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## **Interesting Vancouver returns for a sixth year of sharing how the typical can actually be intriguing**

(VANCOUVER) – What makes someone interesting? Is it their stories? Their life experience? Maybe it's their drag persona. Vancouverites can find out what makes 10 of their neighbours interesting on November 8 at the Museum of Vancouver when Interesting Vancouver returns for its sixth year.

Interesting Vancouver is an event that seeks to reveal the richness of Vancouver's cultural DNA through stories exploring possibility, curiosity and adventure. Ten Vancouverites drawn from the city's diverse and multi-disciplinary fields are selected to speak for 10 minutes each and answer questions from the audience. With no themes or agendas, it becomes a remarkable opportunity for the audience to also reflect on what's interesting in their own lives.

"The thing I love most about Interesting Vancouver is that the only theme is 'interesting'," says Mark Busse. "No corporate overlords, no profit motives, no self-promotion. Just a room full of fascinating people sharing their hobbies, obsessions, and passions intended to expand the collective vision of what is uniquely possible in our city and by its citizens."

In addition to speakers, guests will be invited to smash one of Meaghan Kennedy's piñatas and be treated to a musical performance by CR Avery.

Speakers at the 2013 Interesting Vancouver include:

- **Steve Fisher**, Founder and Experience Architect of The Republic of Quality who will share his story about faith, science, love, leaving religion, and the subsequent repercussions.
- **Lynn Hill**, curator of Contemporary First Nations exhibitions will share her story of climbing the career ladder.
- **Stephane Mouttet**, Chef Concierge of the Shangri-La Hotel on being reunited with his biological parents.
- **Yared Nigussu**, Ethiopian artist on the risk of first impressions.
- **Meaghan Kennedy**, Piñata Artist on how piñatas have changed her life.
- **Ken Tsui**, pop-up event organizer on how Wu-Tang Clan's debut album informed his understanding of the personal voice.
- **Dave "Peach Cobblah" Deveau**, playwright, drag queen, event organizer on how necessity is the root of creativity.
- **Robert Rietveld**, former army, navy, and air force executive on Canadian war heroes.
- **CR Avery**, musician on what it's like to be a true East Vander.

For more information and ticket sales, please visit [www.interestingvancouver.com](http://www.interestingvancouver.com) and <http://interestingvancouver2013.eventbrite.com>. Tickets go on sale on October 16.

*Full speaker bios and photos are available.*

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**About Interesting Vancouver**

In 2011, the Museum of Vancouver became the official co-host and presenting venue. 2013 sponsors include Driftwood Beer, Prospect Winery, The Butler Did It, Eventbrite, MediaTemple, GDCBC, The Hot Charlottes, Industrial Brand, and Kirsti Wakelin.

Interesting Vancouver is an offshoot of Interesting, an event that takes place in cities worldwide and was founded by Russell Davies. Brett McFarlane founded Interesting Vancouver in 2008.

**About the Museum of Vancouver**

The Museum of Vancouver is an independent non-profit organization with the mandate to hold a mirror to the city and lead provocative conversations about its past, present, and future.