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## **Winter Wander celebrates Vanier Park, a Vancouver hidden treasure**

(Vancouver, BC) – The six cultural institutions of Vanier Park are celebrating their Kitsilano location again during their second Winter Wander. Vancouverites are invited to attend all locations on Saturday, January 26, for one significantly reduced rate.

“We had such a wonderful turn out at our first Winter Wander that we’ve been looking forward to doing it again all year,” says Simon Robinson, Executive Director of the Vancouver Maritime Museum “For us, it’s a great way to showcase what’s down here in Vanier Park, and to work together as institutions. This park and its venues are truly a Vancouver treasure.”

Vanier Park is home to the Vancouver Maritime Museum, the Museum of Vancouver, the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre, Bard on the Beach, the Vancouver Academy of Music, and the City of Vancouver Archives.

The Winter Wander in Vanier Park is a one day event in which Vancouverites and their families can enjoy a taste of what Vanier Park’s cultural institutions have to offer for one rate that includes admission to all venues. Adult admission will be just \$5 to visit all locations, and children 16 and under will visit for free.

“When the Royal Canadian Air Force station that occupied this area was decommissioned in the 1960’s the Vancouver Parks Board took over management of the land,” explains Robinson. “This enabled the space to become public park land and a cultural hub. It’s very unique, but sometimes overlooked. Adjacent to the downtown heart of our city, today it’s a place where Vancouverite’s can spend the day enjoying the beauty of the park, visiting museums, taking in a play, discovering music, or learning about Vancouver’s history.”

In addition to visiting the museums, Winter Wanderers will be able to enjoy a talk by Christopher Gaze of Bard on the Beach, performances by Vancouver Academy of Music students, and visiting food trucks.

For full schedule of events, visit [www.museumofvancouver/winterwander](http://www.museumofvancouver/winterwander).

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 facility that serves as the central hub of musical activity in Vancouver.

**About Bard on the Beach**

Celebrating its 24<sup>th</sup> season in 2013, 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 a city operated facility that houses a collection of historical documents and records about Vancouver.