas.canadaplace.ca

VanDusen Botanical Garden Festival of Lights
December 1, 2016–January 1, 2017
vandusengarden.org

The Nutcracker Presented by GoH Ballet
December 2016
gothenutcracker.com

NYE Vancouver 2017
December 31, 2016–January 1, 2017
nye.van.com

2017



January
Tourism Vancouver's Dine Out™ Vancouver Festival
January 20–February 5, 2017
dineoutvancouver.com

PuSh International Performing Arts Festival
January–February 2017
pushfestival.ca

FEBRUARY
Chinese New Year Festival and Parade
February 2017
vancouver-chinatown.com

Chutzpah! Festival
February–March 2017
chutzpahfestival.com

Talking Stick Festival
February 16–29, 2017
fullicre.ca

Vancouver International Wine Festival
February 11–19, 2017
vaminifest.ca

MARCH
Vancouver International Auto Show
March 2017
vancouverinternationalautoshow.com

Festival du Bois
March 2017
festivaldubois.ca



APRIL
Capture Photography Festival
April 2017
capturephotofest.com

Eco Fashion Week
April 2017
ecofashion-week.com

Waikahi Day Parade
April 2017

Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival
April 2017
vcbf.ca

DOXA Documentary Film Festival
April–May 2017
doxafestival.ca

MAY
Art Vancouver
May 2017
artvancouver.net

BMO Vancouver International Marathon
May 2017
bmo.vancouvermarathon.ca

YEAR-ROUND PRODUCTIONS



Artisan Biennale

Ongoing in 2016
vancouverbiennale.com

Arts Club Theatre Company
artsclub.com

Broadway Across Canada
broadwayacrosscanada.ca

The Chan Centre for Performing Arts
chancentre.com

The Culich
theculich.ca

The Dance Centre
thedancecentre.ca

Firehall Arts Centre
firehallartscentre.ca

Gateway Theatre
gatewaytheatre.com

New Works
newworks.ca

Vancouver Opera
vancouveropera.ca

Vancouver Recital Society
vanrecital.com

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra
vancouverstmphony.ca

Vancouver Theatre Sports League
vtsl.com

SEA KAYAKING

Deep Cove Canoe & Kayak Centre
2150 Bayview Rd., North Vancouver
604.909.2268, www.seakayak.com
Kayak, SUP, surf ski and canoe rentals, lessons, and tours. Large fleet, 20 minutes from downtown Vancouver. Call to reconfirm! Operates: Spr, Sum. **I**

Ecmarine Paddlesport Centres
1660 Duranville St, Vancouver
604.689.755, 888.429.2955,
ecmarine.com

Kayak and stand-up paddleboard rentals, guided tours, lessons and retail from Granville Island, Jericho Beach and English Bay. Operates: Year-round. **I**

Lotus Land Tours
2005 - 1211 Cordova St, Vancouver
604.684.4922, 800.528.3531,
lotuslandtours.com
Four-hour guided sea kayaking excursion and salmon beach BBQ with pick-up in Vancouver. Experience and fitness not required. Operates: Wk, Sp. **I**

Talayo Tours
700 Agnes Ave./North Vancouver
604.984.7410, www.talayotours.com
Guided Frazz National culturally interpretive canoe and grand tours on the calm waters of Indian Arm, North Vancouver, B.C. Operates: Year-round. **I**

SKI & SNOW ACTIVITIES

Cypress Mountain
6680 Cypress Bowl Rd., West Vancouver
604.926.5612, cypressmountain.com
Downhill and cross-country skiing, night lighting, snowboarding, tobogganing and snowshoes. **I**

Vertical Rise: 521m/1709ft • 6 lifts • Average snowfall: 300 cm/197 in

Grouse Mountain Resort
6400 Nancy Greene Way, North Vancouver
604.844.0661, grousemountain.com

15 minutes from downtown, Grouse Mountain promises remarkable views and an unparalleled range of on-mountain experiences. **I**

Vertical Rise: 1246m/4094ft • 5 lifts • Average snowfall: 305 cm/102 in

Whistler Blackcomb Mountain
325 - 2255 Lake Placid Rd., Whistler
800.766.0429, www.whistlerblackcomb.com
Ski and snowboard in winter. Bike, hike, and PEAK+PEAK sightseeing in summer. The world's longest adventure destination. **I**

Vertical Rise: 1609m/5280ft • 37 lifts • Average snowfall: 195 cm/66 in

SPORTS EQUIPMENT RENTALS
Bayshore Bicycles & Rollerblade Rentals - Desman
745 Desman St., Vancouver
604.689.2533, bayshorebicycles.com

Quality bicycle and rollerblade rentals at Stanley Park's entrance. Reservations welcome at bayshorebicycles.com. Operates: Year-round. **I**

Cycle BC Rentals and Tours
10 - 73 E 6th Ave., Vancouver
604.707.5563, 888.380.2453, cyclebc.ca
The pros and hidden secrets of B.C. can be seen in the most exciting way by renting scooters, bicycles and motorcycles. Operates: Year-round. **I**

Cycle City Rentals
1344 Burrard, Vancouver
604.618.8626,
www.vancouvercycletour.com

A wide selection of bike styles, free self-guided tours, ride-planning advice and high-rated guided tours. Come ride with us! **I**

Cycle City Rentals & Tours
648 Hornby St., Vancouver
604.618.8626, www.vancouvercycletour.com

A wide selection of bike styles, free self-guided tours, ride-planning advice and high-rated guided tours. Come ride with us! **I**

EzeoRiders Bike Rentals
28 - 1025 Canada Pl., Vancouver
604.331.1789, ezeoriders.com

All varieties of bikes rented in the summer. Snowboard gear rentals with free shuttles to local ski areas in the winter. Operates: Year-round. **I**

Metro Scooter Rentals
590 Clark St., Vancouver
604.688.3772, www.metro.ca

Powered by Vancouver's exclusive Vespa scooter dealership, staff at Metro Scooter Rentals are keen to welcome you on arrival. Operates: Year-round. **I**

Spokes Bicycle Rentals
1796 W Georgia St., Vancouver
604.686.5143, www.spokesrentals.com
Spokes Bicycle Rentals is your gateway to Stanley Park. Explore Vancouver by bike for a truly unforgettable experience. Operates: Year-round. **I**

WHALE WATCHING
Eagle Wing Whale & Wildlife Tours
12 Erie St., Fisherman's Wharf, Victoria
250.384.0006, 800.786.9488,
www.eaglewings.com

Victoria's premier whale watching company, rated #1 on TripAdvisor, operates by one of the best in the eco-tour industry. Operates: Year-round. **I**

Orca Spirit Adventures
Marina Level - 146 Kingston St., Coquitlam
Victoria Harbourhead Hotel, Victoria
250.383.8411, 800.672.6722, orcaadventures.com

Helping build environmental awareness and respect. Operates: Wk, Sp, Sum. **I**

Prince of Whales Whale Watching
1601 Bayshore Dr., Westin Bayshore Hotel/Lodge, Vancouver
888.383.4884, 888.383.4884,
www.prowhales.com

Prince of Whales Whale Watching has been shipping premier whale-watching experiences with guests for over 20 years! Operates: Year-round. **I**

Stevenson Seabeare Adventures
43 - 1255 No 1 Rd., Richmond
604.272.7206, 888.272.7203,
www.stevensonadventures.com

Daily whale watching tours. Semi-enclosed vessels. Viewing decks. Professional narrators. Shuttle door to door. Pre-ordered lunch available. Operates: Wk, Sp, Sum. **I**

Vancouver Whale Watch
210 - 12240 Ave., Richmond
604.274.9565, www.vancouverwhalewatch.com

See killer whales in the wild. Tour the spectacular Gulf Islands in open or semi-covered skiffs. Guaranteed sightings! Operates: Spr, Sum. **I**

Wild Whales Vancouver
1800 MacTavish Rd., Vancouver
604.699.2011, www.wildwhales.com

Vancouver's premier whale-watching company, we depart from downtown's historic Granville Island. Guaranteed sightings! Operates: Spr, Sum, Fall. **I**

THINGS TO SEE & DO LEGEND

I Available for sale at Visitor Centre

ARTS & CULTURE

COMMUNITY/CULTURAL CENTRES
The Centre Cultural Francophone de Vancouver
1597 W 7th Ave., Vancouver
604.736.9806, ccvancouver.com

ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES
Alliance for Arts and Culture
100 - 98 Howe St., Vancouver
604.681.3535, alliancearts.com

Coast Cultural Alliance
4638 Sandstone Coast Hwy, Sechelt
604.340.8288, www.coastca.ca

Tickets Tonight
200 Burrard St., Vancouver
604.684.2787, ticketsontour.ca

FESTIVALS & EVENTS
Anime Revolution
Vancouver Convention Centre
www.animefestival.com

Art! Vancouver
900 - 570 Granville St., Vancouver
604.817.6464, artvancouver.net

Artists for Conservation International Foundation
2936 Brimmer Pl., Vancouver
778.340.0749, 778.340.0748,
artforconservationinternational.org/

Asian Canadian Special Events Association
100 - 334 E Kent Ave S., Vancouver
604.263.9311, accsa.ca

Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival
1800 Chestnut St., Vanier Park, Vancouver
604.737.0625, bardonthebeach.com

Capture Photography Festival
14 W 7th Ave., Vancouver
604.401.3378, capturephotofest.com

Coastal Jazz & Blues Society
2nd Floor - 255 W 7th Ave., Vancouver
604.872.5200, coastjazz.ca

Dine Out Vancouver Festival
210 - 200 Burrard St., Vancouver
604.682.2222, dineoutvancouver.com

DOXA Documentary Film Festival
110 - 750 Hamilton St., Vancouver
604.646.3200, doxa.ca

EO Fashion Week
1806 - 1005 Jervis St., Vancouver
604.684.9968, eofashionweek.com

Festival du Bois
942 Burraville Ave., Coquitlam
604.515.7070, mssalib.com

Indian Summer Festival
203 - 268 Keefer St., Vancouver
604.281.9212, indiansummerfest.ca

JFL NorthWest
200 - 524 Powell St., Vancouver
604.686.7235, jflnorthwest.com

Pet-a-Palooza
1100 Mainland St., Vancouver
250.217.9799, petapaloozavc.com

PuSh International Performing Arts Festival Society
110 - 750 Hamilton St., Vancouver
604.605.8284, pushfestival.ca

Scotiabank Vancouver Half-Marathon & 5K
116 - 1917 W 4th Ave., Vancouver
778.376.3116, vancouverhalf.com

TEDx
203 - 2095 Beach Ave., Vancouver
indianstartheatre.com

Theatre Under the Stars Musical Society
610 Pipeline Rd., Malkin Bowl, Stanley Park, Vancouver
604.234.9717, tuss.com

Vancouver Biennale
2nd Floor - 290 W 3rd Ave., Vancouver
604.682.1289, www.vancouverbiennale.com

Vancouver Christmas Market
650 Hamilton St., Queen Elizabeth Theatre Plaza, Vancouver
604.278.3292,
www.vancouverchristmasmarket.com

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SUMMER 2016
FEATURE EXHIBITIONS

PICASSO:
The Artist and His Muses
JUNE 11 TO OCTOBER 2, 2016

I Had an Interesting French Artist to See Me This Summer:
EMILY CARR AND WOLFGANG PALEN
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA
JULY 1 TO NOVEMBER 13, 2016

750 Hornby Street Vancouver, BC
24 hour info 604.662.4719

Emily Carr, Shrouded by Growth, 1931, oil on canvas, Collection of the Vancouver Art Gallery, Emily Carr Trust

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