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Winter Wander celebrates Vanier Park, a Vancouver hidden treasure

(Vancouver, BC) – Vanier Park is a cultural hub that many Vancouver residents know little about, and on Saturday, December 3 the six cultural institutions that call Kitsilano's biggest park home will be celebrating this hidden treasure with a significantly reduced rate for visitors.

"Music, history, space, sea, and Shakespeare reside together in stunning Vanier Park," says Christopher Gaze, Artistic Director of Bard on the Beach. "It is truly a Vancouver treasure."

Vanier Park is home to the Maritime Museum, the Museum of Vancouver, the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre, Bard on the Beach, Vancouver Academy of Music, and the City of Vancouver Archives – offering visitors a fascinating range of cultural experiences within easy walking distance of each other.

The Winter Wander in Vanier Park is a one day event in which Vancouverites and their families can enjoy a taste of what all Vanier Park's cultural institutions have to offer for one rate that includes all venues (Note Bard on the Beach will be located at the MOV, as the tents are currently down). Adult admission will be just $5 to visit all locations, and children 16 and under will visit for free. Venues open at 10am and close at 5pm.

"Before it became Vanier Park, this area was first a First Nations fishing village, then a Royal Canadian Air Force station," explains Simon Robinson, Executive Director of the Maritime Museum. "We are fortunate that the Vancouver Parks Board started managing the land in 1966 thereby allowing the space to become public park land and a cultural hub. It's quite unique, but sometimes overlooked as a great destination. Today it's a place where Vancouverite's can spend the day enjoying the beauty of the park, visiting museums, taking in a play, learning music, or discovering Vancouver's history."

Winter Wanderers will also be able to enjoy food from visiting food trucks, performances by Vancouver Academy of Music students, and have an opportunity to win memberships to the three participating museums.

The Winter Wander is supported by Port Metro Vancouver.

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About the Museum of Vancouver
The Museum of Vancouver is a non profit museum that holds a mirror to the city and leads provocative conversations about its past, present, and future.

About the Vancouver Maritime Museum
The Vancouver Maritime Museum is Canada's principal maritime museum on the Pacific. For over 50 years, it has been Pacific Canada's premier link to maritime history, art, culture, industry, and technology.

About the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre
the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre is a non-profit community resource that provides a unique learning experience for all. Visitors can learn about space and the night sky through Planetarium shows, live demonstrations, and an interactive exhibit gallery.

About the Vancouver Academy of Music
For over forty years the Vancouver Academy of Music has set the highest standard for music education in Western Canada, while providing for Vancouver a facility that serves as the central hub of musical activity.

About Bard on the Beach
Celebrating its 23rd Season in 2012, Bard on the Beach is one of Canada's largest not-for-profit, professional Shakespeare Festivals. Presented in a magnificent setting on the waterfront in Vancouver's Vanier Park, the Festival offers Shakespeare plays, related dramas, and several special events in two performance tents from June through September.

About the City of Vancouver Archives
The City of Vancouver Archives is the official repository of the permanently valuable records of the City of Vancouver and its various boards and agencies. It preserves these and other historical documents, photographs, maps, moving images, and other materials related to Vancouver and makes them accessible to the public for research and administrative purposes.