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Stellar line up of international exhibitions in 2024 at the Royal BC Museum

The Royal BC Museum is excited to announce a diverse slate of feature exhibitions for 2024, including the return of a forever favourite with *Wildlife Photographer of the Year*, another mysterious marvel of the ancient world with *Stonehenge* and a look at a modern approach to the everyday with *Canadian Modern*.

"The Royal BC Museum is very pleased to share an exciting and thought-provoking lineup of exhibitions for 2024," said Tracey Drake, Acting CEO, Royal BC Museum. "There is so much important work happening at the museum, and while we continue to engage with the people of British Columbia about the future of their provincial museum and archives, we are also delivering dynamic and inspiring exhibitions from around the world that offer something for British Columbians and tourists to enjoy."

The new exhibitions kick off March 1 with a look at fascinating animal behaviour, spectacular species and the breath-taking diversity of the natural world in *Wildlife Photographer of the Year*. Featuring the triumphs, challenges and incredible beauty of a planet under pressure, *Wildlife Photographer of the Year* uses the power of photography to raise awareness around animal advocacy and environmental conservation and showcase of the world's best nature photography. This exhibition will run alongside a companion film, *Blue Whales: Return of the Giants*, at IMAX® Victoria.

On May 10, discover one of the most mysterious and unique stone monuments in the world and what it meant to the people who built it with *Stonehenge*. Featuring 400+ ancient artifacts along with archaeological insight and cutting-edge scientific research, this exhibition explores this iconic World Heritage Site.

From there, explore iconic modern designs crafted by Canadians whose works reflect and define the global trend in *Canadian Modern*, opening June 28. Highlighting the experimentation, innovation and ingenuity behind 100 culturally significant objects created in Canada, including some homegrown items from the collections of BC, *Canadian Modern* is a testament to the ground-breaking creativity of the country's best designers.

"This year is shaping up to be an exciting one at the Royal BC Museum," said Lana Popham, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport. "These upcoming feature exhibitions add to the museum's already superb collection making the RBCM an amazing place to explore for residents and visitors alike."

From the ancient world and far away lands to thoughtful designs found in our own homes and the creatures and ecosystems that tie them together, there's something for everyone at the Royal BC Museum in 2024.

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About the Royal BC Museum: The Royal BC Museum explores the province's human history and natural history, advances new knowledge and understanding of BC, and provides a dynamic forum for discussion and a place for reflection. The museum and archives celebrate culture and history, telling the stories of BC in ways that enlighten, stimulate and inspire. Located in Victoria on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen (Songhees and Xwsepsum Nations), we are a hub of community connections in BC—on-site, off-site and online—taking pride in our collective histories.

For tickets to IMAX® Victoria and the Royal BC Museum, including combo tickets for both attractions, visit: <u>Tickets</u>

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