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2023 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival will be held from June 30 to July 8 Nine consecutive days of cultural exhibitions - our largest scale to date!

Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival (TCCF), which has always been held during Canada Day, has become an indispensable event for Canadian multiculturalism. The 2023 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival, organized by the Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society (TCCS), will be expanded this year and hosted at Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza, Vancouver Playhouse, and Annex Theatre from June 30 to July 8. Fourteen performance groups from Taiwan and Canada will participate in thrilling performances, showcasing Taiwan and Canada's multicultural and artistic characteristics.

The Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival will hold an outdoor carnival in the North Plaza of the Vancouver Art Gallery for three consecutive days from June 30 to July 2. This year, the Taiwan art exhibition area will be set up. Hsin-Fu Hung, a Taiwanese world-class paper art master, will travel to Vancouver to demonstrate and teach paper art to the spectators.

Master Hsin-Fu Hung is often invited to demonstrate worldwide paper art and exhibition works. He only uses paper for his creations. In a few seconds, a tiny thin paper can be transformed into dragonflies flying in the fields, or the beautiful sycamore flower, which is in full bloom in Taiwan during this season, representing Taiwan's Hakka culture. Master Hung will use beautiful paper art to represent Taiwan's culture and beauty. Master Hung will be telling stories and doing paper art simultaneously, sharing stories that belong to Taiwan with participants.

The organizer reminds us that participants in particular should not miss the "Performing Arts Stage" set up in the North Plaza of the Vancouver Art Gallery. Outdoor music and dance performances will be staged on the grand stage without interruption during the event. It is worth noting that some groups that have been invited to perform before the pandemic, including "Atayal Taiwan First Nation M-yu Dancers", "Taiwan Yangqin Orchestra" and "Jin Yu Yuan Puppet Troupe" from Taichung City, have finally been confirmed. The performance groups are preparing and practicing intensely, hoping that their grand performances can showcase the beauty of traditional Taiwanese culture.

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The TCCS notes that even in Taiwan, it is not easy to see Aboriginal music and dance, Yangqin and hand puppet performance on the same stage at one time, so it is particularly exciting. The organizer also invited Canadian Aboriginal and ethnic orchestras to perform, including symphony orchestra, classical string performance, popular pop music, Aboriginal music and dance, Franco, Brazilian dance, jazz and hip-hop performances, among others. Ranging from traditional local to young trendy bands, these performance hope to present Taiwanese and Canadian multiculturalism.

In addition to the above wonderful programs, there is also an "Art Gallery" on site, including a Taiwanese Atayal weaving handicraft exhibition and workshop, a Canadian Aboriginal artist exhibition, a Taiwanese artist exhibition, and children's face painting. In addition, there is a "Taiwanese Tourism Exhibition", "Taiwanese food and snacks" and "Volunteer Clinic hosted by Chiropractor Jeffrey Huang". Various wonderful activities and exhibitions are suitable for families.

The organizer cooperated with the Taiwan Film & Audiovisual Institute this year to screen four selected award-winning Taiwanese films — "Cloudy", "Heavy Carving", "The Most Distant Course", and "Mama Ping Pong Social Club" — online from July 4 to 8. From the perspective of Taiwanese women, they will explore the ethics and love of two generations. In addition to introducing the characteristics and advantages of Taiwan's film culture, the organizer also hopes to introduce Taiwan's social and humanistic style to Canadians.

The Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival will also hold four chamber concerts, including Taiwan Yangqin Orchestra, Vancouver Orchid Ensemble, and Vancouver Pops Orchestra & Choir.

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