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Vanier Park hosts family-friendly, cultural discovery event

(Vancouver, BC) – On Saturday, February 7, Vancouverites are invited to spend the day exploring the six cultural institutions of Vanier Park, at the fourth annual Winter Wander, presented by Port Metro Vancouver.

Vanier Park is home to Vancouver Maritime Museum, Museum of Vancouver, H.R. MacMillan Space Centre, Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival, Vancouver Academy of Music, and City of Vancouver Archives. Each year, the group teams up for a one-day event where locals and their families can enjoy a taste of what Vanier Park's cultural institutions have to offer. For only \$5.00, youth, seniors and adults receive admission to all venues, while kids five and younger can visit for free.

"Vanier Park and its venues are truly a Vancouver treasure, says Nancy Noble, Museum of Vancouver CEO. "With added experiences including face painting, a Polaroid station, and roaming live performances, another great turnout is expected for this year's event."

New this year, there will be complimentary beverages, wooden boat building demonstrations at the Vancouver Maritime Museum's Heritage Harbour, and the Museum of Vancouver's exhibition of Musqueam culture.

"Winter Wander is a unique opportunity to not only showcase all Vanier Park has to offer, but to bring its members together in the spirit of collaboration, says Space Centre CEO Raylene Marchand. "By joining together, we're able to put on a great event that in turn strengthens our connection to each other, and also to the community we operate in."

"We are grateful for the continued generosity of Port Metro Vancouver, whose support will ensure that this year's event is not to be missed," says Vancouver Maritime Museum's Catherine Butler. "We would also like to thank our event sponsors City and LG104.3 for spreading the word and We Love Van for supplying water and coffee!"

For full schedule of events and more information, visit winterwander.com.

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Winter Wander at Vanier Park is presented by Port Metro Vancouver.



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About Winter Wander at Vanier Park

Vanier Park became a public park and cultural hub after the Royal Canadian Air Force station was decommissioned in the 1960s and the Vancouver Parks Board took over management of the land. Winter Wander takes place for the fourth time this year, hosted by Vancouver Maritime Museum, Museum of Vancouver, H.R. MacMillan Space Centre, Bard on the Beach, Vancouver Academy of Music, and City of Vancouver Archives.

About the Museum of Vancouver

The Museum of Vancouver connects Vancouverites to each other and connects Vancouver to the world. The museum is a gathering place that encourages social engagement and inspires conversation about the future. MOV exhibitions and collections invite exploration of contemporary issues and stories from the past. MOV activities ignite a passion for Vancouver and its people. The museum, an enthusiastic advocate for the city, is an independent non-profit organization that depends on support from the community.

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 brings the wonders of space to Earth, while providing a personal sense of ongoing discovery. Through innovative programming, exhibits and activities, our goal is to inspire sustained interest in the fields of Earth science, space science and astronomy.

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 26th season in 2015, 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 4 through September 26.

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.