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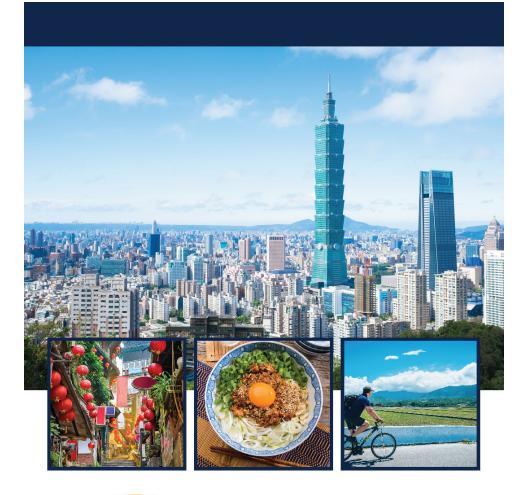
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2022 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival (TCCF) is coming back to physical events!

Getting through the pandemic, Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society keep thriving to unearth those cultural roots, connecting the Taiwanese heritage and traditional arts with contemporary platforms and mediums. To build a multicultural and enriching audience, we invited performers from 16 different fields to join this year's festival.

This year we invited the well known performer and director Billy Chang and American dancer Tara C. Pandars, best known for their work with cirque de Soleil. Together they composed dance performance inspired by Taiwanese aboriginal folksong to bring hopes and blessings to the next generation shaken by the pandemic. The excellent group from central Taiwan, Wu Gi Troupe will bring you a lively show on Taiwanese traditional artistry, promoting the inclusive and entertaining side of the Taiwanese temples and faith.

From the graceful traditional arts to the innovative contemporary spirits, TCCF is shaping up to be a festivity for both the body and the mind. Thanks again to the sponsors and supporters, amongst the volunteers and the administrative staff who silently work their magic behind the scenes.

Let us all help showcase the pride and joy of being a Taiwanese Canadian.

2022年台加藝文節重回實體活動,台加文化協會,在後疫情時代依然秉持挖掘文化的靈魂,將台灣百年文化底蘊和傳統藝術之美與當代平台做連結,培植多元文化的豐沛與觀眾群,從在地到台灣,邀請16個橫跨不同領域的演出團隊,齊聚台加藝文節。

今年特別邀請台灣知名表演家及編導藝術家張逸軍與同為「太陽馬戲團 cirque du Soleil」 傑出美籍舞蹈家Tara C. Panders 共同編舞以臺灣原民古謡來創作,為疫情期間動盪的世代 一同祈福,還有來自中台灣的臺中傑出表演團體「戊己劇團」將帶來台灣生命力豐沛的傳 統

民俗技藝,推展台灣廟埕包容的廣闊與逗趣。

從傳統文化的優美到當代藝術的創意,台加藝文節是一場豐富的身心靈饗宴,再次感謝大 力支持的贊助廠商及個人,和幕後默默辛苦付出的行政團隊與義工朋友們,讓我們一起努 力,打造屬於台灣人的榮耀。

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Monica Tsai Co-Chair 2022 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival Chairperson, Board of Directors Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society





Welcome to Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival 2022

Culture, in general, represents the overall social practices and impression given by different ethnic groups. Getting to know a culture is very important as it would, for sure, lead to better communication and understanding; as realizing how important it is, Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival bears the mission of connecting cultural and arts with people to make our multicultural communities a harmonious one!

In Canada, we respect all the voices without prejudice as we are families! With performers from Taiwan and locals, the displays from Taiwanese artists as well as delicious food stands on the spot, trust you would feel as part of the various ethnic groups.

From July 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, please remember to give yourself some breaks and add great fun to your life by stopping at the Vancouver Art Galley North Plaza to enjoy this annual cultural event hosted by TCCS. Culture and arts orchestrate our emotions and movements. Let the sensation open our eyes, our minds and touch our hearts! By the way, before ending the day, don't forget to keep your happy moments with the on-site photo stand!

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Esther Lin Co-Chair 2022 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival Director of Board Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society





#### PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

July 1-3, 2022

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone taking part in the 2022 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival, hosted by the Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society (TCCS).



This annual festival provides a wonderful opportunity to

experience a fine selection of Taiwanese art, culture and traditions. I am certain that the many activities and performances planned for this year's edition will be enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

I would like to commend the TCCS for its hard work in organizing this year's event and for its commitment to promoting cultural exchange. Canada is truly a multicultural nation, made stronger and more resilient by our diversity. I would also like to thank all of the performers and artists for sharing their talents and heritage.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable experience.

Sincerely,

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The Rt. Hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada

Minister of Canadian Heritage



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Welcome to the 2022 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival!

Our government is committed to providing opportunities for Canadians to experience and celebrate our diverse arts and heritage. We are pleased to support this festival, which allows artists and artistans from Taiwan and Canada to share their talent and showcase their culture. It offers participants of all backgrounds the chance to learn more about the richness of Taiwanese music, dance, visual arts, cinema and more.

As Minister of Canadian Heritage, I would like to thank the Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society and all the volunteers, performers and artists who brought this year's festival to life. Thank you for your contribution to Vancouver's cultural landscape.

Enjoy the festival!

The Honourable Pablo Rodriguez





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Dear Friends,

As Member of Parliament for Vancouver Quadra and Minister of Fisheries, Oceans, and the Canadian Coast Guard, it is my pleasure to send my greetings to the artists, organizers, and attendees of the 2022 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival. Thank you to the Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society for extending an invitation to me. I am very glad to be able to attend such an important cultural event again this year.

I would like to thank and congratulate TCCF Co-chairs Monica Tsai and Esther Lin, and TCCS, for hosting this event and for demonstrating Taiwan and Canada's close cultural ties.

From my past attendance of TCCF, I know that it is an outstanding example of Canadian and Taiwanese people coming together in celebration of Taiwanese visual arts, music, and performance. It offers excellent opportunities to raise funds that allow TCCS to continue its valuable work in supporting the Taiwanese community and facilitating cultural exchange in Canada. I wish TCCS success in their fundraising goals, and hope that everyone enjoys the festival.

Best regards,

Hon. Joyce Murray, PC, MP Vancouver Quadra





July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

#### **Greetings from Peter Julian, MP**

It is my greatest pleasure and honour to have this opportunity to provide greetings to the Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society for the 2022 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival.

Your mandate to promote friendship and cultural exchange between Canada and Taiwan through the appreciation of arts and culture is an admirable endeavour for the enrichment of Canada's multicultural landscape.

As the Member of Parliament for New Westminster–Burnaby, I appreciate the contributions of the Taiwanese community towards the growth and enrichment of Canada by building a more inclusive and diverse society.

Thank you to the staff and volunteers whose hard work and dedication account for the continued success of the Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival. Congratulations and best wishes for a very successful event!

恭祝 2022 台加藝文節 圆满成功

Yours sincerely,

**Peter Julian, MP 國會議員 朱理氏** New Westminster-Burnaby NDP House Leader

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## A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER JOHN HORGAN

As Premier of the Province of British Columbia, I am pleased to welcome everyone to the 2022 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival (TCCF) hosted by the Taiwanese Cultural Heritage Society at the Vancouver Art Gallery.

TCCF features exceptional artists from a wide range of disciplines, highlighting the rich diversity of Taiwanese heritage. The arts play an important role in cultural exchange, and events such as this serve as a wonderful opportunity for education, entertainment and enrichment. By strengthening appreciation for the wealth of Taiwanese art and culture, this festival highlights the vibrant multiculturalism that is so vital to our province.

I would like to commend the Taiwanese Cultural Heritage Society for coordinating this exciting event, along with all the volunteers, performers and sponsors who have made this year's festival possible. Sharing the traditions we hold dear invites others to a deeper connection and helps to ensure BC remains the welcoming and inclusive place we are so fortunate to call home.

Please accept my best wishes for a spectacular festival!

HONOURABLE JOHN HORGAN PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA





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Hon. Katrina Chen Member of Legislative Assembly, Burnaby-Lougheed July 1st, 2022

Province of British Columbia





#### CONGRATULATIONS

Please accept my warmest greetings to everyone attending the Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival hosted by the Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society.

Thank you to the Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society for organizing such an extraordinary event to help increase appreciation of Taiwanese art, culture, and traditions in B.C.

My best wishes for a successful and memorable celebration. Happy Canada Day to everyone!

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Sincerely,

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#### MAYOR KENNEDY STEWART



July, 2022

#### A Message from the Mayor

On behalf of my colleagues on City Council and the citizens of Vancouver, I want to extend our best wishes to everyone attending the 2022 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival.

The Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival (TCCF) presents outstanding Canadian and Taiwanese artists from different disciplines. The festival's vision is to facilitate arts connections, contribute to Canada's cultural landscape, and provide an opportunity to increase the public's appreciation of Taiwanese art, culture, and traditions as a part of an ethno cultural community. As Mayor, I am proud of our thriving arts community and I am pleased to congratulate the organizers. Thank you to the volunteers and those behind the scenes who have worked tirelessly to make this festival a success.

Best wishes for a successful festival and I hope everyone has a wonderful time!

Sincerely,

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Mayor Kennedy Stewart

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#### Malcolm D. Brodie Mayor

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#### **GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR:**



On behalf of City Council and the residents of Richmond, I would like to extend sincere greetings, and welcome you all to the 2022 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival, being held on July 1 - 3, at the Vancouver Art Gallery – North Plaza.

Established in 1991, the *Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society (TCCS)* is a non-profit organization that is dedicated towards assisting new Taiwanese immigrants with their integration into Canadian society. We are very appreciative of the invaluable services that the *TCCS* offers towards

opening the doors to understanding the Taiwanese way of life, thus providing a greater appreciation of the benefits that a multicultural society presents.

As Mayor, I take pride in the remarkable multicultural community within the City of Richmond. I believe that it creates mutual respect and generates understanding of the different perspectives and traditions that make up a diverse cultural heritage.

Best wishes to all the organizers who have worked so hard to make the 2022 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival the success I know it will be.

Malcolm D/Brodie Mayor



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#### GREETINGS

On behalf of Burnaby City Council, I offer my best wishes for the Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival.

Burnaby is home to a proud Taiwanese community and I know this event is one that many Burnaby residents are looking forward to attending.

The Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival is a fantastic celebration of Taiwanese and Canadian culture, bringing together outstanding Canadian and Taiwanese artists across multiple disciplines. This festival offers residents of Metro Vancouver the opportunity to learn about Taiwanese heritage and history, and appreciate the rich diversity of our region.

I would also like to offer my congratulations to the Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society, as well as the many artists and organizers who work hard to make this festival a reality. It takes many dedicated people to make this festival happen, especially as our community is recovering from a global pandemic.

As Mayor of Burnaby, I encourage people from all backgrounds and cultures to come together to celebrate the wonderful exhibition of Taiwanese culture and art on during the 2022 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival. Thank you for the work you continue to do in our region.

Sincerely,

Mike Hurley MAYOR

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Billy Chang 張逸軍 Tara Catherine Pandeya Wu Gi Troupe 戊己劇團 Sounds Global Ensemble **Crossbridge Strings** Vancouver Pops Orchestra & Choir Norine Braun Band V'ni Dansi Tsatsu Stalgavu Lara Wong Trio Lia Grainger RazzMalazz Sons of Granville 7imbamoto Uzume Taiko Ali Razmi Persian Jazz Ensemble Chronicles of False Creek **Brazilian Swag** TCCS Line Dance **TEGHAA TCCS Tai Chi Sword** 

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The Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society respectfully acknowledges that 2022 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival takes place on the traditional, unceded lands of the Coast Salish people, including the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-waututh Nations.

Thanks to everyone who joined us, all the performers & artists, TCCF committee and all the volunteers who made it possible! Extra big thanks to our incredible sponsors and supporters.

感謝所有義務參與的表演嘉賓、藝術家、義工,由於您們的無私付 出,成就本次的台加藝文節!對於 疏漏或因截稿未及登載者,仍致萬 分感謝!

#### The Festival Music Director- Lan Tung

The music director of the "2022 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival" is the musician Lan Tung, who will also lead the Sounds Global Ensemble to perform the Taiwan aboriginal song [Amis Dance of Dance of the Amis] during the opening ceremony. Lan Tung will also lead the Crossbridge Strings Orchestra to perform their first concert at the Vancouver Playhouse on July 2, and will invite Taiwanese visual artist Li Tung, as well as two famous dancers Billy Chang and Tara C. Pandeya to perform together.

Crossing between new music, improvised music, and world music scenes, Taiwanese Canadian Lan Tung is the founder, artistic director, and resident composer of various cross-cultural projects, such as the JUNO nominated Orchid Ensemble, the Sound of Dragon Ensemble, Vancouver Erhu Quartet, and Proliferasian. She is the founder/ artistic director of the biennial Sound of Dragon Music Festival that showcases innovative projects and facilitates collaboration. She co-leads Naadaleela Ensemble (fusing Taiwanese, Chinese, Indian, and Persian traditions with Jazz and other influences) with Curtis Andrews, collaborates with cellist Marina Hasselberg in Have Bow Will Travel, with Ron Samworth and Neelamjit Dhillon in Birds of Paradox, with Liron Man and Jonathan Bernard in Lalun. Lan performs regularly with the Vancouver Inter-Cul-



tural Orchestra, Sounds Global Ensemble, BC Chinese Music Ensemble, and the NOW Orchestra (improvised music). Lan has toured internationally and appeared as a soloist with Orchestre Metropolitain (Montreal) and Symphony Nova Scotia, and as a soloist/ composer with Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, Turning Point Ensemble (Vancouver & Taiwan), Upstream Ensemble (Halifax), Vancouver Inter-Cultural Orchestra , Atlas Ensemble (Amsterdam & Helsinki), and Little Giant Chinese Chamber Orchestra.

Lan Tung's music often experiments with contradictions by fusing materials from different traditions and genres, such as the sense of breath/space from Chinese music, the rhythmic intricacy from Indian influence, the precision in contemporary compositions, the space for interpretation with graphic notations, as well as melodic or textural improvisation. Lan's compositions and performances are released on numerous CDs, winning International Independent Music Awards and multiple nominations by JUNO, Canadian Independent Music Awards, Canadian Folk Music Awards, and Western Canadian Music Awards.

#### Billy Chang & Tara Catherine Pandeya

#### July 1 - 3 | Multiple Shows | Free TD Performing Arts Stage, Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza

Billy Chang, a former protagonist dancer of Cirque du Soleil who returned to his hometown in 2012, said that he should use his body and dance to write about the beautiful land of Taiwan. After returning to Taiwan, various performance invitations continued, and he also took the initiative to participate in several choreography planning. In 2018, he served as a guest performer and artistic director of the Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival. This year, he choreographed and directed the large-scale live show for the "2022 Pingtung Lantern Festival". Whether it is artistic creation or commercial activities, he successfully interprets different styles.

Tara C. Pandeya was an outstanding dancer of "Cirque du



Soleil". She is also an experienced Performer, Choreographer, Speaker, Independent Dance Scholar, and Educator with 20 years of experience working in cross-cultural dance settings across 5 continents in over 35 countries. Tara will perform together with Billy Chang at the Festival. Tara has studied dance since childhood and has been involved in the research and performance of Central Asian dance for 20 years. She has traveled to Urumqi "Xinjiang Art Institute", Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and India to study Central Asian dance, and participated in the performance of "Taji Korola National Dance Troupe". Active in the West Coast of the United States, she is committed to promoting Central Asian dance, and often performs in collaboration with Abbos, a Uzbek tambourine master in the United States. From 2010 to 2015, she toured 170 cities on five continents with "Cirque du Soleil", with more than 1500 performances.

#### <u>Wu Gi Troupe</u>

#### July 1 - 3 | Multiple Shows | Free TD Performing Arts Stage, Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza

Wu Gi Troupe was established by Zi-Yung Cheng in 2017. "Wu Gi" represents the "center" in Tai Chi, so Wu Gi Troupe means "the team from Central region." The "plum blossom"



innovative style of performance.

on the logo tells the world that "We are from Taiwan."Wu Gi Troupe was created with the mandate of "Integrating the performing art of various domains with traditional Taiwanese culture and sparking the fresh flame in art. The leader Zi-Yung Cheng has formed an ensemble of twelve actors of diverse expertise to sublimate various spheres and styles of performing arts. Wu Gi Troupe expects to integrate the various facets of traditional Taiwanese culture and develop an unprecedented and

In the past years, the Troupe has been invited to perform abroad and had participated in a variety of performances in Taiwan with renowned artists and teams in creative cultural feasts in several fields.



## **Performing Arts Stage**

### Friday - July 1



### Saturday

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13:00	Opening Ceremony	12:30	V'ni Dar
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14:40	TFGHAA TCCS Tai Chi Sword	14:30	Norine I
15:10	Billy & Tara / Wu Gi Troupe	16:00	Wu Gi T
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15:55	Billy & Tara	18:00	Wu Gi T
16:40	Uzume Taiko	18:30	Chronic
17:45	Wu Gi Troupe	19:50	Taiwan
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19:50	Wu Gi Troupe		
20:10	Taiwan Cinema Under Star		
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### Sunday - July 3

'ara / Wu Gi Troupe	11:30	Billy & Tara / Wu Gi Troupe
nsi	12:00	Vancouver Pops Orchestra &
ara		Choir
Braun Band	13:50	Billy & Tara / Wu Gi Troupe
roupe	14:50	Sons of Granville
Jazz	16:20	Brazillan Swag
roupe	17:20	Billy & Tara / Wu Gi Troupe
es of False Creek	17:45	Closing Remark

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#### Sounds Global Ensemble July 1 | Fri | 11:30AM | Free TD Performing Arts Stage, Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza

An ensemble that sounds like how Vancouver looks, Sounds Global Ensemble's diverse repertoire is drawn from Jewish, Persian, Taiwanese, Vietnamese, Indian and Chinese music. This band is comprised of some of Vancouver's most active musicians in the world music scene: Moshe Denburg on guitar, Ali



Razmi on tar (Persian lute), Jonathan Bernard on percussion, Lan Tung on erhu (Chinese 2-string violin), and Dailin Hsieh on zheng (Chinese zither). In addition, their singing creates an unusual mix of ethnic vocal styles.

The Sounds Global Ensemble is formed to represent the Vancouver Inter-Cultural Orchestra (VICO) at festivals and events when it's not feasible to have the full orchestra on stage. The ensemble can perform with 4-8 members. The musicians of the Sounds Global are also members of the orchestra. They represent the different cultural backgrounds where VICO musicians have come from.

Lan Tung- erhu Dailin Hsieh- zheng Ali Razmi- tar Jonathan Bernard- percussion Moshe Denburg- guitar

#### <u> Tsatsu Stalqayu - The Coastal Wolf Pack</u>

#### July 1 | Fri | 1:00PM | Free TD Performing Arts Stage, Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza



Tsatsu Stalqayu translated into English means Coastal Wolf Pack. A traditional Salish song and dance group, the group consists of over 25 male and female members of a single family, from age 6 months to over age 50. Their variation in age and gender allows for more song, dance, and stories to be shared on stage and in their presentations. The members of the group with pride represent the following Coast Salish communi-

ties: Musqueam, Sto:lo, Lil'Wat, Squamish, Okanagan, Tsartlip, Nanaimo and more, all of whom form Tsatsu Stalqayu, The Coast Wolf Pack. This breadth of membership along with the multigenerational performers gives their audiences a sense of belonging to this, the hereditary lands of the Coast Salish people.

# TFGHAA TCCS Tai Chi SwordJuly 1 | Fri | 2:40PM | FreeTD Performing Arts Stage, Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza



TFGHAA TCCS Tai Chi Sword Leaded by TCCS Tai Chi instructor Dr. Alex Liu, our group has the chance to initiate the Yang style, Tai Chi, for a couple of months.

These gentle mind-body exercises, also called "meditation in movement", conduct the positive effects on our muscle strength, flexibility, memory and attention. The movements are usually circular, continuous and never forced, the mus-

cles are relaxed rather than tense. With a deep breath, concentration and coordination, decrease stress, and anxiety requests multitasking and improves mood and mental health. Tai chi sword form is beautiful to look at, and just like other performances, the movements require dexterity, balance, and precision to be flawless while appearing effortless to the observer.

#### TCCS Line Dance

#### July 1 | Fri | 3:40PM | Free TD Performing Arts Stage, Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza

We are a group of dance loving moms with our own ideals. While taking care of our family, we also love ourselves. Hence, we found a happy place, the TCCS's line dance for us to en-joy dance, chat, get together, and share our lives. Inviting you to join us! Take action! Your life won't be ordinary anymore.



#### <u>Uzume Taiko</u>

#### July 1 | Fri | 4:40PM | Free TD Performing Arts Stage, Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza

Uzume Taiko celebrates the rhythm of life itself with shows that wow audiences through a uniquely theatrical blend of music and dance. They have handcrafted a unique brand of West Coast Canadian taiko drumming that offers a visual, sonic, and dynamic experience to their audience.

Uzume Taiko has performed in all corners of



Canada, from the Western and Mid Arctic to both coasts and many points between. The group has toured their evening concerts, festival and youth shows across North America, the United Kingdom and Europe. With the choreographed physicality of martial arts, the heart-stopping pulse of the Odaiko and the rhythmic sensitivity of a jazz ensemble, the drummers of Uzume Taiko put on an exhilarating performance. Bonnie Soon- Taiko Drums, Percussion, Shinobue Flute Jason Overy- Taiko Drums, Percussion, Martial Arts Jordy Riley- Taiko Drums, Percussion Boyd Seiichi Grealy- Taiko Drums, Percussion, Shinobue Flute, Tin Whistle

#### <u>Zimbamoto</u>

#### July 1 | Sat | 6:50PM | Free TD Performing Arts Stage, Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza



Zimbamoto is an Afro-Fusion ensemble led by Canada's foremost virtuoso *mbira* and marimba player, Kurai Mubaiwa and featuring some of Vancouver's best "world" musicians. Mixing the traditional music of Zimbabwe with electric grooves and heavy beats, they create a hypnotic sound that is uniquely built for the dance floor. They will move you through southern Africa, from the village to the urban street party.

The music is rooted in the classical repertoire of the *mbira*, a metal-tined 'thumb piano' that first appeared in the Zambezi River valley nearly 1,000 years ago, that is traditionally used to invoke ancestral spirits. Mubaiwa has been playing the instrument since child-hood, where he would walk from village to village while playing, something he still does today in urban Vancouver! *Tambai* is their debut album released Nov.2017.

Kurai Mubaiwa- mbira/marimba/lead vocals Curtis Andrews- drums/vocals Mark Campbell- guitar/vocals Greg Valou- bass/vocals Israel "Toto" Berriel- percussion/vocals

#### <u>V'ni Dansi</u>

#### July 2 | Sat | 12:30PM | Free TD Performing Arts Stage, Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza

V'ni Dansi is a Vancouver-based traditional Métis and contemporary dance company dedicated to sharing the dances, stories, and culture of the Métis. Led by Artistic Director Yvonne Chartrand, the company is dedicated to preservation and innovation.Dancers perform Métis dance under the name- the Louis Riel Métis Dancers, and contemporary works as V'ni Dansi.

V'ni Dansi holds the distinction of being the only company in Canada to teach and perform both Métis and contemporary dance. Meaning "Come and Dance" in Michif, V'ni Dansi is thrilled to share the Métis people's joyful culture with audiences of all nations.

#### Norine Braun

#### July 2 | Sat | 2:30PM | Free TD Performing Arts Stage, Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza

A Vancouver based singer-songwriter recording artist, Norine Braun is set to release her 13th album, the groove oriented Songs For Trees in May 2022. Thanks to a Canada Council For the Arts Award and a First Peoples' Cultural Council Award in 2021, Norine set her musings during the ongoing pandemic last year to focus on climate change and the healing power of trees.



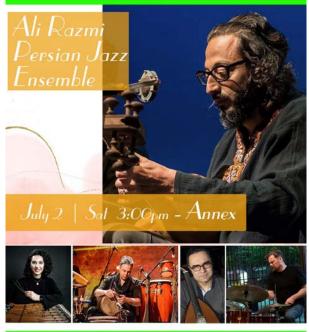


ning artist (Western Canadian Music Award nominee, Banff Centre Musician in Residence, Los Angeles Independent Music Awards, SIBL International Songwriting Competition Winner). Braun released her 12th album December Falls "delicious alt-rock with bluesy country hues." for Christmas 2020. It was heralded as one of 5 new seasonal releases worth putting under your tree by The Vancouver Sun. (Photo credit Karolina Turek)

#### <u>Ali Razmi Persian Jazz Ensemble</u> July 2 | Sat | 3:00PM | Tickets from \$12 ANNEX

The Art of improvisation makes a bridge between different kinds of music naturally. Ali Razmi Persian Jazz ensemble is seeking different spaces with mixing elements of Jazz , folk, and traditional Persian music together.

A gifted Tar & Setar player who got his Master Degree in music from The Art University Of Tehran in 2006. Since his arrival to Canada in 2007 he is a roster member of the Vancouver Intercultural Orchestra and has done workshops and concerts with well-known musicians from all around the world. Ali Razmi : Vocal and Tar Ali Sajjadi : Oud Saina Khaledi : Santoor Bardia Sadeghi : Percussion Kenton Loewen : drums



#### RazzMaJazz

#### July 2 | Sat | 4:40PM | Free TD Performing Arts Stage, Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza

The RazzMaJazz ensemble is a popular and entertaining band that performs traditional jazz creole, dixieland and blues style music. The ensemble started its musical journey performing on a riverboat on the Fraser River in 1998 and has since played at many festivals, conferences, special events and dance halls. Comprised of top professional jazz musicians, the six-piece band features multiple horns and a swinging rhythm section and can be expanded to include



a vocalist. This highly entertaining and energetic band can perform acoustically to lead an entourage of people, stroll around an event, or perform as a headliner act on a stage.

#### Chronicles of False Creek

#### July 2 | Sat | 6:30PM | Free TD Performing Arts Stage, Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza



Chronicles of False Creek started performing in BC in 2015 after Scott Driscoll, lead singer, moved to hronicles Vancouver from Ontario. The band features seasoned musicians with a lifetime of performance experience. "Our focus is on making sure you have a great time singing along and dancing to your favorite songs." The band is kept busy and in demand because we offer an eclectic mix of music from multiple kinds of music. Our genres include; Country Rock, Country, Bluegrass, Modern Folk, Celtic & Irish favorites, and Rock n' Roll. We can perform songs from the 50's right up to today's hit music. Our fans, who hire us for private events, often arrange with us to have a whole night of just one type of music. To that we say, "Our pleasure." We are excited to be a part of the community and enjoy every chance we get to make someone happy while enjoying live music.

#### Crossbridge Strings July 2 | Sat | 7:30PM | Tickets from \$12 Vancouver Playhouse

Bowed string instruments from the East and the West meet in the hands of improvising musicians! The all-star band of musicians from Indonesian. Taiwanese, Iranian, avant-garde, Jazz, and western contemporary music backgrounds take the audience on an adventurous journey. Taiwanese artist Li Tung will interact and respond to the music with abstract painting, visualizing the music with bold colours.

Sutrisno Hartana – rebab & suling & kendang (Indonesian fiddle & flute & drums), vocal Sina Ettehad – kamanche (Iranian fiddle) Lan Tung – erhu (Chinese fiddle) & vocal Meredith Bates – violin Reginald Quiring – viola James Meger – bass



in collaboration with Li Tung- visual artist Billy Chang – dancer Tara C. Pandeya – dancer

#### Vancouver Pops Orchestra & Choir

#### July 3 | Sun | 12:00PM | Free TD Performing Arts Stage, Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza

Founded in 2010 by Tom Kuo, artist director, Vancouver Pops has performed music of all genres over the years, including "The Phantom of the Opera", "Pirates of the Caribbean", Disney's "Aladdin", and the 2011 Grammy Award-winning " Baba Yetu ", as well as the Broadway's "Fiddler on the Roof", and classical masterpieces such as " William Tell Overture ", and Dvorak's "New World" symphony. This year's Taiwanese Canadi-



an Cultural Festival invites Vancouver Pops Orchestra & Choir to perform the Disney movie series, which will bring the audience a happy musical feast.

#### Sons of Granville

#### July 3 | Sun | 2:50PM | Free TD Performing Arts Stage, Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza

Sons of Granville earned three podiums in Georgia Straight's annual fan voted "Best of Vancouver" listing with their signature instrumental trio of viola, guitar and cajon. Founded in 2010 by two busking virtuosos outside the Granville skytrain station, they became a staple of the city's entertainment district and vibrant music culture. In



2014 they released the Imperative Drive LP as a farewell to their busking roots, going on to perform special events in Vancouver and throughout B.C.

#### Lara Wong Trio+ Guest dancer: Lia Grainger

July 3 | Sun | 3:00PM | Tictets from \$12 ANNEX



Lara Hailing from the Spanish capital of Madrid, the Lara Wong Trio brings us some of the most exciting music from the flamenco scene today. This flamenco jazz trio features Lara Wong on flute and bansuri, Melón Jiménez on flamenco guitar, Davide Sampaolo on percussion, and guest dancer Lia Grainger. The dynamite encounter of these three extraordinary artists results in a treasure chest of musical gems that have their origins in flamenco and are embellished with Indian and Jazz influences. Mystical melodies on bamboo bansuri flute and exploratory improvisations on traverse flute are accompanied by dazzling flamenco guitar riffs and sophisticated rhythms on percussion.

Lara was born and raised in Vancouver but left for Spain at age 22, driven by her fascination with a rather niche genre of music, the flamenco flute. After having studied flamenco in Seville, Lara moved to Madrid and settled down there. In Madrid, she formed the Lara Wong Trio and recently released her first album, "Rosa de los Vientos". After a sold-out BC tour in 2021, Lara Wong is back with her trio for a more extensive tour across Canada this summer.

Lia Grainger is a Canadian flamenco dancer, choreographer, and artistic director. She has toured internationally with her ensemble Fin de Fiesta, is a member of the musical ensemble Qairo, and is the artistic director and principal dancer of Flamencolia Dance Company. Lia lived, trained, and performed in Seville and Madrid for seven years before returning to Canada, where she is based in Toronto. This September, her new full-length theatrical work, "La Forastera," will premiere in Toronto at The Factory Theatre.

Lara Wong- flute and bansuri Melón Jiménez- flamenco guitar Davide Sampaolo- percussion

Lia Grainger – Guest Dancer

#### <u>Brazilian Swag</u>

#### July 3 | Sun | 4:20PM | Free

#### TD Performing Arts Stage, Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza

Brazilian Swag is a dance group composed of girls that came together and decided to share their passion for dance with the community. Bringing their culture performing Brazilian rhythms and dances.

These girls became Zumba<sup>®</sup> Instructors but each of them also brings a historical background in the dance field and other activities like Capoeira, and you can check this mix in their performances with Abalaê Capoeira bringing the roots of Brazil with love and



#### Taiwan Cinema under Star

July 1 | Fri8:10PMMermaid WhisperingJuly 2 | Sat7:50PMFatherVancouver Art Gallery North Plaza

On July 1 and July 2, two award-winning Taiwanese films, the documentary "Father" and the feature film "Mermaid Whispering", will be screened under the star at Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza.

"Mermaid Whispering" was released in 2017 and won Taiwan and overseas awards. Through the perspective of the three main characters of sea, man and fish, this film leads the audience to understand the marine ecological catastrophe that most people have not seen or paid attention to, and the ocean is facing It is a more serious issue than the mountains, forests and land; through the plot, it also conveys the attachment and contradictions of the Indigenous people to the ocean, and redefines the value of the ocean that belongs to them in the depths of their hearts.

The documentary "Father" was released in 2018 and has been affirmed and supported by Taiwan and even around the world. Shooting for ten years, it truly presents the vicissitudes and helplessness of traditional opera. The nearly 90-year-old National Treasure Master Chen is the protagonist of the "Father" documentary, and the only one who has been awarded the Ministry of Culture's "Preservation of Important Traditional Art Puppet Shows" and "Preservation of Classical Puppetry Clothing, Helmets, Hats and Props Production Technology". A traditional puppet performer with two nationally recognized titles.



#### Taiwan Craft Art Exhibition by Yuan-Ying Zhou

#### July 1 - 3 | Fri - Sun | Free Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza

With some creativity, scrap papers can be turned into works of art. For her, Ms. Zhou chooses to promote Taiwanese folk arts and crafts with Eco-friendly paper arts. These paper arts are practical due to their simplicity and its accessible materials, so they are good for people of all ages.

Each year, exhibitions are held to demonstrate my art, and people are always in awe of the beautiful artworks I create from scraps. We welcome anyone that is interested in Taiwanese folk arts and crafts to join us in learning about Taiwanese arts such as origami, clay sculptures, flower arrangements, Chinese Knot art and more.



#### <u>Free Healthcare Consultation</u> July 1 - 3 | Fri - Sun | Free Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza

Thanks for the free healthcare consulation services generously provided by "Rotary Club of Vancouver Centennial" and " Century Healthcare".



#### <u>Art Gallery</u> Mike Alexander July 1 - 3 | Fri - Sun | Free Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza



Mike Alexander is an emerging Anishinaabe visual artist and writer originally from Swan Lake First Nation in Treaty #1 Territory, currently residing on the traditional and unceded lands of the Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc. Adopted out to a non-Indigenous family shortly after birth, Mike is a 60's Scoop survivor, a second-generation Residential School survivor who grew up in Winnipeg, having no connection to his community, language or culture until his early 20's.

Mike has been the recipient of several generous grants from the Kamloops Arts Council, the First Peoples Cultural Council and the BC Arts Council and is currently practicing as a full time, internationally collected artist.

Since 2015, his large acrylic paintings have received four solo exhibitions in Vancouver, Victoria, and Kamloops as well as participation in several group shows across Canada and the United States.

Mike identifies very strongly with his Ojibwe roots as a student of the Woodlands School of Art. He celebrates his ongoing transformation and reclamation of culture using art as a process of decolonization and cultural revitalization.

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#### <u>Art Gallery</u>

#### Li Tung 董籬 July 1 - 3 | Fri - Sun | Free Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza



Li Tung was born in Taipei. An artist crossing many genres, Li Tung is good at different artworks, including painting, installation arts, photography, calligraphy, performing and action arts, contact improvisation, writing, stage design, and game and multimedia design. His skills had trained solidly for ten years in art school. His early creation came from enthusiasm for art and self-actualization. However, after the dramatic

deterioration of his health in his late 30s, Li used his experience to revitalize his works and focus on the human body as the inspiration for his creations. Li's recent paintings reflect his unique and thorough understanding of Surrealism and Pan-Asian art. Li creates dialogues with his artworks, and each piece tells a story and communicates with one another.



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- a. To relieve conditions attributable to being aged by providing social and recreational activities to reduce social isolation and loneliness.
- b. To promote health by providing referral services and help the elderly in need access healthcare services that are not available to them because of barriers such as language and cultural barriers, etc.
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