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The Richmond Museum presents the 14th Doors Open Richmond, a virtual exploration of the city's cultural diversity and heritage

New sites added to this year's event, which aims to keep the community connected online

MAY 6, 2021 (VANCOUVER, BC) — The Richmond Museum is excited to announce the second fully virtual Doors Open Richmond, happening online from June 5-12, 2021. This year's edition will feature more than 30 sites representing the city's cultural diversity and heritage, such as places of worship, civic centres, museums, and local businesses. There are seven new sites this year, including Anar Persian Cuisine, the Richmond Chinese Community Society, and the Steveston Harbour Authority.

"We're thrilled to be able to bring together members of our community virtually through Doors Open once more," says Greg Walker, chair of the Richmond Museum Society. "As we continue to weather the storm of COVID-19 together, community has become central to all of our mental wellbeing. Doors Open has always been about sharing the stories of the people who make up our city. By going digital, we're able to offer even more points of connection to local residents while also safely allowing others in Metro Vancouver to explore a new neighbourhood."

Doors Open Richmond is a free annual event that raises civic awareness and showcases the diverse, multicultural places and communities of the city. Residents and visitors are provided an opportunity to discover and reconnect with a variety of local programs, services, and businesses.

Following on the success of last year's virtual event, this year's edition will feature new videos that provide a glimpse behind the curtain of participating sites. The videos will be shared throughout the week-long event on Richmond Museum's social media channels, and available the following day on the museum website's new interactive map. Doors Open sites will also share original content on their social media platforms, from virtual tours to fun facts about their organization or business. Visitors will be able to view content through the hashtag #DoorsOpenRichmond on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Some highlights include: a tour of the Richmond Mosque, the first and largest mosque in BC; an inside look at the broadcast station of Fairchild Television and Talentvision; a look at the interesting process of street name selection by the City of Richmond's Property Records Clerk; and much more.

Visit <u>richmondmuseum.ca/doors-open</u> for more information about this year's Doors Open Richmond.

Full list of Doors Open Richmond 2021 participants

- Anar Persian Cuisine Inc. [NEW]
- Artefact Storage Warehouse
- Az-Zahraa Islamic Centre
- BC Emergency Health Services Station 269 South Richmond (BC Ambulance)

- Branscombe House (Rachel Rozanski, Artist in Residence)
- Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site
- City of Richmond Roads/Planning [NEW]
- Connections Community Services, Indigenous Led Outreach & Support Program [NEW]
- Eastern Catholic Church Richmond
- Fairchild Radio AM1470 & FM961 [NEW]
- Fairchild Television & Talentvision [NEW]
- Gateway Theatre
- Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site
- Lingyen Mountain Temple (Canada)
- London Heritage Farm
- Lulu Island Winery
- Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple
- Richmond Art Gallery
- Richmond Caring Place Society
- Richmond Chinese Community Society/RCCS [NEW]
- Richmond City Hall (Council Chambers)
- Richmond Family Place Society
- Richmond Fire-Rescue
- Richmond Mosque BC Muslim Association
- Richmond Museum
- Richmond Public Art.
- Richmond Public Library Brighouse Branch
- Richmond RCMP
- Sea Island Heritage Society
- Scotch Pond
- Steveston Buddhist Temple
- Steveston Harbour Authority [NEW]
- Steveston Museum
- Steveston Winemakers
- Steveston's Best Of British

Established in 2008, Doors Open Richmond is the longest-running Doors Open event in British Columbia. The local event is part of the Doors Open Canada program supported by the City of Richmond, the Government of Canada, the BC Arts Council and the Province of British Columbia. The event is organized by the Richmond Museum Society.













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About Richmond Museum

The Richmond Museum aims to inspire curiosity about the City of Richmond's history and its place in the world. The museum collects, documents, researches, preserves, exhibits and interprets objects of historical and cultural significance to the development of the city. Through storytelling, collections and education programs, the museum's goal is to create moments of wonder and understanding. The exhibitions tell the many stories of Richmond; the collections show how we live, past and present; the education programs open minds, young and old. The museum's offerings translate into action for a healthy community and planet.

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